

RUSSELL SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
REGULAR MEETING  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 2023  
6:00 P.M.

The Russell Springs City Council held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, August 10, 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, 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 Associate Pastor Jeric Devore, First Baptist Church

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Police Chief Bryan Shepard

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

**MINUTES:** Mayor Thomas presented the minutes from the previous meeting held on July 13, 2023. **Councilman Wilson 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 June 2023 to be approved. **Councilman Barnes made a motion to accept the cash disbursements and financial statements with Councilwoman Mann seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

**NOMINATION OF POLICE CHIEF:** Mayor Thomas made a nomination for Bryan Shepard to Russell Springs Police Chief. Mayor Thomas asked Clerk Ramsey to read statement from Councilman Hudson who was unable to attend the meeting due to a medical procedure done earlier in the day. Mr. Hudson wanted to convey his support for Mr. Shepard as Police Chief. **Councilman Barnes made a motion to accept the nomination of Mr. Shepard as Police Chief with Councilwoman Daniel seconding. Motion Carried The vote was unanimous.**

**ASPHALT OPENING BID:** Clerk Ramsey read the bids from Gaddie Shamrock and Selby Asphalt for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year. **Councilman Barnes made a motion to accept both Asphalt Bids with Councilwoman Mann seconding. Motion Carried. The Vote was unanimous.**

**BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT APPOINTMENTS:** Mayor Thomas announced his Board of Adjustment Appointments; Mr. Eric Bennett, Ms. Dana Sullivan, and Mr. Hunter Best. These board appointments are for a three-year term.

**SECOND 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 TRALIERS (Sponsored by Councilman Barnes):** Second reading of the ordinance was presented by Clerk Ramsey. **Councilwoman Mann made a motion to accept Ordinance 2023-06 as presented with Councilwoman Daniel seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2023-07: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING WATER AND SEWER TAP COSTS AND OTHER RELATED FEES.** Clerk Ramsey presented the first reading of Ordinance 2023-07.

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

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT:** Mr. Coffey stated that he had fielded four requests for information (RFIs) from potential clients this past month. Mr. Coffey also stated that there is some interest in the old K-Mart building.

**MAYOR'S UPDATE:**

Mayor Thomas gave an update on several projects going on at the City Park and at the Fire Department.

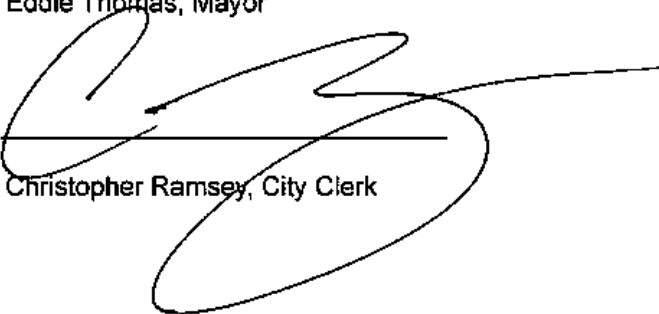
City Hall Repair (Front of Building), demo will start on August 16<sup>th</sup> and we are hoping to have everything completed within a month. This repair is taking place due to the front rotting and black mold.

Councilwoman Daniel wished Mayor Thomas a joyous upcoming birthday on Saturday.

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

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

Eddie Thomas, Mayor

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