

RUSSELL SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2024
6:00 P.M.

The Russell Springs City Council held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, March 14, 2024, 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, Cody Wilson, Sherry Daniel, and Lisa Mann, Police Chief Bryan Shepard, Director of Facilities & Maintenance Brian Stephens, City Attorney David Smith, Public Works Director Allen McQueary, Zoning Administrator Tommy Holt, and City Clerk Christopher Ramsey.

The opening prayer was led by Mr. Tommy Holt

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

MINUTES: Mayor Thomas presented the minutes from the previous meeting held on February 8th. **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 January 2024 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.**

SECOND READING ORDINANCE 2024-01: Mayor Thomas welcomed Mr. Damon Talley with Stoll Keenon Odgen, back to Russell Springs City Council. Mr. Talley read the legal summary of Ordinance 2024-01 concerning water rates increase sponsored by Councilman Hudson. Councilman Hudson made a motion to approve and adopt Ordinance 2024-01 with Councilwoman Mann seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 2024-02: Mr. Talley read the legal summary of Ordinance 2024-02 concerning sewer rates increase sponsored by Councilwoman Mann. **Councilwoman Mann made a motion to approved and adopt Ordinance 2024-02 with Councilwoman Daniel seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT HOMELESS PREVENTION AND SUPPORT: Mayor Thomas asked Clerk Ramsey to ready the agreement. Mr. Ramsey read the interlocal agreement between the City of Russell Springs, City of Jamestown, and Russell County Fiscal Court. **Councilman Wilson made a motion to approve the Interlocal Homeless Agreement as presented with Councilwoman Mann seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

RESOLUTION 2024-05 (AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SALE OF POLICE DEPARTMENT SURPLUS): At Mayor Thomas' request, Clerk Ramsey read Resolution Number 2024-05 in its entirety. **Councilman Wilson made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-05 as presented with Councilman Hudson seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

RESOLUTION 2024-06 (AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SALE OF PARK/STREETS DEPARTMENT SURPLUS): At Mayor Thomas' request, Clerk Ramsey read Resolution Number 2024-05 in its entirety. Mayor Thomas stated that by selling these extra vehicles, the City will save approximately \$1,300 per year. **Councilman made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-06 as presented with Councilwoman Mann seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

TRACTOR SUPPLY INTRODUCTION: Mayor Thomas announced that Tractor Supply is locating in Russell Springs and introduced the incoming Store Manager Mr. Brently Goodin. Mayor Thomas welcomed Mr. Goodin to the City of Russell Springs. Mr. Goodin gave the City Council an update on the proposed target date of opening the store and is excited to be back in the community. Mr. Goodin thanked Mayor Thomas and Economic

Development Director, Jeremy Coffey, for all their hard work to bring Tractor Supply to the City of Russell Springs.

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

COUNCIL QUESTIONS: Councilman Wilson requested cameras be added to the City Park, Mayor Thomas responded that four cameras have been installed at the City Park with a possibly of more additions in the future.

MAYOR'S UPDATE:

On Saturday, March 23rd, 8:00 AM: The Springs Church will be hosting a 5K for the CR in the DR. For more information please contact the church at 270-866-1600.

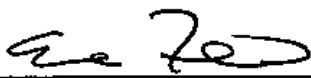
Mayor Thomas invited the council to attend the Easter Egg Hunt next month at the fairgrounds on March 23rd starting at 11:00 AM.

Mayor Thomas had Mr. Holt give an update on the construction of the splashpad.

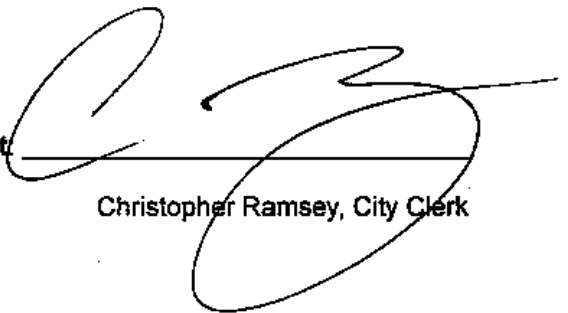
Mayor Thomas gave an update on the ballfields; he was happy to report they are ready for the upcoming little league season.

God's Food Pantry approached the City about donating land for them to build a new facility and Mayor Thomas wanted to remind the Council that they approved the donation back in February of 2021. The new facility will be located on Brian Walters Way.

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