

RUSSELL SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2026
6:00 P.M.

The Russell Springs City Council held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 9, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Room at Russell Springs City Hall. Those in attendance were Mayor Eddie Thomas; Council Members: Gary Frost, Cody Wilson, Ricky Barnes, Timmy Hudson, Lance Huckaby, and Sherry Daniel; Police Chief Bryan Shepard; and City Clerk Christopher Ramsey.

The opening prayer was led by Pastor Dallas Luttrell of Greater Hope Christian Fellowship Church.

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. Wilson, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Hudson, Mr. Huckaby, and Ms. Daniel. Absent: None.

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

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER INVITATION:

Pastor Dallas Luttrell invited the Council and public to attend the National Day of Prayer event on May 7th at 6:00 p.m. at Greater Hope Christian Fellowship Church.

ANCHOR AWARD PRESENTATION:

Keith Ellis and Teresa Ellis were presented the "Russell Springs Anchor Award" by Mayor Thomas for their longstanding contributions to the community, particularly

through their involvement in local schools and athletics. The recipients expressed appreciation for the recognition.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION LETTER:

Clerk Ramsey read a letter from Planning & Zoning Chairwoman Lou Ann Flanagan regarding the property of the late Marilyn Roy located on Robertson Street and Butler Lane. The letter clarified that the property is zoned R-2 and no request has been submitted for rezoning, conditional use, or variance. Any future request would follow proper procedures with opportunity for public input.

PUBLIC COMMENT – PROPERTY RUMORS:

Scott Wells addressed the Council to clarify that SPARC has no intention of purchasing property in Russell Springs, including the Roy property, and has not pursued any such actions.

LAKE CUMBERLAND TOURISM – SPONSORSHIP REQUEST:

Danielle Wilson presented a request for sponsorship support for the High School Fishing World Finals and National Championship, scheduled for June 22–27, 2026. The event is expected to bring approximately 1,500 anglers and 3,000–4,000 spectators, with a projected economic impact between \$2.3 million and \$3 million.

Councilman Barnes made a motion to table the request, with Councilman Hudson seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.

UNPAID PROPERTY TAX UPDATE:

Clerk Ramsey reported total unpaid 2025 property taxes of \$27,241.31, with less than 10% delinquency. Five accounts account for \$20,819 of the total. Notices will be published in the newspaper and on the City’s website for three consecutive weeks beginning April 23.

ASPHALT BID ACCEPTANCE:

Clerk Ramsey presented a single bid from Gaddie-Shamrock for asphalt at \$90 per ton, based on the current highway index price.

Councilman Wilson made a motion to accept the bid, with Councilman Hudson seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.

POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE:

Chief Shepard reported that for the month of March, the department made three DUI arrests and five additional drug-related arrests, served ten warrants, and conducted 196 traffic stops resulting in 73 traffic charges, including 17 for speeding. Officers investigated 17 traffic accidents, made a total of 27 arrests, and responded to 635 calls for service.

STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

Mayor Thomas delivered the annual State of the City Address, highlighting continued progress across all areas of City operations. He noted the first major upgrade to the City Hall computer system since 2001, which will improve efficiency and restore online payment capabilities, as well as the ongoing transition to modern accounting practices and strengthened financial records. Mayor Thomas expressed appreciation to Christopher Ramsey and Suzanne Hunter for their leadership in improving the City's financial position. He recognized the Police Department for its service and professionalism and thanked Chief Bryan Shepard for his leadership. He also highlighted the Fire Department's continued growth, including increased certifications, equipment upgrades, and the purchase of the City's first ladder truck, much of which was funded through grants, and thanked Fire Chief Bobby Johnson and Assistant Chief Mark Barnett. Improvements in the Parks and Streets Department were noted, including upgrades to ballfields, the Bankers Field of Dreams project, playgrounds, and general maintenance efforts that enhance the appearance of the City. The Utilities Department reported strong growth with 183 water taps and 123 sewer taps and no violations from the Kentucky Division of Water, and Mayor Thomas thanked Utilities Supervisor Allen McQueary and his staff. He also recognized Economic Development Director Jeramy Coffey for nearly 25 years of service and ongoing efforts to support growth. Looking ahead, Mayor Thomas emphasized continued investment in infrastructure and outlined a vision for strengthening Main Street as a central hub for the community. He concluded by thanking the City Council, employees, and citizens for their role in the City's continued success and reaffirmed that Russell Springs remains strong and positioned for a bright future.

MAYOR'S UPDATE

- New flagpole installed at the Fire Department
- Reminder of Kevin Williams' "Kevin's Kids" event on April 25 at First Baptist Church
- Update on Bankers Field of Dreams project, funded through \$110,000 in donations

- Recognition of local banks supporting the project
- Veterans Banner applications due by the end of the following week; residents encouraged to contact Brian Stephens

ADJOURNMENT:

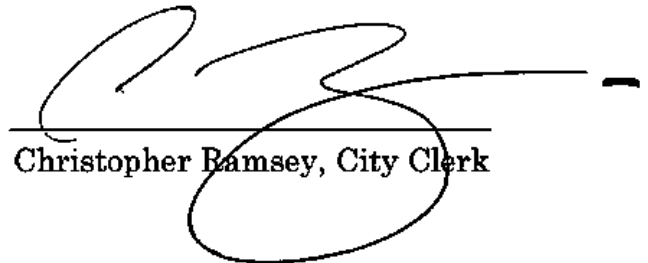
Councilman Barnes made a motion to adjourn, with Councilman Frost seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.

Signed:



Eddie Thomas, Mayor

Attest:



Christopher Ramsey, City Clerk