



MINUTES
CITY OF RUSSELL COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, July 25, 2024, at 6:00 PM

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Board of Council of the City of Russell Kentucky met for a regular meeting in the council chambers of the City Building on Thursday July 25, 2024. Mayor Simpson called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM., led the pledge and prayer.
- II. **ATTENDANCE:** Council members present were Don Fraley, Vincenzo Fressola, Clyde Meadows, Roy Parsons, Alice Thompson and Ruth Hopkins. A quorum was present and acting and due notice had been given. Others present were Jennifer Williams, City Clerk and City Attorney Mitch Hall.
- a. **Sign in Sheet:** Michael Garlinger, Cathie Shaffer, Ryan Biederman, MT Moriarity, MA Moriarity, Paula Irving, Amanda Clark, Nancy Ogden, Susan McGinnis Callihan, Thomas Saylor, and Melissa Epling.
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Mayor Simpson announced that the minutes from the May 23, 2024 council meeting would be considered for approval at this time.
- a. **Motion** - A motion was made by Alice Thompson to accept the minutes from the May 23, 2024 council meeting, seconded by Don Fraley.
- i. **Action** - Voting aye: Don Fraley, Vincenzo Fressola, Clyde Meadows, Roy Parsons, Alice Thompson, Ruth Hopkins.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS:** No financials were reviewed for this council meeting.
- V. **PUBLIC COMMENTARY:**
- a. **Steven Pickarski** – KLC Financial Services, gave council a brief overview of the financial services offered through KLC.
- b. **Susan McGinnis Callihan** – Susan thanked the city for the requests she had made being considered and progress being made on those requests.
- VI. **BUSINESS ITEMS:**
- a. **Bid for Calibration Services for water plant equipment.**
- i. **Motion:** A motion was made by Clyde Meadows to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 6, 2024, seconded by Alice Thompson.
1. **Action:** - Voting aye: Don Fraley, Vincenzo Fressola, Clyde Meadows, Roy Parsons, Alice Thompson, Ruth Hopkins.
- b. **First Reading Ordinance No. 7, 2024 – Granting the City of Russell Kentucky Providing for the Advertisement and Sale of a Franchise Authorizing the owner thereof town, maintain, construct and operate electric power transmission and distribution lines.**
- i. **Motion** A motion was made by Don Fraley to accept the first reading of Ordinance No. 7, 2024, seconded by Vincenzo Fressola.
1. **Action** - Voting aye: Don Fraley, Vincenzo Fressola, Clyde Meadows, Roy Parsons, Alice Thompson, Ruth Hopkins.



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c. Resolution No. 10, 2024 – Title VI Adoption

- i. **Motion** - A motion was made by Don Fraley to accept Resolution No. 10, 2024 adopt FIVCO's Title VI Plan for the City of Russell, seconded by Clyde Meadows.
- 1. **Action** - Voting aye: Don Fraley, Vincenzo Fressola, Clyde Meadows, Roy Parsons, Alice Thompson, Ruth Hopkins.

d. Resolution No. 11, 2024 – Authorizing Application for loan to purchase new police vehicles.

- i. **Motion** - A motion was made by Don Fraley to accept Resolution No. 11, 2024, seconded by Alice Thompson.
- 1. **Action** - Voting aye: Don Fraley, Vincenzo Fressola, Clyde Meadows, Roy Parsons, Alice Thompson, Ruth Hopkins.

e. Resolution No. 12, 2024 – Allowing the issue of Medical Cannabis to be put on the Ballot.

- i. **Motion** - A motion was made by Don Fraley to prohibit all medical cannabis operations in the City of Russell, seconded by Clyde Meadows.
- 1. **Action** - Voting aye: Don Fraley, Clyde Meadows and Roy Parsons. Voting nay: Vincenzo Fressola, Alice Thompson and Ruth Hopkins. Due to the tie, the mayor's vote was considered and his vote was nay.
- ii. **Motion** - A motion was made by Vincenzo Fressola to accept Resolution No. 12, 2024 allowing the issue of medical cannabis to be put on ballot, seconded by Ruth Hopkins.
- 1. **Action** - Voting aye: Vincenzo Fressola, Clyde Meadows, Alice Thompson and Ruth Hopkins. Voting nay: Don Fraley and Roy Parsons

VII. REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS:

- a. **Mayor Simpson:** Announced the hire of Nick Hedge Class IV Water Plant Operator.
- b. **Council:**
 - i. **Ruth Hopkins** –Councilwoman Hopkins wanted to know the decision on the three way stop at Verna Dr and Monroe. Mayor Simpson recommended the person wanting the stop sign placed do a poll of all the houses in the neighborhood that would be affected and see what their opinion is. Also the Belhaven speed bumps, she stated there are mixed opinions of the speed bumps and asked for smaller speed bumps.
 - ii. **Don Fraley** – Councilman Fraley created a new budget request form and presented it to council.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- a. **Motion:** A motion was made at 7:25 PM by Roy Parsons to go into executive session pursuant of KRS 61.810(1)(b) for deliberations on the future acquisition or sale of real property by a public agency, and 61.810(1)(c) discussions of proposed or pending litigation against or on behalf of the public agency, seconded by Don Fraley.
- i. **Action** – Voting aye: Don Fraley, Vincenzo Fressola, Clyde Meadows, Roy Parsons, Alice Thompson, and Ruth Hopkins.



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b. Council returned from executive session at 7:47 PM.

- i. **Action** – No action taken for the provisions allowed by KRS 61.810(1)(b) for deliberations on the future acquisition or sale of real property by a public agency and no action taken for the provisions allowed by KRS 61.810(1)(c) discussions of proposed or pending litigation against or on behalf of the public agency.

c. Special Called Meeting for Second Reading of Ordinance No. 7, 2024

- i. **Action** - Meeting scheduled for Monday July 29, 2024 @ 2:00 PM.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

- a. **Motion:** At 7:49 PM a motion was made by Roy Parsons to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Clyde Meadows.
- i. **Action** - Voting aye: Don Fraley, Vincenzo Fressola, Clyde Meadows, Roy Parsons, Alice Thompson, Ruth Hopkins.



Samuel R. Simpson, IV Mayor

ATTEST



Jennifer Williams, City Clerk