



MINUTES
CITY OF RUSSELL COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday November 21, 2024, at 6:00 PM

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Board of Council of the City of Russell Kentucky met for a special called meeting in the council chambers of the City Building on Thursday November 21, 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, Jennifer Sizemore Finance Director, and City Attorney Mitch Hall.
- a. **Sign in Sheet:** J.R. Fennell, Brycen May, Jasper Ball, Michael Garlinger, Scott Martin, Diamond Lewis, Bobby Hall, and Eric Patton.
- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Mayor Simpson announced that the minutes from the October 24, 2024, and November 12, 2024 council meetings would be considered for approval at this time.
- a. **Motion** - A motion was made by Don Fraley to accept the minutes of the October 24, 2024 council meeting and November 12, 2024 council meeting, seconded by Alice Thompson.
1. **Action** - Voting aye: Don Fraley, Vincenzo Fressola, Clyde Meadows, Roy Parsons, Alice Thompson, and Ruth Hopkins.
- IV. **APPROVAL OF FINANCIALS:** Mayor Simpson announced that the financials for October 2024 would be considered for approval at this time.
- a. **Motion** - A motion was made by Don Fraley to approve the financials for October 2024, seconded by Alice Thompson.
1. **Action** - Voting aye: Don Fraley, Vincenzo Fressola, Clyde Meadows, Roy Parsons, Alice Thompson, and Ruth Hopkins.
- V. **PUBLIC COMMENTARY:**
- a. **Bobby Hall** – Bobby Hall spoke to the Council about the Greenup County Tourism Board and new Director Jamie Bloss.
- b. **Diamond Lewis** – Mr. Lewis gave an update on the City of Russell Tourism and Convention Commission, the hiring of Madeline Tipton for Social Media Manager, update on building of website, and park plans.
- c. **Ruth Hopkins** – Inquired about pond on Verna Drive.
- d. **Scott Martin** – NEKY Commerce Representative, addressed Council about an upcoming strategic planning session, new website coming, and the Commerce know about new business openings.
- e. **Jasper Ball** – FIVCO, Jasper spoke to Council about Fivco and services.
- f. **Vincenzo Fressola** – Spoke on the Kenwood Preserve.
- VI. **BUSINESS ITEMS:**
- a. **First Reading Ordinance No. 14, 2024 – Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 2, 2023 The City Sanitation Department Rules of Operation and Fees for Services Rendered.**
1. **Motion** A motion was made by Don Fraley to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 14, 2024, seconded by Vincenzo Fressola.



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- i. **Action** - Voting aye: Don Fraley, Vincenzo Fressola, Clyde Meadows, Roy Parsons, Alice Thompson, and Ruth Hopkins.
- b. **Second Reading Ordinance No. 11, 2024 - Kentucky Power Franchise Agreement**
 1. **Motion** - A motion was made by Clyde Meadows to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 11, 2024 seconded by Don Fraley.
 - i. **Action** - Voting aye: Don Fraley, Vincenzo Fressola, Clyde Meadows, Roy Parsons, Alice Thompson, and Ruth Hopkins.
- c. **Second Reading Ordinance No. 12, 2024 – Water and Sewer Tap Fees**
 1. **Motion** - A motion was made by Don Fraley to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 12, 2024 seconded by Vincenzo Fressola.
 - i. **Action** - Voting aye: Don Fraley, Vincenzo Fressola, Clyde Meadows, Roy Parsons, Alice Thompson, and Ruth Hopkins.
- d. **Second Reading Ordinance No. 13, 2024 – Mutual Aid Agreement for Fire Protection with the City of Ashland**
 1. **Motion** - A motion was made by Don Fraley to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 13, 2024, seconded by Clyde Meadows.
 - i. **Action** - Voting aye: Don Fraley, Vincenzo Fressola, Clyde Meadows, Roy Parsons, Alice Thompson, and Ruth Hopkins.
- e. **Resolution No. 19, 2024 – Resolution Authorizing Russell to Borrow Funds for the New Fire Truck**
 1. **Motion** - A motion was made by Alice Thompson to approve Resolution No. 19, 2024, seconded by Don Fraley.
 - i. **Action** - Voting aye: Don Fraley, Vincenzo Fressola, Clyde Meadows, Roy Parsons, Alice Thompson, and Ruth Hopkins.
- f. **Resolution No. 20, 2024 – Resolution Granting Right of Entry to Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc. for the Installation of New Gas Lines Through City Owned Property and Designating the Mayor as Signor for Agreement.**
 1. **Motion** - A motion was made by Don Fraley to approve Resolution No. 20, 2024, seconded by Vincenzo Fressola.
 - i. **Action** - Voting aye: Don Fraley, Vincenzo Fressola, Clyde Meadows, Roy Parsons, Alice Thompson, and Ruth Hopkins.

VII: REPORTS & COMMUNICATIONS:

- a. **Mayor Simpson:**
 1. Turkey Trot – November 28th, 2024
 2. Office Closed November 28th & 29th for Thanksgiving Holiday
 3. Fire Department Annual Christmas Dinner – December 3rd, 2024 at 6:00 pm at the Venue at the Edge
 4. Office Closed – Tuesday December 24th and Wednesday December 25th, 2024



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b. **Staff:** - Nothing at this time

c. **Council:**

1. **Ruth Hopkins** – Ruth read a heartfelt letter about her service to the city and citizens and appreciation for her time served.

2. **Alice Thompson** – Alice asked about the new fire truck arrival. Fire Chief Selvage gave update on final inspection of truck was scheduled for December 4th, 2024. She then asked for clarification on the insurance premium tax and what it would be used for. She also asked Fire Chief Selvage about the storage of fire equipment and the need for additional storage area to protect the equipment. Plans need to be drawn up along with a materials list and the formal bidding process can begin.

VIII: EXECUTIVE SESSION:

a. **Motion:** A motion was made at 7:18 PM by Clyde Meadows 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 publicity would likely affect the value of a specific piece of property to be acquired for public use, seconded by Alice Thompson.

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

b. **Council returned from executive session at 7:33 PM.**

i. **Action** – No action taken for the provisions allowed by 61.810(1)(b) for deliberations on the future acquisition or sale of real property by a public agency.

IX: ADJOURNMENT:

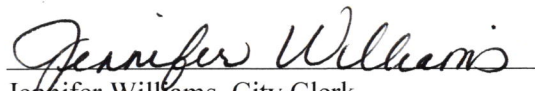
a. **Motion:** At 7:33 PM a motion was made by Don Fraley to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Vincenzo Fressola.

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

