

RUSSELL SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2025
6:00 P.M.

The Russell Springs City Council held a special called meeting on Thursday, May 15, 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, Cody Wilson, Lance Huckaby, Ricky Barnes, and Gary Frost; Interim Police Chief Greg Brown, Economic Development Director Jeramy Coffey, and City Clerk Christopher Ramsey.

The opening prayer was led by Pastor Dennis Price, Pleasant Hill Community Church

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Greg Brown

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 meeting on April 10th for approval. **Councilman Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes, with Councilman Barnes seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

CASH DISBURSEMENTS & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: Mayor Thomas submitted cash disbursements and financial statements for March 2025 to be approved. **Councilman Barnes made a motion to accept the cash disbursements and financial statements, with Councilman Hudson seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

RESOLUTION 2025-06 – CDBG RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS – CAST IRON WATERLINE PROJECT: Clerk Ramsey, at the request of Mayor Thomas, presented the resolution to the City Council. **Councilman Wilson made a motion to accept Resolution 2025-06 as presented, with Councilman Frost seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

RESOLUTION 2025-07 – MUNICIPAL ROAD AID COOPERATIVE PROGRAM AGREEMENT: Clerk Ramsey, at the request of Mayor Thomas, presented the resolution to the City Council. This resolution authorizes the receipt of approximately \$63,470.31 from the Commonwealth of Kentucky. **Councilman Hudson made a motion to accept Resolution 2025-07 as presented, with Councilman Barnes seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

RESOLUTION 2025-08 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONVEYANCE OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY TO ARC PREGANCY CENTER, A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROMOTING COMMUNITY SERVICES, AND COMMITTING TO COVER ASSOCIATED LEGAL COSTS. Clerk Ramsey, at the request of Mayor Thomas, presented the resolution to the City Council. **Councilwoman Daniel made a motion to accept Resolution 2025-08 as presented, with Councilman Huckaby seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

FIRST READ OF ORDINANCE 2025-06: BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR FY 2025-2026 (SPONSORED BY COUNCILMAN HUDSON): Clerk Ramsey, at the request of Mayor Thomas, presented the first read of Ordinance 2025-06 to the City Council. No action can be taken on a first read.

FIRST READ OF ORDINANCE 2025-07: ADMENDED BUDGET ORDINANCE FOR FY 2024-2025 (SPONSORED BY COUNCILMAN BARNES): Clerk Ramsey, at the request of Mayor Thomas, presented the first read of Ordinance 2025-07 to the City Council. No action can be taken on a first read.

FIRST READ OF ORDINANCE 2025-05: CREATION OF PART-TIME DEPUTY UTILITY CLERK POSITION (SPONSORED BY COUNCILWOMAN DANIEL). Clerk Ramsey, at the request of Mayor Thomas, presented the first reading of Ordinance 2025-05 to the City Council. No action can be taken on a first read.

EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER KRS 61.810(1)(B): DISCUSSION OF THE POTENTIAL ACQUISITION OR SALE OF REAL PROPERTY: Councilman Barnes made a motion to enter into executive session under KRS 61.810(1)(B), with Councilman Hudson seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous. The City Council entered the executive session at 6:23 pm. Mayor Thomas requested that Mr. Coffey and Mr.

Holt attend the executive session.

EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION: Councilman Hudson made a motion to exit executive session under KRS 61.810(1)(B), with Councilman Barnes seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous. The City Council exited executive session at 6:57 pm. Mayor Thomas stated that no action was taken while in executive session.

POLICE CHIEF DISCUSSION: Mayor Thomas presented his nomination to appoint Bryan Shepard to the role of Police Chief for the City of Russell Springs. Councilman Barnes made a motion to accept Mayor Thomas' nomination for Police Chief, Mr. Bryan Shepard, with Councilman Hudson seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was 5 – Yes, with Councilman Wilson abstaining. Motion Carried. Mr. Thomas thanked Greg Brown for his service as interim Police Chief.

POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE: Interim Police Chief Brown presented the April activities report to the council.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE: Mr. Coffey presented the April activities report to the council. He said that he had several calls during the month. Mr. Coffey stated that he and Mayor Thomas assisted the new cannabis dispensary with finding a location. Also, Mr. Coffey let everyone know that he, along with Mayor Thomas and Tommy Holt, went to Bowling Green to attend a progress meeting with Shogun. The project is still on track.

MAYOR'S UPDATE:

- Mayor Thomas let everyone know that he presented Kevin Williams with the Russell Springs Anchor award for all of his service to Russell County. Kevin's Kids fundraiser raised \$124,000, and all of those funds will stay in Russell County to help underprivileged kids.
- Mayor Thomas, along with Jeremy Coffey and Councilman Frost, recently attended the grand opening of Downey Eye Care Clinic.
- On Tuesday, May 20th, the Russell County Chamber of Commerce will be meeting at the Hollis DeHart Community Center on Main Street. Mr. Lyle Rexroat will be the guest speaker, and the City of Russell Springs is partnering with the Chamber of Commerce to host the event.
- Report on the recent surplus sale brought a total of \$28,402.
- Joseph Smith Hayes Memorial Pool opens up this month at the end of this month.
- Mayor Thomas invited the City Council to help collect money for the WHAS Crusade for Kids, May 30th to June 1st.
- Russell County Fair starts at the end of this month, May 30th. The city will have a booth again this year.
- The car show on Main Street will be this weekend.

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

Signed: _____

Eddie Thomas, Mayor

Attest: _____

Christopher Ramsey, City Clerk