

RUSSELL SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2025
6:00 P.M.

The Russell Springs City Council held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, February 13, 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 & Facilities Director Brian Stephens, and City Clerk Christopher Ramsey.

The opening prayer was led by Pastor Wayne Keith, Solid Rock Full Gospel 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 January 9th for approval. **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 December 2024 to be approved. **Councilman Barnes made a motion to accept the cash disbursements and financial statements, with Councilman Frost seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

2025-2026 INTERLOCAL HOMELESS PREVENTION AND SUPPORT AGREEMENT: Mayor Thomas and Clerk Ramsey informed council that nothing had changed in the agreement in the last three years. **Councilwoman Daniel made a motion to accept the 2025-2026 Interlocal Homeless Prevention and Support Agreement with the Russell County Fiscal Court and the City of Jamestown with Councilman Hudson seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

RESOLUTION 2025-02 OPPOSITION TO HB253: Mayor Thomas asked Clerk Ramsey to read the resolution to the body. Mayor Thomas explained that the Kentucky League of Cities had requested that all cities oppose this bill. HB253 would remove the collective rights of all local government agencies to collect their occupation tax directly from the taxpayers. Those monies would be first sent to Frankfort to be redirected to the cities.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2025-01: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING DEERVIEW LANE INTO THE CITY STREET SYSTEM (SPONSORED BY COUNCILMAN BARNES): At Mayor Thomas' request, Clerk Ramsey presented the first reading of Ordinance 2025-01.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2025-02: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING GREEN RIDGE DRIVE IN THE CITY STREET SYSTEM (SPONSORED BY COUNCILWOMAN DANIEL): At Mayor Thomas' request, Clerk Ramsey presented the first reading of Ordinance 2025-02.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2025-03: AN ORDINANCE REGULATING UNIFORM MUNICIPAL CODE FOR THE MANUFACTURE, TRANSPORTATION, STORAGE, AND USE OF EXPLOSIVES (SPONSORED BY COUNCILMAN HUDSON): At Mayor Thomas' request, Clerk Ramsey presented the first reading of Ordinance 2025-03.

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

RUSSELL COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY NOMINATION – Mayor Thomas presented his nomination of Jeramy Coffey to the RCIDA for another four-year term. **Councilman Barnes made a motion to confirm Mayor Thomas' nomination of Jeramy Coffey for another four-year term on the RCIDA with Councilman Hudson seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE: Mr. Coffey presented the January monthly activities report to the council. Mr. Coffey stated that he and Mayor Thomas had previously met with a hotel investor. Mr. Coffey said he

is staying very active. Councilwoman Daniel asked Mr. Coffey for an update on Shogun Restaurant. Mr. Coffey said that Shogun is still moving forward as planned.

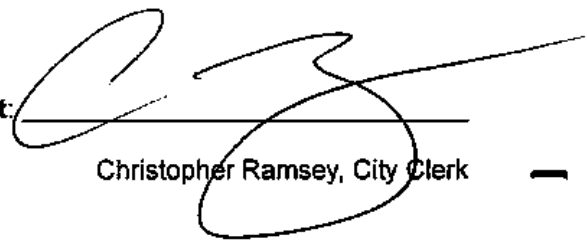
MAYOR'S UPDATE:

- Old Boy's Toy Club—Mayor Thomas and Mr. Coffey met with the car club, and they would like to move the car show back to Main Street and have it one Saturday a month from Memorial Day Weekend to Labor Day Weekend. The group has requested help from the City Council to pull this off. The City Council expressed that they are all in favor of these events.
- Veteran's Banner Program—If anyone is interested in participating in this program, please contact Brian Stephens. The fee is \$150 for a four-year period. Deadline is May 1, 2025.
- Veteran's Cemetery—Mayor Thomas stressed that we have plenty of space available for veterans to be buried and reminded everyone that the plots are free to all veterans.

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

Signed:  _____

Eddie Thomas, Mayor

Attest:  _____
Christopher Ramsey, City Clerk