

**RUSSELL SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2025
6:00 P.M.**

The Russell Springs City Council held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, November 13, 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; Economic Development Director Jeramy Coffey; Utilities Superintendent Allen McQueary; City Attorney David F. Smith; Fire Chief Bobby Johnson; Assistant Fire Chief Mark Barnett; and City Clerk Christopher Ramsey.

The opening prayer was led by Charles Edwards.

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, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Hudson, and Ms. Daniel.
A quorum was established.

MINUTES: Mayor Thomas presented the minutes from the October 9th meeting for approval. **Councilman Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes, with Councilman Frost seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

CASH DISBURSEMENTS & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: Mayor Thomas submitted the September 2025 Cash Disbursements and Financial Statements for approval. **Councilman Barnes made a motion to approve the September cash disbursements and financial statements, with Councilman Hudson seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

DONATION PRESENTATION – GOD’S FOOD PANTRY: Jeff “Bucket” Hoover, on behalf of WJRS and the Breakfast with Bucket morning show, presented a \$250 donation after a friendly wager between Mayor Thomas, an avid Louisville Cardinals fan, and Mayor Regina Hinton, of Jamestown, an avid Kentucky Wildcats fan. The wager was simple: if Louisville won, Mayor Thomas would choose the charity, and if Kentucky won, Mayor Hinton would select her chosen charity. Louisville won the game, giving Mayor Thomas the opportunity to name the beneficiary. He selected God’s Food Pantry to receive the \$250 donation, and he thanked both the station and God’s Food Pantry for their service to the community.

A ceremonial one-dollar check was also presented to God’s Food Pantry for the purchase of the old God’s Food Pantry building located behind City Hall on Dan Street.

ANCHOR AWARD PRESENTATION: Mayor Thomas presented two Anchor Awards: one recognizing the Hoover Family and a second recognizing WJRS/Laker Country 104.9. Jeff "Bucket" Hoover accepted both awards on behalf of his family and the radio station.

FY24 AUDIT REPORT: Auditor Kevin Fisher, with RFH PLLC, presented the Fiscal Year 2024 audit. He reported that the City received a clean (unmodified) audit opinion and summarized key financial information. Two findings were reported: (1) a compliance issue with the presentation format of a budget amendment, which has been resolved for future audits, and (2) a material accounting adjustment related to KIA loan forgiveness, corrected with the auditor's assistance. The auditor also recommended establishing a formal utility deposit listing. **Councilman Hudson made a motion to accept the FY24 audit report, with Councilman Barnes seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

SECOND READING – ORDINANCE 2025-12 STREET LEGAL SPECIAL PURPOSE VEHICLES: At Mayor Thomas' request, Clerk Ramsey presented the second reading of Ordinance 2025-12, regulating the operation of street-legal special purpose vehicles within the City of Russell Springs. This ordinance matches the language adopted by the Russell County Fiscal Court to ensure consistency across local jurisdictions. **Councilman Wilson made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-12 on second reading, with Councilman Hudson seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

RESOLUTION 2025-15 – AUTHORIZATION TO BID FOR NEW FIRE TRUCK: At Mayor Thomas' request, Clerk Ramsey presented the second reading of Resolution 2025-15, authorizing the Mayor, City Clerk/Treasurer, and Russell Springs Volunteer Fire Department to advertise for bids for a new 3,000-gallon tanker truck. The resolution also grants the Mayor authority to proceed with the purchase after bids are opened and tabulated, with notice to the council prior to taking action. **Councilwoman Daniel made a motion to approve Resolution 2025-15, with Councilman Hudson seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

MUNICIPAL ORDER 2025-10 – AMENDED HOLIDAYS: At Mayor Thomas' request, Clerk Ramsey presented the second reading of Municipal Order 2025-10, which grants all full-time City employees two additional paid holidays: December 26, 2025, and January 2, 2026. **Councilwoman Daniel made a motion to approve Municipal Order 2025-10, with Councilman Wilson seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mayor Thomas requested approval to enter Executive Session pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(b) relating to the purchase or sale of real property. **Councilman Barnes made a motion to enter Executive Session, with Councilman Wilson seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

The Council entered Executive Session at 6:33 p.m. Mayor Thomas asked Economic Development Director Coffey to go back into Executive Session.

Councilman Frost made a motion to return to open session, with Councilman Wilson seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.

The Council returned to open session at 7:28 p.m. No action was taken.

POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE: Chief Shepard reported the following for October: four DUI arrests; six alcohol/drug-related arrests; twenty-one warrants served; 101 traffic stops resulting in forty-four citations; twenty-three traffic accidents investigated; thirty-eight arrests; and 498 calls for service.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE: Mr. Coffey reported two RFIs during the month and ongoing work on LOIs and MOAs. He also reported a proposed 14-lot subdivision off French Valley Road, with homes planned under \$200,000.

MAYOR'S UPDATE:

Water/Wastewater Projects:

Utilities Superintendent Allen McQueary reported that the Eli/Salem pump station is 99% complete and operating. The Highway 76 tank project is nearly complete, with inspection and sanitizing scheduled. The cast iron/asbestos cement line project is expected to go out for bid in mid-January.

Community Events:

The Mayor thanked participants in Trunk-or-Treat, with special thanks to Council Members Barnes and Frost.

Veterans Day:

Mayor Thomas thanked all veterans for their service.

Christmas Parade:

The parade will take place on November 29 at 5:00 p.m. Coach David Rexroat will serve as the Grand Marshal. Miss Kentucky and several state officials will be in attendance. Participants should contact City Hall at 270-866-3981 ext. 9.

Christmas Lights:


New decorations have been added along both sides of Main Street. The Mayor thanked city crews for their work.

Holiday Wishes:

Mayor Thomas wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving.

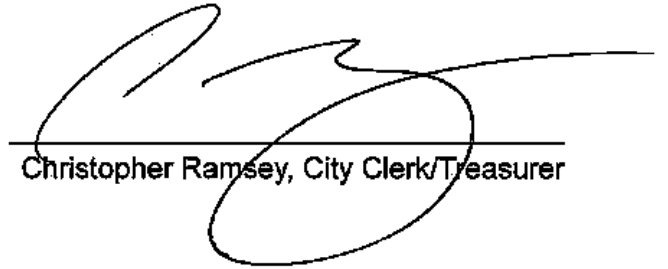
ADJOURNMENT: Councilman Wilson made a motion to adjourn, with Councilwoman Daniel seconding. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Signed:

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Eddie Thomas, Mayor

Attest:

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Christopher Ramsey, City Clerk/Treasurer