

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

The Russell Springs City Council held its regular meeting on Thursday, December 11, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., at Russell Springs City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Eddie Thomas. Those in attendance included: Mayor Eddie Thomas; Council Members Ricky Barnes, Timmy Hudson, Gary Frost, Lance Huckaby, and Cody Wilson; City Attorney David Smith; Police Chief Bryan Shepard; Fire Chief Bobby Johnson; Assistant Fire Chief Mark Barnett; Parks & Streets Supervisor Daniel Buster; and City Clerk/Treasurer Christopher Ramsey.

**OPENING PRAYER**

The opening prayer was given by Pastor Craig Huddleston of Free Union Separate Baptist Church.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Police Chief Bryan Shepard.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Eddie Thomas called the December 11, 2025 regular meeting of the Russell Springs City Council to order.

**ROLL CALL**

Clerk Ramsey called the roll.

Present: Ricky Barnes, Timmy Hudson, Gary Frost, Lance Huckaby, and Cody Wilson.

Absent: Sherry Daniel.

A quorum was present.

**MINUTES**

Mayor Thomas presented the minutes from the November 13th meeting for approval. **Councilman Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes, with Councilman Huckaby seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

## **CASH DISBURSEMENTS & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Mayor Thomas submitted the October 2025 cash disbursements and financial statements for approval. **Councilman Barnes made a motion to accept the cash disbursements and financial statements, with Councilman Frost seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business brought before the Council.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **CHRISTMAS PARADE AWARD PRESENTATIONS**

Mayor Thomas announced the Christmas Parade Award presentations and noted that, in recognition of the City's Bicentennial year, Russell County Judge/Executive Randy Marcum joined him in presenting the awards and matching the City's award contributions.

The following Christmas Parade awards were presented:

- Best Dressed Window (Main Street): First National Bank
- Classic Car: JD Grider
- Best Youth Group: Friendship Baptist Church
- Best Small Entry: South Kentucky RECC
- Best Large Entry: Free Union Separate Baptist Church
- Best of the Parade: Russell County Jaycees

Mayor Thomas and Judge/Executive Marcum thanked all participants and organizers for their efforts and for helping make the Christmas Parade a success.

## **RESOLUTION 2025-15**

### **A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Replace the Clock in Front of City Hall with a Digital Sign**

Mayor Thomas presented a proposal to remove the non-functioning clock located in front of City Hall and replace it with a digital sign capable of displaying public information and safety

— messages, including potential partnership messaging with ABC related to anti-drinking and driving efforts.

At the request of Mayor Thomas, Clerk Ramsey read Resolution 2025-15, which authorizes the Mayor to replace the clock with a digital sign and to purchase all necessary equipment, materials, and services, provided the total cost does not exceed the City's procurement threshold.

**Councilman Barnes made a motion to accept Resolution 2025-15 as presented, with Councilman Hudson seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.**

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE**

Fire Chief Bobby Johnson and Assistant Fire Chief Mark Barnett presented an update on the Fire Department and the City's acceptance of a bid from Southeast Apparatus for a new tanker truck. The tanker will be a Kenworth T-880 with approximately 505 horsepower and an estimated 8–10 month lead time. The new tanker will replace a 1983 model currently in service and is being purchased through grant funding.

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

— Police Chief Bryan Shepard reported on Police Department activity for the month of November, noting multiple arrests, traffic enforcement actions, traffic accidents, and a total of 484 calls for service. Chief Shepard stated the department remained busy throughout the month.

### **PARKS & STREETS REPORT**

Parks & Streets Supervisor Daniel Buster provided an update on Main Street lighting improvements and Christmas Lights at the Park. He reported that City employees installed electrical service on the opposite side of Main Street and fabricated custom brackets to expand lighting.

Mr. Buster stated that approximately 3,707 vehicles had driven through the park during the first 12 days of this year's operation. He thanked City employees, Council, Mayor Thomas, Allen McQueary, and his staff for their assistance.

Park hours were announced as follows:

Sunday–Thursday: 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

— Friday–Saturday: 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Santa Claus is present in the park every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday for photos.

## **NATURAL GAS BOARD APPOINTMENT**

Mayor Thomas announced the reappointment of John Stivers to a new three-year term on the Natural Gas Board. This appointment is a mayoral appointment, and no action by the City Council was required.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Thomas thanked City employees, volunteers, Council members, and staff for their work on the Christmas Parade, Christmas Lights at the Park, and the City Christmas dinner.

Special thanks were given to Council Members Gary Frost and Timmy Hudson, others who assisted with the parade, and City Clerk Christopher Ramsey for coordinating the parade again this year. Mayor Thomas also recognized City employees for their efforts with parade setup and cleanup.

Mayor Thomas announced City Hall holiday closures:

- December 24, 25, and 26, 2025
- December 31, 2025; January 1 and 2, 2026

Mayor Thomas wished everyone a Merry Christmas and encouraged residents to remember faith and family during the holiday season.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Councilman Frost made a motion to adjourn, with Councilman Wilson seconding. Motion Carried.

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_

Eddie Thomas, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Christopher Ramsey, City Clerk/Treasurer