

**RUSSELL SPRINGS CITY COUNCIL  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2026  
6:00 P.M.**

The Russell Springs City Council held a Special Called Meeting on Thursday, May 28, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Room at Russell Springs City Hall. Those in attendance were Mayor Eddie Thomas; Council Members: Sherry Daniel, Gary Frost, Lance Huckaby, Cody Wilson, and Ricky Barnes; Police Chief Bryan Shepard; Economic Development Director Jeramy Coffey; Assistant Fire Chief Mark Barnett; 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: Ms. Daniel, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Huckaby, and Mr. Frost. All members were present.

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

**SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 2026-01 – FLAG DISPLAY AND LOWERING POLICY:** Mayor Thomas presented the second reading of Ordinance 2026-01, establishing a policy for the display and lowering of flags on city-owned property. The ordinance provides guidance regarding compliance with official orders issued by the President of the United States and the Governor of Kentucky and authorizes the Mayor to lower flags under certain local circumstances through

Executive Order. Councilman Barnes made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2026-01, with Councilman Wilson seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.

**MUNICIPAL ORDER 2026-02 – SURPLUS POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**EQUIPMENT:** Clerk Ramsey presented Municipal Order 2026-02 declaring certain police department firearms and related equipment as surplus property and authorizing their transfer and sale to the Madison County Schools Police Department for \$6,000. The equipment included eleven Rock River Arms LAR-15 rifles and related accessories. Councilman Wilson made a motion to adopt Municipal Order 2026-02, with Councilman Frost seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.

**MUNICIPAL ORDER 2026-03 – INSURANCE RENEWALS FOR FY 2026-2027:**

Clerk Ramsey presented Municipal Order 2026-03 renewing the City's property, casualty, liability, workers' compensation, health, and dental insurance coverages for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. Councilman Frost made a motion to adopt Municipal Order 2026-03, with Councilwoman Daniel seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.

**RESOLUTION 2026-08 – PURCHASE OF INFRASTRUCTURE MATERIALS:**

Clerk Ramsey presented Resolution 2026-08 authorizing Mayor Eddie Thomas to purchase approximately 300 feet of 72-inch drainage tile for economic development and infrastructure improvements at an estimated cost of \$80,000. A discussion was held regarding flexibility in the quantity purchased if additional materials became necessary. Councilman Barnes made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-08, with Councilman Huckaby seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.

**RESOLUTION 2026-09 – MUNICIPAL AID CO-OP PROGRAM CONTRACT:**

Clerk Ramsey presented Resolution 2026-09 adopting and approving the execution of the Municipal Aid Co-op Program Contract with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet for Fiscal Year 2026-2027. The City's anticipated allocation was approximately \$52,495. Councilwoman Daniel made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-09, with Councilman Wilson seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Councilman Barnes made a motion to enter Executive Session pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(b) for discussions relating to prospective economic development activities, negotiations, and the possible acquisition or sale of

real property, with Councilman Frost seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous. Council entered Executive Session at 6:20 p.m. CST.

**EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Councilman Wilson made a motion to return to open session, with Councilman Frost seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous. Council resumed Open Session at 7:12 p.m. CST.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CONTRACT:** Councilwoman Daniel made a motion authorizing Mayor Eddie Thomas to negotiate and execute an agreement on behalf of the City of Russell Springs for economic development and grant procurement services, provided the agreement falls within the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget, with Councilman Barnes seconding. Motion Carried. The vote was unanimous.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE:** Economic Development Director Jeramy Coffey reported that construction activities continue on the Shogun project and that City officials recently participated in meetings with hospitality industry representatives regarding potential future development opportunities. Mr. Coffey stated that several economic development projects continue to progress.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE:** Assistant Chief Mark Barnett provided an update regarding environmental testing associated with a previous gas leak incident near Jax's. He explained that the Environmental Protection Agency directed the contractor involved to conduct testing and core drilling along Carol Street and nearby properties.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE:** Chief Bryan Shepard reported the following activity for the previous month:

- 5 DUI arrests
- 9 drug and alcohol-related arrests
- 4 warrants served
- 119 traffic stops
- 45 traffic citations issued
- 7 speeding citations
- 20 traffic accidents
- 21 arrests
- 513 calls for service

**MAYOR'S UPDATE:**

- Mayor Thomas reported that the Joseph Smith Hays Memorial Pool is open for the summer season through Labor Day and introduced Scott Jones as the new Pool Manager. The Splash Pad is also open, and additional operating hours are being considered.
- Mayor Thomas reported that the Russell Springs City Park hosted several successful softball tournaments and thanked the coaches, volunteers, concession workers, City employees, and tournament organizers for their efforts.
- Mayor Thomas also highlighted recent landscaping improvements at the Russell Springs Veterans Cemetery and City Hall and noted the positive public response received regarding those projects.
- Finally, Mayor Thomas thanked City Hall staff for their efforts in implementing the City's new utility billing software system and restoring online payment capabilities for customers.

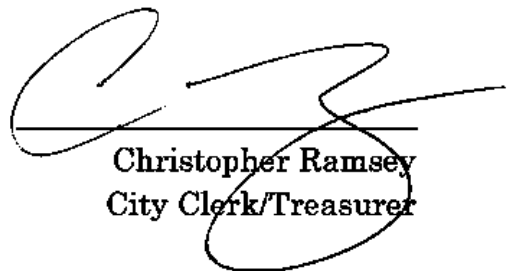
ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and approved unanimously.

Signed:



Eddie Thomas  
Mayor

Attest:



Christopher Ramsey  
City Clerk/Treasurer