

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

The Russell Springs City Council held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, March 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 F. Smith, and City Clerk/Treasurer Christopher Ramsey.

The opening prayer was led by Councilman Lance Huckaby.

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

MINUTES: Mayor Thomas presented the minutes from the previous meeting on February 12th 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 presented the January cash disbursements and financial statements for approval. Councilman Barnes made a motion to accept, with Councilman Frost seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

AIR METHODS / EMS UPDATE:

Representatives Brian Carpenter (Air Methods) and Charles Sheperd (EMS) provided an update on the establishment of an air medical helicopter base at the Russell County Airport. The project is progressing with facility preparations underway and hiring in progress. A grand opening is anticipated in mid-to-late May 2026.

WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT – BID AWARD:

Brennan Welsh of Kenvirons, Inc., presented the bid results for the Cast Iron and Asbestos

Cement Waterline Replacement Project. Four bids were received, with three deemed responsive. The lowest responsive bidder was Cleary Construction.

Recommendation was made to award the project (base bid plus Alternate 1) in the amount of \$1,543,566.00.

Councilman Wilson made a motion to accept the bid and authorize award, with Councilman Barnes seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.

RESOLUTION 2026-05 – MT. EDEN PROJECT REMAINING FUNDS:

Clerk Ramsey presented Resolution 2026-05 authorizing the use of remaining funds from the Mt. Eden Waterline Project for the purchase of water system equipment, including a portable flow meter, hydrant/valve exerciser, and water meters.

Councilman Barnes made a motion to approve the resolution, with Councilwoman Daniel seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.

RESOLUTION 2026-06 – KENTUCKY DEFERRED COMPENSATION:

Clerk Ramsey presented Resolution 2026-06 authorizing the City's participation in the Kentucky Public Employees Deferred Compensation Authority 457 and 401(k) plans.

Councilman Wilson made a motion to approve the resolution, with Councilwoman Daniel seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Chief Shepard reported the following for February:

- 4 DUI arrests
- 3 drug-related arrests
- 12 warrants served
- 53 traffic charges
- 20 traffic accidents investigated
- 26 total arrests
- 537 calls for service

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT:

Director Coffey reported one Request for Information (RFI) received and ongoing work on multiple grant opportunities, with an estimated \$6–8 million in funding being pursued.

MAYOR'S UPDATE:

- Kevin Williams provided a video update on "Kevin's Kids," highlighting its impact and inviting the community to the annual event on April 25, 2026, at Russell Springs First Baptist Church.
- Council was reminded of a letter of appreciation from South Kentucky RECC included in their packets.
- Mayor Thomas expressed condolences to the family of former Councilman David Blakey and asked for continued prayers.
- Reported on recent trips to Frankfort and Washington, D.C., including meetings with Senator Mitch McConnell regarding grant opportunities.
- Announced upcoming road paving assistance and ongoing efforts to secure additional funding.
- Discussed the upcoming community Easter egg hunt scheduled for March 29, 2026, and encouraged participation.

ADJOURNMENT:

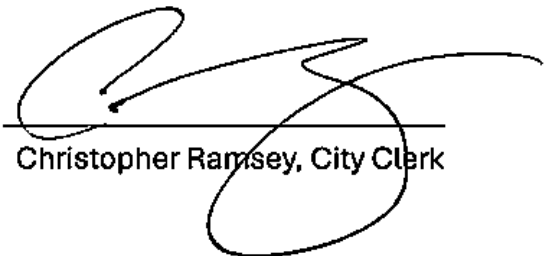
Councilman Hudson made a motion to adjourn, with a second from Councilman Frost. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.

Signed:



Eddie Thomas, Mayor

Attest:



Christopher Ramsey, City Clerk