

RUSSELL SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 09, 2025
6:00 P.M.

The Russell Springs City Council held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, January 09, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Room at Russell Springs City Hall. Those in attendance were Mayor Eddie Thomas; Council Members: Timmy Hudson, Sherry Daniel, Lance Huckaby, Ricky Barnes, Cody Wilson, and Gary Frost; Police Chief Bryan Shepard, Economic Development Director Jeramy Coffey, City Attorney David Smith, Maintenance and Facilities Director Brian Stephens, and City Clerk Christopher Ramsey.

The opening prayer was led by Pastor Dennis Price, Pleasant Hill Community Church

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. Present: Mr. Frost, Ms. Daniel, Mr. Huckaby, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Hudson.

MINUTES: Mayor Thomas presented the minutes from the previous meeting on December 12th for approval. **Councilman Barnes 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 November 2024 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.**

RECOGNITION OF A RETIRED EMPLOYEE: Mayor Thomas presented former employee Richard Roy with a service award for his many years of dedicated service to the City of Russell Springs.

RUSSELL SPRINGS ANCHOR AWARD: Mayor Thomas presented Chad Aaron with the first Russell Springs Anchor Award for cleaning up several properties and building housing inside the City of Russell Springs.

RUSSELL COUNTY 200-YEAR CELEBRATION. Mayor Thomas passed out an information packet to the council concerning this event. He let everyone know that Susan Melton and Wendy Marcum maybe at next month's meeting to present and also ask for a donation towards the celebration.

BUSINESS LICENSE: City of Russell Springs Business Licenses are due by January 30th.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 2024-12: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING MEDICAL CANNABIS REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES (SPONSORED BY COUNCILWOMAN DANIEL): At Mayor Thomas' request, Mr. Smith presented the second reading of Ordinance 2024-12. **Councilman Wilson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-12 as presented, with Councilwoman Daniel seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 2024-13: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING JOB DESCRIPTIONS AND PAY CLASSIFICATIONS (SPONSORED BY COUNCILMAN BARNES): At Mayor Thomas' request, Clerk Ramsey presented the second reading of Ordinance 2024-13. **Councilman Barnes made a motion to approve 2024-13 as presented, with Councilman Hudson seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

RESOLUTION 2024-18: A RESOLUTION FOR UTILITY LINE EXPANSION ON MAIN STREET: Clerk Ramsey read Resolution Number 2024-18. Mayor Thomas explained the proposed project and believes it can be done for a cost of no more than \$25,000. **Councilman Barnes made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-18 as presented, with Councilwoman Mann seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE: Fire Chief Bobby Johnson presented the fire report to the council. In 2024, RSVFD had 422 runs, 358 were inside the city limit of Russell Springs. RSVFD attended 28 community events. Assistant Chief Mark Barnett gave an update about the new ladder truck is still being fixed before it is ready to be in service.

POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE: Chief Shepard presented the December monthly activities report to the

council.

CLERK'S UPDATE: Mr. Ramsey requested that the council adopt the following federal guidelines in a way to streamline the city's federal grant application process better. The City of Russell Springs had previously adopted many of the federal acts before tonight. However, Mr. Ramsey asked that all be readopted again to help make the documentation smoother when applying for Federal Grants. The following Federal acts were read: Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972, Age Discrimination Act of 1975, US Department of Homeland Security Regulation 6 C.F.R. Part 19. Mr. Ramsey read Resolution 2025-01: A resolution Adopting all of the previously mentioned Federal Acts & Requirements. **Councilwoman Daniel made a motion to approve and adopt Resolution 2025-01 as presented, with Councilman Wilson seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE: Mr. Coffey presented the December monthly activities report to the council.

MAYOR'S UPDATE:

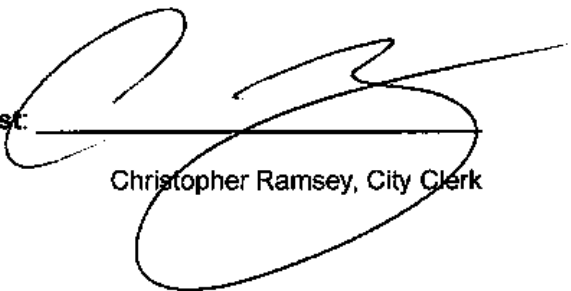
- City Lights: Mayor Thomas said an estimated 6,986 cars went through the Christmas light display at the park. The City approximately received a total of \$2,375 in donations.
- Park possibly will open Feb 1st – 7am – 3pm; Officially open March 27th at regular hours
- Mayor Thomas thanked the employees who helped with the snow removal.
- KLC Academy will be next week Jan. 15th to Jan. 17th.
- The City of Russell Springs, along with several other agencies, gave toys away at the City Park this past weekend.

Mayor Thomas welcomed the new council members, Mr. Gary Frost and Mr. Lance Huckaby.

ADJOURNMENT: Councilman Frost moved to adjourn the meeting, with Councilman Huckaby seconding. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Signed:  _____

Eddie Thomas, Mayor

Attest:  _____
Christopher Ramsey, City Clerk