

RUSSELL SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
REGULAR MEETING  
THURSDAY, JULY 13, 2023  
6:00 P.M.

The Russell Springs City Council held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, July 13, 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, Zoning Administrator Tommy Holt, 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 Pastor Dennis Price, Pleasant Hill Community 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 meeting held on June 8, 2023. **Councilman Blakey made a motion to approve the minutes with Councilwoman Daniel seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

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

**INTERLOCAL ROAD AGREEMENT WITH RUSSELL COUNTY FISCAL COURT – DISTRICT 5:** Clerk Ramsey read the interlocal road agreement. Mayor Thomas let the council know that he was okay with entering into the agreement for another fiscal year. **Councilman Wilson made a motion to accept the Interlocal Road Agreement – District 5 with the Russell County Fiscal Court for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year with Councilwoman Mann seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

**ZONING CHANGE FOR 729 BLUEBIRD DRIVE FROM R1 TO R4:** Mr. Tommy Holt presented the zoning change that was unanimously passed by the Zoning and Planning Board to the City Council for their ratification. Mr. Holt let the council know that the current landowner is simply looking to follow city regulations. **Councilman Wilson made a motion to accept the Zoning Change for 729 Bluebird Drive from R1 to R4. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2023-06: A TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE RUSSELL SPRINGS ZONING REGULATIONS RELATING TO MOBILE HOME PARKS, TRAVEL TRAILERS CAMPGROUNDS, MOBILE HOMES, AND TRAVEL TRAILERS:** First reading of the ordinance was presented by City Attorney David Smith.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Fire Chief Bobby Johnson gave a quarterly update on the recent activities of the Russell Springs Volunteer Fire Department. Chief Johnson stated that so far this year, the fire department has been dispatched on 214 runs and the department has completed 108 hours of training. Chief Johnson thanked everyone for their support and encouragement. In turn, Mayor Thomas and Council thanked them for their dedication to the City of Russell Springs.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Interim Police Chief Bryan Shepard presented the monthly activities report to the council. Mayor Thomas and several council members thanked Mr. Shepard and the police department for all of their hard work this past month.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT:** Mr. Coffey stated that he had fielded three requests for information (RFIs) from potential clients this past month. Hardee's is still trying to achieve their goal of opening during the first of August.

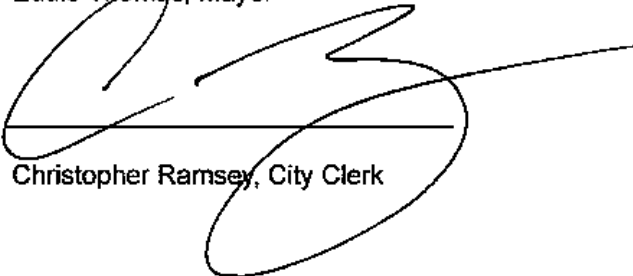
**MAYOR'S UPDATE:**

Mayor Thomas presented a video of updates taking place at the City Park. New pickleball courts, basketball courts, new park gates, sports turf on the top baseball field, and new playground by pavilion number 2. Councilwoman Daniel thanked everyone for the updates going on at the park.

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

Signed:  \_\_\_\_\_

Eddie Thomas, Mayor

Attest:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Christopher Ramsey, City Clerk