

RUSSELL SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
REGULAR MEETING  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2024  
6:00 P.M.

The Russell Springs City Council held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, December 12, 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, Sherry Daniel, David Blakey, Ricky Barnes, and Lisa Mann; Police Chief Bryan Shepard, Economic Development Director Jeramy Coffey, City Attorney David Smith, and City Clerk Christopher Ramsey.

The opening prayer was led by Mayor Eddie Thomas

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilwoman Lisa Mann

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

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

**MINUTES:** Mayor Thomas presented the minutes from the previous meeting on November 14<sup>th</sup> for approval. **Councilman Barnes made a motion to approve the minutes, with Councilwoman Mann seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

**CASH DISBURSEMENTS & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:** Mayor Thomas submitted cash disbursements and financial statements for October 2024 to be approved. **Councilman Blakey made a motion to accept the cash disbursements and financial statements, with Councilman Barnes seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

**MUNICIPAL ORDER 2024-06: REPEAL OF CURRENT POLICY AND PROCEDURES (SPONSORED BY COUNCILMAN BARNES):** Mayor Thomas had Clerk Ramsey read Municipal Order 2024-06. **Councilman Hudson made a motion to approve Municipal Order 2024-06 as presented, with Councilwoman Mann seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

**MUNICIPAL ORDER 2024-07: ADOPTION OF POLICY AND PROCEDURES 2024 (SPONSORED BY COUNCILMAN HUDSON):** Michael Simon, Personal Services Attorney with the Kentucky League of Cities presented the new proposed policy and procedures to the City Council. At Mayor Thomas' direction, Clerk Ramsey read Municipal Order 2024-07. **Councilwoman Mann made a motion to approve Municipal Order 2024-07 as presented, with Councilman Barnes seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

**CHRISTMAS PARADE AWARD WINNERS 2024:**

- **BEST DRESSED WINDOWS ON MAIN STREET – CHANTILLY**
- **BEST ANTIQUE/CLASSIC CAR – STEVE AITKEN'S 1965 CHEVY PICKUP**
- **BEST YOUTH ENTRY – WEST 80 CHURCH OF GOD**
- **BEST SMALL ENTRY – 606 JEEPIN ASSOCIATION OF KY**
- **BEST LARGE ENTRY – GOSSER'S WELDING & EQUIPMENT RENTAL**
- **BEST OF PARADE - OVERALL ENTRY – RUSSELL COUNTY JAYCEES**

**LYLE REXROAT WAS PRESENTED WITH A PLAQUE NAMING HIM AN HONORARY CITIZEN BY MAYOR THOMAS AND THE CITY COUNCIL.**

**SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 2024-11: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING FIREWORKS & FIRE PREVENTION (SPONSORED BY COUNCILMAN BLAKEY):** At Mayor Thomas's request, Clerk Ramsey presented the second reading of Ordinance 2024-11. Councilman Barnes made a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-11 as presented, with Councilman Hudson seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.

**RUSSELL COUNTY DEPUTY SHERIFF JOSH PHIPPS MEMORIAL:** Mayor Thomas asked the City Council to consider helping with the memorial project whenever the Russell County Sheriff's Department announces it.

**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 \$25,0000. **Councilman Barnes made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-18 as presented, with Councilwoman Mann seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2024-12 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING MEDICAL CANNABIS REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES (SPONSORED BY COUNCILWOMAN DANIEL):** City Attorney David Smith performed the first reading of Ordinance 2024-12.

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2024-13 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING JOB DESCRIPTIONS AND PAY CLASSIFICATIONS (SPONSORED BY COUNCILMAN BARNES):** Clerk Ramsey performed the first reading of Ordinance 2024-13.

**MUNICIPAL ORDER 2024-08: AN ORDER PROVIDING ADDITIONAL HOLIDAY LEAVE (SPONSORED BY COUNCILWOMAN MANN):** Clerk Ramsey read Municipal Order 2024-08 in its entirety. **Councilwoman Mann made a motion to adopt Municipal Order 2024-08 as presented, with Councilman Hudson seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

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

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE:** Mr. Coffey presented the November monthly activities report to the council. Mr. Coffey stated that he had fielded five RFIs and one industrial RFI.

**MAYOR'S UPDATE:**

- City Lights: Mayor Thomas thanked the employees who helped with putting them up throughout the park.
- Christmas Parade: The Mayor thanked everyone who helped make the Christmas parade a resounding success.
- Mayor Thomas acknowledged Tommy Holt and Brian Stephens for their efforts in repairing the Main Street speakers and ensuring they are now playing music.
- Natural Gas Appointment – Christopher Ramsey for another three-year appointment
- PVA Appointment – Jim Edmonds was appointed for a two-year term.

Mayor Thomas presented outgoing councilmembers Lisa Mann and David Blakey with service awards.

**ADJOURNMENT: Councilman Blakey moved to adjourn the meeting, with Councilwoman Mann seconding. Unanimous. Motion Carried.**

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

Eddie Thomas, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Christopher Ramsey, City Clerk