

**RUSSELL SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2025
6:00 P.M.**

The Russell Springs City Council held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, October 9, 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, Lance Huckaby, Cody Wilson, and (arriving at 6:34 p.m.) Ricky Barnes; City Clerk/Treasurer Christopher Ramsey; Economic Development Director Jeramy Coffey; Fire Chief Bobby Johnson and Assistant Fire Chief Mark Barnett; and Police Officer Greg Brown.

The opening prayer was led by Officer Brown.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Mark Barnett.

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

ROLL CALL: City Clerk/Treasurer Christopher Ramsey performed the roll call. Present: Mr. Huckaby, Ms. Daniel, Mr. Hudson, and Mr. Wilson. Absent: Mr. Barnes (arrived later).

MINUTES: Mayor Thomas presented the minutes from the previous meeting on September 11th 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 the financial statement for August 2025 for approval. Councilman Hudson made a motion to approve payment of the bills, with Councilman Huckaby seconding. Motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

**ORDINANCE 2025-11 – SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE
LEVYING THE ANNUAL AD VALOREM TAX:**

Clerk Ramsey read the second reading of Ordinance 2025-11, levying the annual ad valorem tax on real property, motor vehicles, motorboats, and other personal property for the year 2025.

- Real Property: \$0.142 per \$100 of assessed valuation
- Personal/Tangible Property: \$0.142 per \$100 of assessed valuation
- Motor Vehicles and Motorboats: \$0.170 per \$100 of assessed valuation

- 2% discount if paid by November 30, 2025
- Due date December 31, 2025; 12% penalty thereafter

Mayor Thomas commended Clerk Ramsey and the city staff, noting that the city's tax rate has decreased four of the past six years. Councilman Huckaby made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2025-11, with Councilwoman Daniel seconding. Motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

ORDINANCE 2025-12 – FIRST READING (LEGAL SUMMARY):

Clerk Ramsey read a legal summary of Ordinance 2025-12, regulating the operation of street-legal special purpose vehicles in accordance with the 2025 Kentucky Acts Chapter 89. The ordinance authorizes operation on all city streets except controlled-access facilities and federally restricted roadways, prohibits mini-trucks on federally constructed highways, and assigns enforcement to the Russell Springs Police Department. Mayor Thomas noted that golf carts are not included. This was the first reading; no action was taken.

MUNICIPAL ORDER 2025-09 – ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW BANK ACCOUNT:

Municipal Order 2025-09, sponsored by Councilman Ricky Barnes, authorizes the closure of the Russell Springs Cemetery account at United Citizens Bank and the establishment of a new account at First National Bank. Authorized signers are Mayor Eddie Thomas, City Clerk/Treasurer Christopher Ramsey, and Chief Deputy Clerk Suzanne Hunter. Councilwoman Daniel made a motion to approve the order, with Councilman Hudson seconding. Motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

RESOLUTION 2025-12 – ACCEPTANCE OF FEMA AFG AWARD (FIRE DEPARTMENT):

Mayor Thomas presented Resolution 2025-12 accepting a FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) for a new tanker truck. The grant award totals \$452,380.95 with a local match of \$22,619.05 for a total project of \$475,000. Councilwoman Daniel made a motion to approve the resolution, with Councilman Huckaby seconding. Motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

Fire Chief Bobby Johnson thanked the Council for its support, noting that the grant would greatly enhance the department's capabilities.

RESOLUTION 2025-13 – ADOPTION OF ROYALTY WAY INTO THE CITY STREET SYSTEM:

Clerk Ramsey read Resolution 2025-13 reaffirming the adoption of Royalty Way (approximately 560 feet) into the City Street System to align with Kentucky Transportation Cabinet records. Councilman Wilson made a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-13, with Councilwoman Daniel seconding. Motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

RESOLUTION 2025-14 – ADOPTION OF CORPORATE DRIVE INTO THE CITY STREET SYSTEM:

Clerk Ramsey read Resolution 2025-14 reaffirming the adoption of Corporate Drive (CS 1092; approximately 0.153 miles) into the City Street System. Councilman Hudson made a

motion to adopt Resolution 2025-14, with Councilman Wilson seconding. Motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Councilman Hudson made a motion for the City Council to enter Executive Session pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(b) for deliberation on the possible acquisition or sale of real property by the City, where publicity at this time would likely affect the value of the property being considered. Councilman Wilson seconded. Motion carried. The vote was unanimous. The Council entered Executive Session at 6:25 p.m. At the request of Mayor Thomas, Economic Development Director Jeramy Coffey was invited into the Executive Session.

At 6:34 p.m., Councilman Ricky Barnes arrived and joined the Executive Session with his fellow Councilmembers.

Councilman Huckaby made a motion to return to open session, with Councilman Barnes seconding. Motion carried. The vote was unanimous. The Council returned to open session at 7:01 p.m.

No action was taken in Executive Session.

Immediately following the conclusion of Executive Session, Councilwoman Sherry Daniel departed the meeting.

Following discussion, Councilman Hudson made a motion to authorize Mayor Thomas to negotiate on behalf of the City regarding potential land acquisition or sale as discussed in Executive Session. Councilman Huckaby seconded. Motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Chief Bobby Johnson reported 352 total runs for the year to date and nine public education events with schools and daycares.

POLICE DEPARTMENT: Officer Greg Brown reported 5 DUI arrests, 17 warrants served, 20 accidents investigated, 24 assists, and 12 alarm responses for the previous month.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Director Jeramy Coffey reported three Requests for Information (RFIs) during the month and one Letter of Intent (LOI) submitted that afternoon.

MAYOR'S UPDATE:

- **Russell County Public Library Groundbreaking:** Monday, October 13, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. (Jamestown).

- **Greater Hope Christian Fellowship Event:** Saturday, October 18, 2025, from 4:00–6:00 p.m.
- **Booster Pump Station Project:** Nearing completion; final connections underway.
- **Water Tank Painting (KY-76):** Approximately 50% complete; interior work ongoing.
- **Truck or Treat on Main:** Friday, October 31, 2025, from 5:00–7:00 p.m. In case of rain, the event will move to Russell Springs Elementary School. Contact City Hall for setup information.
- **Christmas in the Park Preparation:** City Park will close October 20, 2025, for setup of Christmas lights. Appreciation expressed to citizens for their cooperation.
- **Veterans Day:** City Hall will be closed Monday, November 11, 2025. Citizens are encouraged to thank a veteran for their service.


ADJOURNMENT:

Councilman Wilson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, with Councilman Huckaby seconding. Motion carried. The vote was unanimous.

Signed:


Eddie Thomas, Mayor

Attest:


Christopher Ramsey, City Clerk/Treasurer