

**RUSSELL SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2026
8:30 A.M.**

The Russell Springs City Council held a special called meeting on Thursday, April 30, 2026, at 8:30 a.m., in the Council Room at Russell Springs City Hall. Those in attendance were Mayor Eddie Thomas; Council Members: Ricky Barnes, Sherry Daniel, Gary Frost, Lance Huckaby, and Timmy Hudson; Economic Development Director Jeremy Coffey, City Attorney David Smith, and City Clerk Christopher Ramsey.

The opening prayer was led by Mayor Eddie Thomas.

WELCOME: Mayor Thomas called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

ROLL CALL: City Clerk Christopher Ramsey performed the roll call. Present: Mr. Barnes, Mr. Frost, Ms. Daniel, Mr. Huckaby, and Mr. Hudson. Absent: Mr. Wilson

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Council entered executive session at 8:35 a.m. under KRS 61.810(1)(b) to deliberate on the future acquisition or sale of real property where publicity would likely affect its value. Councilman Barnes made a motion to enter into executive session under KRS 61.810(1)(b), for the purpose of discussing the future acquisition or sale of real property, the publicity of which could affect the value, and that no final action would be taken during executive session, with Councilman Huckaby seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.

EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION: Council returned to open session at 9:36 a.m. Councilman Frost made a motion to exit Executive Session under KRS 61.810(1)(b), with Councilman Barnes seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.

FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 2026-01 – FLAG DISPLAY AND LOWERING POLICY (SPONSORED BY COUNCILMAN FROST): Clerk Ramsey presented the legal summary for Ordinance 2026-01 establishing a formal policy for the display and lowering of flags on city-owned property. The ordinance provides guidance for compliance with official orders issued by the President of the United States and the Governor of Kentucky requiring flags to be lowered to half-staff. It also grants the Mayor authority to lower flags for local circumstances through written executive order. This was the first reading of the ordinance; therefore, no action was taken.

NEGOTIATION OF REAL PROPERTY PURCHASE: Councilwoman Daniel made a motion to authorize Mayor Eddie Thomas to negotiate a purchase price for the

property discussed in executive session, subject to council approval, with Councilman Barnes seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.

RESOLUTION 2026-07 – PRE-APPROVAL FOR ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT FUNDS: Clerk Ramsey presented Resolution 2026-07 providing pre-approval for the acceptance of anticipated grant funds and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk/Treasurer to execute all necessary documents and actions upon official notice of award. The resolution pertains to anticipated federal funding through the Land and Water Conservation Fund in the amount of \$205,996 and anticipated state funding through House Bill 723 in the amount of \$205,996. The resolution also authorizes the opening of separate bank accounts for the grant funds to expedite implementation upon award notification.

Councilwoman Daniel made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-07 as presented, with Councilman Frost seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.

MAYOR'S UPDATE:

Mayor Thomas announced the groundbreaking for the Shogun project scheduled for 12:00 p.m. and expressed appreciation to Ronnie Salvador for following through on his commitment to locate the project in Russell Springs.

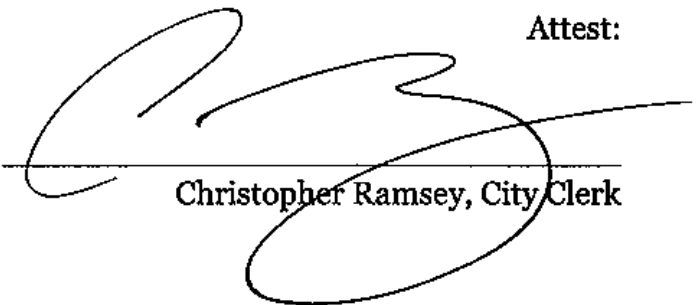
ADJOURNMENT: Councilman Hudson moved to adjourn the meeting, with Councilman Huckaby seconding. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Signed:



Eddie Thomas, Mayor

Attest:



Christopher Ramsey, City Clerk