



MINUTES
CITY OF RUSSELL COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, June 6, 2024, at 2:00 PM

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Board of Council of the City of Russell Kentucky met for a special called meeting, called pursuant to KRS 61.823(2) by the majority of council members and presiding officer Mayor Simpson, in the council chambers of the City Building on Thursday June 6, 2024. Mayor Simpson called the meeting to order at 2:00 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, Jennifer Sizemore, Finance Director, Mitch Hall, City Attorney, Police Chief Kenny Huddleston, Street & Distribution Supervisor Mike Lacks, & Fire Chief Billy Selvage.
- a. **Sign in Sheet:** Susan McGinnis Callihan
- III. **RECOGNIZE THE AUDIENCE:**
- a. Susan McGinnis Callihan – Susan addressed issues with the drains and recent flooding on Ferry Street and Bellefonte Street, and asked that people reach out to Steve Gunnell with the Kentucky Division of Transportation due to the heavy rains causing flooding that is affecting the local businesses.
- IV. **BUSINESS ITEMS:**
- a. **First Reading Ordinance No. 4, 2024 Adopting the City of Russell, Kentucky Annual Budget for The Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 Through June 30, 2024**
- i. **Motion:** A motion was made by Don Fraley, seconded by Roy Parsons to accept the KEMI Workers Comp insurance quote.
1. **Action** – Voting aye: Don Fraley, Vincenzo Fressola, Clyde Meadows, Roy Parsons, Alice Thompson, and Ruth Hopkins.
- ii. **Motion:** A motion was made by Vincenzo Fressola, seconded by Clyde Meadows to stay with the Current Plan for Health Insurance for the City of Russell Employees.
1. **Action:** - Voting aye: Don Fraley, Vincenzo Fressola, Clyde Meadows, Roy Parsons, Alice Thompson, and Ruth Hopkins.
- iii. **Motion:** A motion was made by Alice Thompson, seconded by Don Fraley to accept the bid from KLC Property and Liability Insurance.
1. **Action:** - Voting aye: Don Fraley, Vincenzo Fressola, Clyde Meadows, Roy Parsons, Alice Thompson, and Ruth Hopkins
- iv. **Motion:** A motion was made by Don Fraley, seconded by Alice Thompson to accept the new rate of the Fire and Police Incentive Pay.
1. **Action:** - Voting aye: Don Fraley, Vincenzo Fressola, Clyde Meadows, Roy Parsons, Alice Thompson, and Ruth Hopkins



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- v. **Motion:** A motion was made by Clyde Meadows, seconded by Alice Thompson to give a \$1.00 per hour pay increase to all employees.
1. **Action:** - Voting aye: Don Fraley, Vincenzo Fressola, Clyde Meadows, Roy Parsons, Alice Thompson, and Ruth Hopkins
- vi. **Motion:** A motion was made by Don Fraley to purchase four police cruisers and finance over five years, seconded by Roy Parsons.
1. **Action:** - Voting aye: Don Fraley, Roy Parsons, and Ruth Hopkins. Voting nay: Vincenzo Fressola, Clyde Meadows, and Alice Thompson. Due to the tie, Mayor Simpson's vote was considered and his vote was no.
- vii. **Motion:** A motion was made by Vincenzo Fressola to purchase two police cruisers, either Explorers or Tahoe's and finance over five years seconded by Alice Thompson.
1. **Action:** - Voting aye: Vincenzo Fressola, Clyde Meadows, Alice Thompson. Voting nay: Don Fraley, Roy Parsons, and Ruth Hopkins. Due to the tie, Mayor Simpson's vote was considered and his vote was yes.
- viii. **Motion:** A motion was made by Don Fraley, seconded by Clyde Meadows, to allow Mike Lacks, Street & Distribution Supervisor to move forward with purchasing the new tractor and accessory.
1. **Action:** - Voting aye: Don Fraley, Clyde Meadows, Roy Parsons, Alice Thompson and Ruth Hopkins. Voting nay: Vincenzo Fressola
- ix. **Motion:** A motion was made by Don Fraley to move forward with the India Drive/Erwin Road Water Line Project, Seconded by Ruth Hopkins.
1. **Action:** - Voting aye: Don Fraley, Vincenzo Fressola, Clyde Meadows, Roy Parsons, Alice Thompson, and Ruth Hopkins
- x. **Motion:** A motion was made by Vincenzo Fressola to table the Fire Station #1 addition to look further into the project and costs, seconded by Roy Parsons.
1. **Action:** Voting aye: Don Fraley, Vincenzo Fressola, Clyde Meadows, Roy Parsons, Alice Thompson, and Ruth Hopkins
- xi. **Motion:** A motion was made by Roy Parsons to accept H&A Resource Management bid for the lagoon clean out, seconded by Clyde Meadows.
1. **Action:** Voting aye: Don Fraley, Vincenzo Fressola, Clyde Meadows, Roy Parsons, Alice Thompson, and Ruth Hopkins
- xii. **Motion:** A motion was made by Don Fraley to accept the bid for actuators from Citco, seconded by Clyde Meadows.
1. **Action:** Voting aye: Don Fraley, Vincenzo Fressola, Clyde Meadows, Roy Parsons, Alice Thompson, and Ruth Hopkins



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xiii. **Motion:** A motion was made by Vincenzo Fressola to table the Chemical Bid approval until Chief Water Plant Operator Brad Sparks can speak to council on chemicals.

1. **Action:** Voting aye: Don Fraley, Vincenzo Fressola, Clyde Meadows, Roy Parsons, Alice Thompson, and Ruth Hopkins

xiv. **Motion:** A motion was made by Don Fraley to accept Ordinance No. 4, 2024 as the first reading with additions or possible adjustments on second reading, seconded by Vincenzo Fressola.

1. **Action:** Voting aye: Don Fraley, Vincenzo Fressola, Clyde Meadows, Roy Parsons, Alice Thompson, and Ruth Hopkins

Council took a short recess starting at 3:55 PM and ending at 4:02 PM

xv. **Motion:** A motion was made by Don Fraley to schedule special called meeting on June 10, 2024 @ 6:00 pm for second reading of Ordinance No. 4, 2024, seconded by Vincenzo Fressola.

1. **Action:** Voting aye: Don Fraley, Vincenzo Fressola, Clyde Meadows, Roy Parsons, Alice Thompson, and Ruth Hopkins

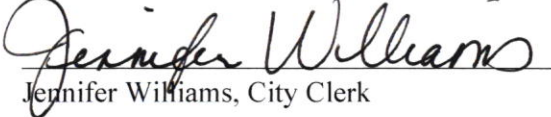
V. ADJOURNMENT:

a. **Motion:** At 4:05 PM a motion was made by Vincenzo Fressola to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Roy Parsons.

i. **Action** - Voting aye: Don Fraley, Vincenzo Fressola, Clyde Meadows, Roy Parsons, Alice Thompson, and Ruth Hopkins


Samuel R. Simpson, IV Mayor

ATTEST


Jennifer Williams, City Clerk