

RUSSELL SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
REGULAR MEETING  
THURSDAY, JUNE 08, 2023  
6:00 P.M.

The Russell Springs City Council held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, June 08, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Room at Russell Springs City Hall. Those in attendance were Mayor Eddie Thomas, Council Members: Ricky Barnes, Timmy Hudson, David Blakey, Cody Wilson, Lisa Mann, and Sherry Daniel, Interim Police Chief Bryan Shepard, Fire Chief Bobby Johnson, Assistant Fire Chief Mark Barnett, Fire Captain Jeff Wilson, Fire Lt. Kevin Stephens, Zoning Administrator Tommy Holt, Director of Facilities and Maintenance Brian Stephens, City Attorney David Smith, Economic Development Director Jeramy Coffey, and City Clerk Christopher Ramsey.

Opening prayer was led by Pastor Bodie Emerson, Mt. Pleasant Church

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman David Blakey

**WELCOME:** Mayor Thomas called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

**ROLL CALL:** City Clerk Christopher Ramsey performed the roll call. Council Members Present: Mr. Barnes, Mr. Hudson, Mr. Blakey, Ms. Daniel, Ms. Mann and Mr. Wilson

**MINUTES:** Mayor Thomas presented the minutes from the previous meetings held on May 11<sup>th</sup> and May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023. **Councilwoman Daniel made a motion to approve the minutes with Councilman Hudson seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

**CASH DISBURSEMENTS & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:** Mayor Thomas submitted cash disbursements and financial statements for April 2023 to be approved. **Councilman Wilson made a motion to accept the cash disbursements and financial statements with Councilman Blakey seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

**SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATIONS:** Mayor Thomas presented the City of Russell Springs Scholarship check to Olivia Pierce, and the H.M. Bottom Memorial Scholarship check to Lakyn Stearns. Each scholarship was one thousand dollars.

**RESOLUTION 2023-08 – RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARK IMPROVEMENTS:** Clerk Ramsey read the resolution concerning the closing of the skatepark due to safety concerns brought to the attention by the Kentucky League of Cities and change the area to two pickleball courts and a basketball court. Mayor Thomas went into more detail about the resolution stating that the company who originally put in the skatepark is no longer in business. **Councilwoman Mann made a motion to accept Resolution 2023-08 as read with Councilman Hudson seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

**RESOLUTION 2023-09 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT:** Clerk Ramsey read the resolution in its entirety. Fire Chief Bobby Johnson discussed in detail why the new equipment is badly needed and how thankful he is for the Mayor and City Council always supporting his department. Chief Johnson also went on to thank his volunteer firefighters for the outstanding job that they do daily. **Councilwoman Daniel made a motion to accept Resolution 2023-09 as presented with Councilman Hudson seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

**RESOLUTION 2023-10 KENTUCKY LEAGUE OF CITIES (KLC) INSURANCE RENEWAL:** Clerk Ramsey read the resolution in its entirety. Mayor Thomas thanked KLC for being easy to work with and asked the council to consider renewing KLC Insurance's Liability, Property, Auto, and Casualty coverage. **Councilwoman Mann made a motion to accept Resolution 2023-10 as presented with Councilman Hudson seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

**SECOND READING ORDINANCE 2023-04 BUDGET ORDINANCE FY 2023-2024:** Clerk Ramsey performed the second reading of Ordinance 2023-04 sponsored by Councilman Blakey. **Councilwoman Daniel made a motion to accept Ordinance 2023-04 as presented with Councilman Wilson seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

**SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 2023-05 AMENDED BUDGET ORDINANCE FY 2022-2023:** Clerk

Ramsey performed the second reading of Ordinance 2023-05 sponsored by Councilwoman Mann. Councilwoman Mann made a motion to accept Ordinance 2023-05 as presented with Councilwoman Daniel seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER KRS 61.810(b): FUTURE ACQUISITION OR SALE OF REAL PROPERTY BY A PUBLIC AGENCY.** Councilman Barnes made a motion to enter executive session under KRS 61.810(b) with Councilman Wilson seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous. Executive Session was entered at 6:18 PM.

**EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER KRS 61.810(b):** Councilwoman Mann made a motion to exit executive session under KRS 61810(b) with Councilwoman Daniel seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous. Executive Session was exited at 6:39 pm. Mayor Thomas stated no action was taken while in executive session.

**POLICE REPORT:** Interim Police Chief Bryan Shepard gave the June police statistics. Councilman Wilson asked how the department was recouping from the Fair and Mr. Shepard said everyone is on the mend.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT:** Mr. Coffey stated that he had fielded eight requests for information (RFIs) from potential clients this past month.

**MAYOR'S UPDATE:**


The Joseph Smith Hayes Memorial Pool is open, and Mayor Thomas thanked everyone who helped get it open by the Memorial Day weekend.

Everybody be safe and enjoy the Russell County Fair.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Councilman Blakey made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Councilman Barnes seconding. All was in favor.

Signed: 

Eddie Thomas, Mayor

Attest: 

Christopher Ramsey, City Clerk