

RUSSELL SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2025
6:00 P.M.

The Russell Springs City Council held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, September 11, 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, Ricky Barnes and Cody Wilson; Police Chief Bryan Shepard, Assistant Chief Robert Pritchard, Economic Development Director Jeramy Coffey, City Attorney David F. Smith, and City Clerk Christopher Ramsey.

The opening prayer was led by Councilman Timmy Hudson

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 August 14th for approval. **Councilman Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes, with Councilwoman Daniel seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

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

MUNICIPAL ORDER 2025-08 – ADOPTION OF 2025 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN (SPONSORED BY COUNCILMAN BARNES): Clerk Christopher Ramsey read Municipal Order 2025-08, sponsored by Councilman Ricky Barnes, adopting the 2025 Comprehensive Plan pursuant to KRS 100.197, to serve as the City's official guide for physical development and the basis for zoning, subdivision regulation, and land use policy. **Councilman Hudson made a motion to accept Municipal Order 2025-08 as presented, with Councilman Wilson seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

PUBLIC COMMENT / REQUESTS

Chasity Etherington and John Fenske (Park View Estates) requested the City's consent/signature to allow construction of a barndominium (all-metal exterior with wood doors/columns; ~1,500 sq. ft. residence and ~1,500 sq. ft. garage) under subdivision restrictions prohibiting "metal" structures (originally aimed at mobile homes). They reported all lot owners had signed approval except one (a relative of the Mayor) who intends to vote opposite the Council to avoid any appearance of influence. Council discussed jurisdiction/context and prior examples; Mayor Thomas noted the matter is a Council decision per his discussion with the Kentucky League of Cities (J.D. Chaney). The property is out of the city limits.

Councilman Frost made a motion to approve the request and authorize execution of the necessary consent letter, with Councilman Hudson seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.

POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE: Chief Shepard reported that for the month of August the department made five DUI arrests, sixteen drug-related arrests, and served eleven warrants. Officers conducted traffic enforcement resulting in approximately seven traffic stops and a total of 125 traffic charges cited, including ten for speeding. Seventeen traffic collisions were investigated, leading to a

total of thirty-nine arrests overall. The department responded to more than six hundred calls for service during the month.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE: Economic Development Director Coffey reported that the City responded to two Requests for Information during the past month, both from potential industries with significant water and sewer needs. He and Utilities Supervisor Allen McQueary worked closely together to prepare and submit the responses. A stakeholder meeting concerning a possible U.S. 127 extension is scheduled for next week. In addition, Coffey noted that he is continuing work on several grants, including finalizing required details for submissions.

MAYOR'S UPDATE:

- **KLC Training (Owensboro):** Please confirm attendance with Jeramy by tomorrow afternoon for registration. Congratulations to Councilwoman Sherry Daniel on achieving Level 3 recognition.
- **Water Tower (HWY 76): Painting begins September 17, 2025** as part of the City's ongoing tank rehabilitation schedule.
- **Car Show on Main:** Saturday, September 20, 2025, starting at 1:00 p.m.
- **Electric on Main Street:** Work completed; will support Christmas lights on both sides of Main and several new cross-street features — completed within budget.
- **Bankers Field of Dreams & Softball Fields:** Donations received from First National Bank, Citizens National Bank, Bank of Jamestown, First & Farmers Bank, and Community Trust Bank. Total raised: \$110,000 (no General Fund dollars). Field of Dreams designed for **special-needs players** (turfed bases flush for wheelchair access); coordination with local leagues planned at sign-up time.
- **Deer View Road:** Paperwork submitted to Frankfort; CS number expected within the next few weeks. Target is to complete needed work before Thanksgiving, weather permitting.
- **Pump Station — Owenstown Road:** Project nearing completion; funded by a \$485,000 grant. Improved water pressure anticipated for the Salem-Eli area by mid-next week as pumps come online.
- **9/11 Remembrance:** Acknowledged the significance of the day and the community's ongoing remembrance.
- **Joshua Phipps Road Dedication (US-127):** Ceremony at the courthouse, Monday at 11:00 a.m.; public invited.

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

Signed: _____

Eddie Thomas, Mayor

Attest: _____

Christopher Ramsey, City Clerk