

RUSSELL SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2023
6:00 P.M.

The Russell Springs City Council held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, October 12, 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, Sherry Daniel, and Lisa Mann, Police Chief Bryan Shepard, Director of Facilities and Maintenance Brian Stephens, Zoning Administrator Tom Holt, City Attorney David Smith, Economic Development Director Jeramy Coffey, and City Clerk Christopher Ramsey.

Opening prayer was led by Mayor Eddie Thomas

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, Mrs. Daniel, and Mr. Wilson. Absent: Mr. Hudson

MINUTES: Mayor Thomas presented the minutes from the previous meeting held on September 14th. **Councilwoman Daniel 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 August 2023 to be approved. **Councilman Wilson made a motion to accept the cash disbursements and financial statements with Councilwoman Mann seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

ACCEPTANCE OF ZONING CHANGE – 402 HIGH STREET FROM R-1 TO R-4: Mr. Holt presented the zone change that had recently passed by the Planning and Zoning Board. Mr. Holt explained this is an up or down vote to either accept or reject the Zoning Boards recommendation. **Councilman Barnes made a motion to accept the Zoning Change at 402 High Street from R-1 to R-4 as presented with Councilman Wilson seconding. Motion Carried. The Vote was unanimous.**

PROPOSED ZONING CHANGE – 2043 STEVE WARINER DRIVE FROM R-1 TO R-3: Mr. Holt presented to the council that the proposed change was not addressed by the Planning and Zoning Board. The Planning and Zoning Board decided to take no action on the proposed change at their previous meeting. Now the proposed zoning change per KRS must be addressed by the City Council. Mr. Holt presented the facts of the proposed change. A couple of residents, Mrs. Loretta Pierce & Mrs. Genevieve Carta spoke in opposition of allowing the change to proceed due to concerns of an influx of population in the area. The property owner, Mr. Cody Coffey spoke to address the concerns of the council and residents. Mayor Thomas asked the council to either accept or reject the proposal. With the lack of motion, the issue was deemed dead.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2023-08 – AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING CITY COUNCIL TRAINING INCENTIVE (Sponsored by Councilman Hudson): Clerk Ramsey presented the first reading of Ordinance 2023-08.

RESOLUTION 2023-13 - Sale of Surplus Items: Mayor Thomas asked Clerk Ramsey to read Resolution 2023-13. Mr. Ramsey let the council know that the surplus items would be listed on GovDeals.com. **Councilwoman Daniel made a motion to accept Resolution 2023-13 to sale surplus city property with Councilwoman Mann seconding. Motion Carried. The Vote was unanimous.**

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2023-09 – AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING PAY STRUCTURES FOR CITY BOARDS: CEMETERY BOARD, CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD, ZONING & PLANNING BOARD, AND BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS (Sponsored by Councilman Barnes): Clerk Ramsey presented the first reading of Ordinance 2023-09

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2023-10 – AD VALOREM TAX 2023 (SPONSORED BY COUNCILMAN WILSON): Clerk Ramsey presented the first reading of Ordinance 2023-10.

RESOLUTION 2023-14 – SEWER MANHOLE REHAB PROJECT: Mayor Thomas presented the Sewer

Manhole Rehab Project and its importance to the city's infrastructure. Mayor Thomas asked Clerk Ramsey to read the resolution in its entirety. **Councilman Blakey made a motion to accept Resolution 2023-14 to proceed with the sewer manhole rehab project with Councilman Wilson seconding. Motion Carried. The Vote was unanimous.**

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

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

MAYOR'S UPDATE:

Mayor Thomas gave an update on Councilman Hudson and his medical issues.

Mayor Thomas announced some upcoming dates of events: Halloween, Oct 31st from 5 pm to 7 pm on Main Street. City Park will be shutting down starting November 1st so employees can start putting up Christmas lights at the park.

Mr. Thomas announced that he has appointed two residents, Josh Robertson and Eric Bennett to fill the unexpired terms of Coy Harris and Kellie Malone to the Planning and Zoning Board. Also, Mr. Bennett was appointed to the Board of Adjustments.

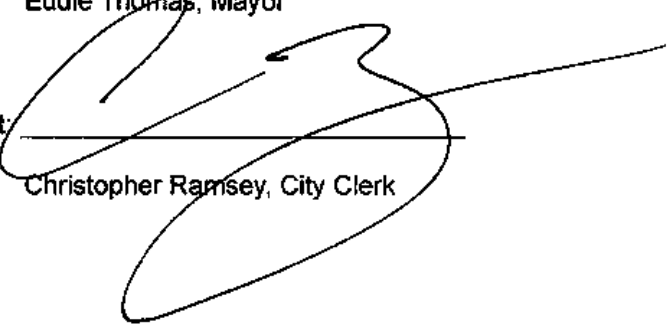
Utility Bills were mailed out on September 28th, please call City Hall if you have not received your bill.

Mayor Thomas presented a video of all the City Park improvements to the council.

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

Signed: 

Eddie Thomas, Mayor

Attest: 

Christopher Ramsey, City Clerk