

RUSSELL SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2023
6:00 P.M.

The Russell Springs City Council held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, September 14, 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, David Blakey, Cody Wilson, Timmy Hudson and Lisa Mann, Interim Police Chief Bryan Shepard, Fire Chief Bobby Johnson, Assistant Fire Chief Mark Barnett, Director of Facilities and Maintenance Brian Stephens, City Attorney David Smith, Economic Development Director Jeremy Coffey, and City Clerk Christopher Ramsey.

Opening prayer was led by Councilman Timmy Hudson

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. Blakey, Ms. Mann, Mr. Hudson, and Mr. Wilson. Absent: Ms. Daniel

MINUTES: Mayor Thomas presented the minutes from the previous meeting held on August 10th and August 18th. **Councilman Blakey made a motion to approve the minutes with Councilman Wilson seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

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

OWNER OF HARDEES: Mr. Mike Whitaker, the owner/operator of recently opened Hardees restaurant spoke at the council meeting. Mr. Whitaker thanked Mayor Thomas, Mr. Coffey, and the City Council for all their help and support during the construction and recruitment process in locating in the City of Russell Springs.

RESOLUTION 2023-11 ACCEPTANCE OF VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSISTANCE GRANT (FIRE SUPPRESSION GRANT): Chief Bobby Johnson explained what equipment will be used to purchase with the Grant. At the Mayor's request, Clerk Ramsey read Resolution 2023-11 in its entirety. **Councilwoman Mann made a motion to accept Resolution 2023-11 as presented with Councilman Wilson seconding. Motion Carried. The Vote was unanimous.**

RESOLUTION 2023-12 ACCEPTANCE OF FEMA ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT (AFG): Chief Bobby Johnson explained what equipment will be used to purchase with the Grant. At the Mayor's request, Clerk Ramsey read Resolution 2023-12 in its entirety. **Councilman Wilson made a motion to accept Resolution 2023-12 as presented with Councilman Barnes seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Fire Chief Bobby Johnson presented the quarterly activities report to the council.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Police Chief Bryan Shepard presented the monthly activities report to the council.

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

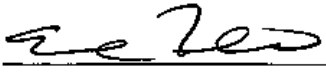
MAYOR'S UPDATE:

Mayor Thomas gave an update on several projects going on at the City Park and he plans on showing a video at the next council meeting.

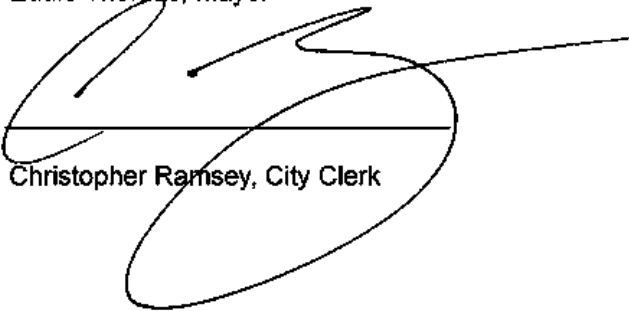
Mayor Thomas read a thank you letter from SPARC.

Mayor Thomas also shared an update on the repair to the front of City Hall, it should be wrapped up soon. We had more damage than expected.

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

Signed:  _____

Eddie Thomas, Mayor

Attest:  _____

Christopher Ramsey, City Clerk