

**April 30, 2020**

**The Board of Council of the City of Russell, Kentucky met in called session in the meeting room of the City Building on April 30, 2020 at 1:02 p.m. The meeting will be a live meeting broadcast on Facebook. The Mayor asked the City Clerk to read the Call to discuss and take possible action on the following:**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Minutes (February)**
- 3. Financial Reports (February and March)**
- 4. Recognize Audience**
- 5. Old Business:**
  - A. FYI – Officer Diedrich’s last day is April 30, 2020 had has retired with 13.5 years service with the Russell Police Department**
  - B. FYI – Sidewalk bids went into paper on April 16, 2020, bids close at 3 p.m. on May 7, 2020 and will be opened on May 8, 2020 at 10 a.m.**
  - C. FYI – City of Russell Auction will be re-Scheduled at a later date**
  - D. FYI – bridge Property Deed – Finance Cabinet Dept.**
  - E. Cartee Sign – Mr. Cooksey will be at the May meeting. If you have any questions about the sign please get them to the Mayor ASAP.**
- 6. New Business:**
  - A. Municipal Order #1, 2020 Authorizing the Mayor to execute an Interlocal Agreement Between the City of Russell and the City of Ashland**
  - B. Resolution #2 Fade**
  - C. Permission to publish Delinquent Taxes**
  - D. Motion to approve New Water Transmission Min - \$149,860.00**
  - E. Health Insurance – Agent on record to KLC for one month (no cost to anybody and present agent does not lose his fees for June)**
  - F. Approve all Water plant bids**
  - G. Approve Paving bid**
  - H. Ordinance #3, 2020 Update Former Employee Compensation Plan**
  - I. Ordinance #4, 2020 Update New Hire Employee Compensation Plan**
  - J. Executive Session – Litigation**
- 7. Adjourn Meeting**

**The meeting was called to order by Mayor Simpson with the following councilpersons answering roll call: Dave Kersey, Clyde Meadows, Roy Parsons, Esther Shaffer, Alice Thompson, and Mike Whitt. Absent: None.**

**On the motion of Alice Thompson, seconded by Dave Kersey to approve the February 27, 2020 minutes as printed, voting aye: Dave Kersey, Clyde Meadows, Roy Parsons, Esther Shaffer, Alice Thompson, and Mike Whitt. Nay: None.**

**April 30, 2020 – continued:**

**On the motion of Dave Kersey, seconded by Alice Thompson to approve the February and March Financials as printed, voting aye: Dave Kersey, Clyde Meadows, Roy Parsons, Esther Shaffer, Alice Thompson, and Mike Whitt. Nay: None.**

**On the motion of Dave Kersey, seconded by Alice Thompson to set a Budget meeting on May 11, 2020 at 2:00 p.m., voting aye: Dave Kersey, Clyde Meadows, Roy Parsons, Esther Shaffer, Alice Thompson, and Mike Whitt. Nay: None.**

**The Mayor addressed the Council and audience discussing the future for the City of Russell. The Mayor mentioned the different businesses that have closed and the loss of jobs in Russell. The Mayor explains how this is going to impact future budgets for the City and that the City will not have the funds to purchase property, demo, or revitalize the Downtown. He explained that the City would lose at least \$650,000.00 in payroll tax this year. The Mayor stated that we need to prepare for the worst and as a last resort the City may have to raise taxes and possibly lay off employees. The goal is to keep services to our residents at the level they are now.**

**On the motion of Roy Parsons, seconded by Alice Thompson to accept the sign from Cartee and to authorize the Mayor to sign the deed for the sign, voting aye: Dave Kersey, Clyde Meadows, Roy Parsons, Esther Shaffer, Alice Thompson, and Mike Whitt. Nay: None.**

**On the motion of Mike Whitt, seconded by Roy Parsons to adopt on the first reading Municipal Order #1, 2020 authorizing and directing Samuel R. Simpson IV, Mayor to execute an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City of Russell, Kentucky and the City of Ashland, Kentucky Authorizing Russell and Ashland Police Officers To Exercise Their Powers Throughout Both Cities In Order To Combat Illegal Activity, voting aye: Dave Kersey, Clyde Meadows, Roy Parsons, Esther Shaffer, Alice Thompson, and Mike Whitt. Nay: None.**

