

RUSSELL SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, JULY 10, 2025
6:00 P.M.

The Russell Springs City Council held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, July 10, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Room at Russell Springs City Hall. Those in attendance were Mayor Eddie Thomas; Council Members: Sherry Daniel, Timmy Hudson, Gary Frost, Lance Huckaby, and Cody Wilson; Police Chief Bryan Shepard, Economic Development Director Jeramy Coffey, City Attorney David F. Smith, and City Clerk Christopher Ramsey.

The opening prayer was led by Assistant Fire Chief Mark Barnett

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, Mr. Huckaby, Ms. Daniel, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Hudson. Absent: Mr. Barnes

MINUTES: Mayor Thomas presented the minutes from the previous meeting on June 12th for approval. **Councilman Hudson 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 May 2025 for approval. **Councilman Huckaby made a motion to accept the cash disbursements and financial statements, with Councilwoman Daniel seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

ANCHOR AWARD PRESENTATION: Mayor Thomas presented Mrs. Charlene Harris with the City of Russell Springs Anchor Award for her outstanding contributions to the Russell Springs Community.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 2025-06: BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR FY 2025-2026 (SPONSORED BY COUNCILMAN HUDSON): Clerk Ramsey, at the request of Mayor Thomas, presented the second reading of Ordinance 2025-06 to the City Council. **Councilman Frost made a motion to accept Ordinance 2025-06 as presented, with Councilman Wilson seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 2025-07: AMENDED BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR FY 2024-2025 (SPONSORED BY COUNCILMAN BARNES): Clerk Ramsey, at the request of Mayor Thomas, presented the second reading of Ordinance 2025-07 to the City Council. **Councilwoman Daniel made a motion to accept Ordinance 2025-07 as presented, with Councilman Wilson seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 2025-10: AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO LOITERING WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF RUSSELL SPRINGS, KENTUCKY (SPONSORED BY COUNCILMAN FROST): Clerk Ramsey, at the request of Mayor Thomas, presented the second reading of Ordinance 2025-10. **Councilman Wilson made a motion to accept Ordinance 2025-10 as presented, with Councilwoman Daniel seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE: Chief Shepard presented the June activities report to the council. For the month of June 2025, the Russell Springs Police Department reported 1 DUI arrest, 6 alcohol-related arrests, 6 drug-related arrests, 15 warrant services, 58 traffic stops resulting in 50 citations (including 3 for speeding), 23 traffic accident investigations, for a total of 38 arrests and 420 calls for service.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE: Mr. Coffey presented the June activities report to the council. In June 2025, the Economic Development Department received two RFIs, held one in-person meeting with a potential business, and reported that the Shogun Restaurant project is moving forward with the construction bid awarded, the agreement pending signature, and work anticipated to begin within 30 days.

MAYOR'S UPDATE:

- Softball Complex Renovation: Turf, lighting, and backstop upgrades underway at old Little League fields.
- Booster Pump Project: Work resumed after delay; aimed for Labor Day completion.
- Youth Sports Recognition: 8U boys' baseball team competing for championship; may advance to regional tournament.
- Car Show: Next event July 19 on Main Street; recent show had over 100 cars combined between Main Street and Terry's lot.
- Free Health Screening: Upcoming week – \$20 fee for blood work; emphasis on early detection.
- Police Officer Appointment: Chris Tweedy sworn in to replace Officer Vance Davis (resigned to start own business).
- Community Condolences: Remembering the family of the late Noel Godby for his contributions to the city and cemetery care.
- Personnel Update: New hire Crystal Gosser starting July 21, full-time at City Hall.

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

Signed: _____

Eddie Thomas, Mayor

Attest _____

Christopher Ramsey, City Clerk