

RUSSELL SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2025
6:00 P.M.

The Russell Springs City Council held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, June 12, 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, Ricky Barnes, Lance Huckaby, and Cody Wilson; Police Chief Bryan Shepard, Economic Development Director Jeramy Coffey, Zoning Administrator Tommy Holt, City Attorney David F. Smith, and City Clerk Christopher Ramsey.

The opening prayer was led by Mr. Tommy Holt

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, Mr. Barnes, Ms. Daniel, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Hudson.

MINUTES: Mayor Thomas presented the minutes from the previous meetings on May 15th and June 2nd 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 April 2025 to be approved. **Councilman Frost made a motion to accept the cash disbursements and financial statements, with Councilman Hudson seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

H.M. BOTTOM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP WINNER: Mayor Thomas presented Addacin Hill with a \$1,000 scholarship check on behalf of the City Council and the Bottom Family.

CITY OF RUSSELL SPRINGS ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP WINNER: Mayor Thomas presented Emmy Pratt with a \$1,000 scholarship check on behalf of the City Council.

ANCHOR AWARD PRESENTATION: Mayor Thomas presented Mr. Terry Stephens with the City of Russell Springs Anchor Award for his recent accomplishment of having a horse in the Kentucky Derby. Mr. Stephens is a lifelong resident and successful businessman in Russell Springs.

ACCEPTANCE OF AUDIT: Mr. Kevin Fisher, CPA with RFH CPAs, presented the 2023 Audit to the Mayor and City Council. Mr. Fisher stated that it was a clean audit. Councilman Wilson made a motion to accept the 2023 Audit, with Councilman Barnes seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 2025-08 – AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING AN AREA OF PROPERTY IN THE DEERFIELD ESTATES SUBDIVISION (SPONSORED BY COUNCILMAN HUCKABY): Clerk Ramsey, at the request of Mayor Thomas, presented the second reading of Ordinance 2025-08. **Councilwoman Daniel made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2025-08 as presented, with Councilman Huckaby seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 2025-09 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING CODE TO ESTABLISH A HOSPITAL-MEDICAL (H-M) ZONE AND TO DEFINE AND REGULATE ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG TREATMENT ENTITIES (AODEs) (SPONSORED BY COUNCILMAN HUDSON): City Attorney Smith, at the request of Mayor Thomas, presented the second reading of Ordinance 2025-09. Mayor Thomas asked those who signed up to come forward. Dr. John Garner spoke briefly, wanting to ensure that his business would be grandfathered if the

ordinance were to pass. Additionally, Jessie Hines of SPERO Health addressed the council regarding his concerns about the ordinance, as his business had recently considered relocating to a location that the ordinance could impact. **Councilman Wilson made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2025-09 as presented, with Councilman Frost seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

FIRST 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 first reading of Ordinance 2025-10. Mayor Thomas said that, with it being a first reading, no action could be taken on it at this time.

MUNICIPAL ORDER 2025-02: ACCEPTANCE OF HEALTH CARE AND DENTAL INSURANCE FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR (SPONSORED BY COUNCILMAN HUCKABY): Clerk Ramsey, at the request of Mayor Thomas, presented Municipal Order 2025-02 in its entirety. **Councilman Hudson made a motion to accept Municipal Order 2025-02 as presented, with Councilwoman Daniel seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

MUNICIPAL ORDER 2025-03: ACCEPTANCE OF PROPERTY, LIABILITY, CASUALTY, AND WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR (SPONSORED BY COUNCILMAN HUDSON): Clerk Ramsey, at the request of Mayor Thomas, presented Municipal Order 2025-03 in its entirety. **Councilwoman Daniel made a motion to accept Municipal Order 2025-03 as presented, with Councilman Barnes seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

MUNICIPAL ORDER 2025-04: UPGRADING WATER AND SEWER UTILITY SOFTWARE SYSTEM (SPONSORED BY COUNCILMAN BARNES): Clerk Ramsey, at the request of Mayor Thomas, presented Municipal Order 2025-04 in its entirety. **Councilman Frost made a motion to accept Municipal Order 2025-04 as presented, with Councilman Wilson seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

MUNICIPAL ORDER 2025-05: A MUNICIPAL ORDER RELATING TO THE CITY OF RUSSELL SPRINGS' PARTICIPATION IN THE FUNDING OF HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS FOR CERTAIN CLASSES OF COVERAGE FOR ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS HOLDING EMPLOYMENT OR ELECTED OFFICE WITHIN CITY GOVERNMENT, TO BE INITIATED WITH THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR (SPONSORED BY COUNCILWOMAN DANIEL): Clerk Ramsey, at the request of Mayor Thomas, presented Municipal Order 2025-05 in its entirety. **Councilwoman Daniel made a motion to accept Municipal Order 2025-05 as presented, with Councilman Huckaby seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE: Mr. Coffey presented the May activities report to the council. He said that he had filled out 3 RFIs and had several calls during the month. Mr. Coffey stated that Shogun bids were submitted last week, and the engineers are currently reviewing those construction bids.

COUNCIL UPDATE: Councilman Gary Frost responded to a recent comment made on a local radio station questioning why the City Council holds early morning meetings. He assured the public that there's nothing suspicious about it—sometimes mornings just work better for everyone's schedules, including the mayor's. Meeting before the regular workday begins can make it easier for all council members to attend.

MAYOR'S UPDATE:

- **Josh Carey has been reappointed** to another term on the City's Code Enforcement Board. Thank you, Josh, for your continued service and dedication to keeping our community strong.
- **WHAS Crusade for Kids** – Our Fire Department collected **\$7,519** at the intersection of Hwy 127 and Hwy 80. Online donations are still being counted, and we expect the final total to be

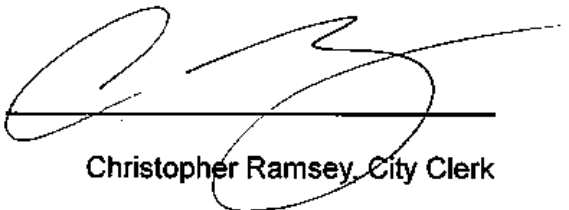
close to **\$10,000**. Thank you to our firefighters and to everyone in the community who gave so generously.

- **A big thank you to all our first responders** for their help during the **Russell County Fair**. It made me proud to see our police, fire, EMS, and others working together. And hats off to the **Russell County Jaycees** for organizing another fantastic fair.
- **The next Car Show on Main Street** is scheduled for **Friday, June 21st at 1:00 p.m.** Come out and enjoy an afternoon of classic cars, good conversation, and community pride.
- **The 2025 KLC Conference** will be held **September 23–26 in Owensboro**. If you're interested in attending, please reach out to me. It's a great opportunity to learn, network, and bring fresh ideas back to Russell Springs.
- **Our Comprehensive Plan is complete** and has been submitted to the Zoning Board for ratification. Once they approve it, the plan will come before the City Council for two readings.

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

Signed:  _____

Eddie Thomas, Mayor

Attest:  _____
Christopher Ramsey, City Clerk