

**RUSSELL SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
REGULAR MEETING  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2026  
6:00 P.M.**

The Russell Springs City Council held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, February 12, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Room at Russell Springs City Hall. Those in attendance were Mayor Eddie Thomas; Council Members: Ricky Barnes, Sherry Daniel, Timmy Hudson, Gary Frost, Lance Huckaby, and Cody Wilson; Police Chief Bryan Shepard, Economic Development Director Jeramy Coffey, City Attorney David Smith, and City Clerk Christopher Ramsey

The opening prayer was led by Councilman Gary Frost

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. Huckaby, Mr. Frost, Mr. Hudson, Ms. Daniel, Mr. Barnes, and Mr. Wilson. Mayor Thomas declared a quorum.

**MINUTES:** Mayor Thomas presented the minutes from the previous meeting held on January 8<sup>th</sup>, 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 Decembers' cash disbursements and financial statements for approval. Councilman Barnes made a motion to approve and pay the bills, with Councilman Wilson seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ANCHOR AWARD PRESENTATION:** Mayor Thomas presented the Russell Springs "Anchor Award" to Judy and Elvis York in recognition of their work with "Spirit of Christmas," which provides gifts and fruit for children and families in need. Judy thanked the Mayor and Council and recognized the volunteer team and donors who make the project possible.

**RESOLUTION 2026-01 – DONATION OF LAND TO ARC PREGNANCY CENTER:** Clerk Ramsey read Resolution 2026-01, a resolution authorizing the donation of City-owned real property on Brian Walters Drive to ARC Pregnancy Center, a nonprofit corporation, not to exceed one (1) acre, and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute all necessary documents. Councilwoman Daniel made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-01 as presented, with Councilman Hudson seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.

**RESOLUTION 2026-02 – TURF IMPROVEMENTS AT CITY HALL:** Clerk Ramsey read Resolution 2026-02, a resolution authorizing the Mayor to negotiate installation costs and purchase artificial turf for the front of City Hall, authorizing expenditures not to exceed \$9,500, with funding from the General City Hall Fund, and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk/Treasurer to execute necessary documents. Discussion included ideas to add flower pots similar to those used on Main Street. Councilwoman Daniel made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-02 as presented, with Councilman Barnes seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.

**INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT – HOMELESS PREVENTION PROGRAM:** Mayor Thomas discussed the annual interlocal agreement with Russell County Fiscal Court and participating cities for homeless prevention assistance, including temporary lodging and limited assistance items. The annual cost remains \$1,500. Councilman Wilson made a motion to approve entering into the 2026-2027 agreement, with Councilman Frost seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.

**MUNICIPAL ORDER 2026-01 – HEALTH AND WELLNESS CAMPAIGN (SPONSORED BY COUNCILWOMAN SHERRY DANIEL):** Clerk Ramsey read Municipal Order 2026-01 establishing a City of Russell Springs Health and Wellness Campaign, at the recommendation of the Kentucky League of Cities, and authorizing the Mayor to implement and oversee the program and enter into agreements as needed, with funding subject to annual budget approval. Councilman Huckaby made a motion to approve Municipal Order 2026-01 as presented, with Councilman Barnes seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.

**KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION CABINET PRESENTATION – US 127 IMPROVEMENTS/ROUNDBABOUTS:** Jeff Dick (KYTC District 8) provided an update and presentation on planned urban roadway improvements for US 127, including traffic flow and safety data, crash history, and proposed intersection improvements featuring roundabouts, widening to four lanes in key areas, pedestrian accommodations, and shared-use path/sidewalk concepts. Mr. Dick discussed anticipated timelines, construction sequencing considerations, truck/large-vehicle navigation, and public education efforts.

**RESOLUTION 2026-03 – RCIDA APPOINTMENT (DAVID TURNER):** Clerk Ramsey read Resolution 2026-03 reappointing David Turner to the Russell County Industrial Development Board for a four (4) year term beginning March 18, 2026, and expiring March 17, 2030, subject to Council ratification. Councilman Barnes made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-03 as presented, with Councilman Hudson seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE:** Chief Shepard reported the January activity totals as follows: 2 DUIs, 9 drug arrests, 12 warrants served, 38 traffic citations, 18 traffic accidents, 18 total arrests, and 470 calls for service.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE:** Economic Development Director Jeramy Coffey provided an update on the Shogun project and related delays. Mr. Coffey explained that the prior development timeline had expired and that renewed Council action would be needed to proceed. Ronnie Salvador and Harlon Judd addressed Council regarding redesign efforts, costs already

incurred, the ongoing work with Branscum Construction (including steel being ordered), anticipated permitting timelines, and an estimated build time of approximately ten (10) months once underway. Discussion also included plans for the overall building, including an additional restaurant space.

**RESOLUTION 2026-04 – SALE/TRANSFER OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY TO SALVADOR AND JUDD PROPERTIES II, LLC:** Clerk Ramsey read a resolution authorizing the sale/transfer of City-owned property to Salvador and Judd Properties II, LLC for economic development purposes pursuant to KRS 82.083, with the transaction to be governed by a separate purchase and/or development agreement, and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk/Treasurer to execute all necessary documents. Councilman Barnes made a motion to approve the resolution as read, with Councilman Hudson seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:** Council members expressed appreciation for City crews and volunteers for snow and ice response and noted positive comments received from the public regarding road conditions and City services during the recent weather event.

**MAYOR'S UPDATE:**

- Announced the City Park will reopen Monday, February 16, 2026, following safety and cleanup work.
- Thanked the Streets Department and Russell Springs Volunteer Fire Department for snow and ice response efforts, and noted RSVFD remained operational with members staying at the station and responding to numerous calls during the event.
- Reminded the public that Veterans Banner deadline is April 15, 2026; cost is \$150 per banner for a four (4) year display. Interested parties should contact City Hall and speak with Brian Stephens at 270-866-3981.
- Announced pool passes are on sale at City Hall for \$35 per person for the season.
- Provided a brief update on the new City Hall digital sign and upcoming seasonal plans.

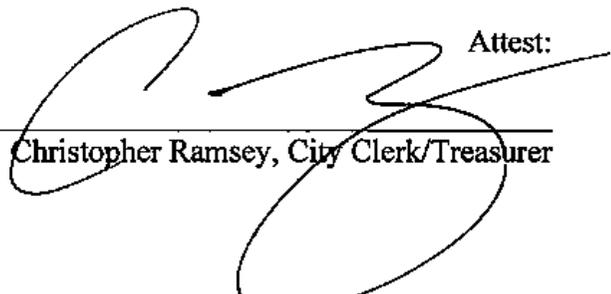
**ADJOURNMENT:** Councilman Barnes made a motion to adjourn, with Councilman Frost seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.

Signed:



Eddie Thomas, Mayor

Attest:



Christopher Ramsey, City Clerk/Treasurer