

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

The Russell Springs City Council held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, November 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: Timmy Hudson, Cody Wilson, Sherry Daniel, David Blakey, Ricky Barnes, and Lisa Mann; Police Chief Bryan Shepard, Economic Development Director Jeramy Coffey, City Attorney David Smith, Public Works Director Allen McQueary, and City Clerk Christopher Ramsey.

The opening prayer was led by Pastor Donnie Emerson, First Christian Church

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chief Shepard

WELCOME: Mayor Thomas called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

ROLL CALL: City Clerk Christopher Ramsey performed the roll call. Present: Ms. Mann, Mr. Wilson, Ms. Daniel, Mr. Blakey, Mr. Barnes, and Mr. Hudson

MINUTES: Mayor Thomas presented the minutes from the previous meeting on October 10th 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 September 2024 to be approved. **Councilman Wilson made a motion to accept the cash disbursements and financial statements, with Councilwoman Mann seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 2023-08: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN INCENTIVE PROGRAM FOR CITY OFFICIALS TO OBTAIN TRAINING RELATED TO CITY GOVERNMENT (SPONSORED BY COUNCILMAN HUDSON): At Mayor Thomas's request, City Clerk Ramsey presented the second reading of Ordinance 2023-08. Councilman Hudson made a motion to accept Ordinance 2023-08 as presented, with Councilwoman Mann seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2024-11: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FIREWORKS & FIRE PREVENTION (SPONSORED BY COUNCILMAN BLAKEY): At Mayor Thomas's request, City Clerk Ramsey presented the first reading of Ordinance 2024-11.

RESOLUTION 2024-17: AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION WATER SYSTEMS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: Clerk Ramsey read Resolution Number 2024-17 at Mayor Thomas's request. **Councilwoman Daniel made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-17 as presented, with Councilman Hudson seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

DUMP TRUCK PURCHASE: Mr. McQueary and Adam Kerr requested approval from the City Council to accept bids to purchase a dump truck. **Councilman Barnes made a motion to advertise for bids and give Mayor Thomas the authority to accept bids and purchase a dump truck for the Utilities Department, with Councilwoman Daniel seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

COUNCILMEMBER UPDATE: Councilwoman Daniel welcomed a newly elected council member, Gary Frost, to the meeting. Mayor Thomas warmly welcomed Mr. Frost and let him know that he looks forward to welcoming him and Mr. Lane Huckaby to the council in January. Mr. Frost said he was looking forward to being sworn in and planned to hit the ground running in January.

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE: Mr. Coffey presented the October monthly activities report to the council. Mr. Coffey stated that he had fielded 2 RFIs and gave an update on the eleven grants he has filed on behalf of the City.

MAYOR'S UPDATE:

- City park is closed to allow park employees time to prepare the Christmas lights. The lights will be

open to the public on November 30th after the Christmas parade.

- Christmas Parade – November 30th at 5:00 pm – this year's theme is Winter Wonderland
- City Christmas dinner is December 9th at 6:00 pm
- Thanked SPARC for volunteering to paint the fire hydrants around town.
- Welcome to Russell Springs signage has been refurbished, and some signs have been relocated to improve visibility for drivers pulling out.
- Tommy Holt did an excellent job putting up the new sound system on Main Street to allow music to be controlled in City Hall.
- A new ladder truck has arrived at the firehouse. Mayor Thomas requested all council members visit the firehouse to see the truck.
- Surplus sale brought \$22,525

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

Signed: _____

Eddie Thomas, Mayor

Attest. _____

Christopher Ramsey, City Clerk