**On the motion of Dave Kersey, seconded by Esther Shaffer to table the discussion on continuing with FADE until the next Council meeting, voting aye: Dave Kersey, Clyde Meadows, Roy Parsons, Esther Shaffer, Alice Thompson, and Mike Whitt. Nay: None.**

**April 30, 2020 – Continued:**

**On the motion of Esther Shaffer, seconded by Roy Parsons to allow the City Clerk to publish the taxes in June and to allow the City Attorney to file lawsuits, voting aye: Dave Kersey, Clyde Meadows, Roy Parsons, Esther Shaffer, Alice Thompson, and Mike Whitt. Nay: None.**

**On the motion of Dave Kersey, seconded by Roy Parsons to approve the New Water Transmission main in the amount of \$149,860.00 and to have the City Attorney write a letter declaring the project an emergency, voting aye: Dave Kersey, Clyde Meadows, Roy Parsons, Esther Shaffer, Alice Thompson, and Mike Whitt. Nay: None.**

**On the motion of Mike Whitt, seconded by Roy Parsons to allow the City Clerk to sign an Agent of Record with Kentucky League of Cities for approximately two weeks to allow them to obtain quotes from Anthem, voting aye: Dave Kersey, Clyde Meadows, Roy Parsons, Esther Shaffer, Alice Thompson, and Mike Whitt. Nay: None.**

**On the motion of Roy Parsons, seconded by Mike Whitt to take the water plant bids under advisement until the next meeting, voting aye: Dave Kersey, Clyde Meadows, Roy Parsons, Esther Shaffer, Alice Thompson, and Mike Whitt. Nay: None.**

**On the motion of Roy Parsons, seconded by Mike Whitt to approve the bid from Mountain Enterprises and to limit the amount of paving to be around \$70,000.00, voting aye: Dave Kersey, Clyde Meadows, Roy Parsons, Esther Shaffer, Alice Thompson, and Mike Whitt. Nay: None.**

**On the motion of Roy Parsons, seconded by Alice Thompson to adopt on 1<sup>st</sup> reading Ordinance #3 Updating Former Employee Compensation Plan, voting aye: Dave Kersey, Clyde Meadows, Roy Parsons, Esther Shaffer, Alice Thompson, and Mike Whitt. Nay: None.**

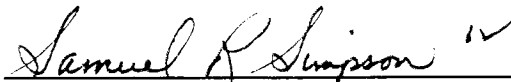
**On the motion of Dave Kersey, seconded by Roy Parsons to adopt on 1<sup>st</sup> reading Ordinance #4 Updating New Hire Employee Compensation Plan, voting aye: Dave Kersey, Clyde Meadows, Roy Parsons, Esther Shaffer, Alice Thompson, and Mike Whitt. Nay: None.**


April 30, 2020 – Continued:

On the motion of Alice Thompson, seconded by Dave Kersey to go into Executive Session at 2:06 p.m., voting aye: Dave Kersey, Clyde Meadows, Roy Parsons, Esther Shaffer, Alice Thompson, and Mike Whitt. Nay: None.

On the motion of Dave Kersey, seconded by Alice Thompson to move that the City Attorney, James Armstrong, is authorized to take all appropriate action under terms of the assignment and assumption agreement dated 22<sup>nd</sup> of February 2018 concerning the 2016 water storage tanks project, voting aye: Dave Kersey, Clyde Meadows, Roy Parsons, Esther Shaffer, Alice Thompson, and Mike Whitt. Nay: None.

On the motion of Roy Parsons, seconded by Dave Kersey to adjourn the meeting at 2:29 p.m., voting aye: Dave Kersey, Clyde Meadows, Roy Parsons, Esther Shaffer, Alice Thompson, and Mike Whitt. Nay: None.

  
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Samuel R. Simpson IV, Mayor

  
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Joyce E. Conley, City Clerk/Treasurer