

May 28, 2020

The Board of Council of the City of Russell, Kentucky met in called session in the meeting room of the City Building on May 28, 2020 at 6:01 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 (April and May)**
- 3. Financial Reports(April)**
- 4. Recognize Audience**
- 5. Old Business:**
 - 1. FYI – Bridge Property Deed**
 - 2. FYI – Speed Hump**
 - 3. FYI – Delinquent will be published no later than June 30, 2020**
 - 4. Sidewalk**
 - 5. Budget**
 - 6. Health Insurance**
 - 7. Reset Budget Hearings for June 11, 2020**
 - 8. Resolution #2, Fade**
- 6. New Business:**
 - 1. Resolution #3, Russell Board of Zoning**
 - 2. Ordinance #5 Sewer Rates**
 - 3. Ordinance #6 Water Rates**
 - 4. 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 Roy Parsons, seconded by Alice Thompson to approve the April 30, May 8, 11, and May 18, 2020 minutes 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 approve the April Financials as printed, voting aye: Dave Kersey, Clyde Meadows, Roy Parsons, Esther Shaffer, Alice Thompson, and Mike Whitt. Nay: None.

May 28, 2020 – Continued:

On the motion of Roy Parsons, seconded by Dave Kersey to hire a surveyor to validate the City of Russell's property as described in the deed from the Commonwealth of Kentucky (Greenup County D639 PG318), voting aye: Dave Kersey, Clyde Meadows, Roy Parsons, Esther Shaffer, Alice Thompson, and Mike Whitt. Nay: None.

FYI – The Mayor informed the Council and audience that he would be checking on the second speed hump for Short White Oak Road. Then he informed them that he was still receiving complaints about speeding on Short White Oak Road.

FYI – The City Clerk informed Council that she would be publishing the delinquent taxes by June 30, 2020.

FYI – The Mayor informed Council that Terri Sicking (KYOVA) had updated the funds for the sidewalk project.

The Mayor informed Council on how critical it is going to be for the City to meet next year's budget expenses with the cost of the Retirement both Hazardous and Non-hazardous even with the state putting a cap on it this year, the loss of revenue, not replacing a retired officer, and cutting every department. He informed them that the 2020-2021 Budget is balanced and the City will have to be very cautious this next year.

The City of Russell looked at health insurance quotes from Insurance Solutions and Kentucky League of Cities. A decision on which plan to choose will be voted on at the June 11, 2020 meeting.

On the motion of Roy Parsons, seconded by Dave Kersey to allow employees to receive the full HRA employee/spouse or family funds plus dental and vision for the spouse and family if the employee chooses to receive a single health insurance 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 _____ to not renew the contract with FADE for 2020-2021. Died for a lack of a second.

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On the motion of Esther Shaffer, seconded by Clyde Meadow to table the discussion of Fade until the next meeting and to have the Police Chief present to the Mayor and Council a list of Fade activity for the last year, voting aye: Clyde Meadows, Roy Parsons, Esther Shaffer, Alice Thompson, and Mike Whitt. Abstained: Dave Kersey. Nay: None.

On the motion of Dave Kersey, seconded to Alice Thompson to set the public hearing for the 2020-2021 Budget and Municipal Road Aid on June 11, 2020 beginning at 5:30 p.m., voting aye: Dave Kersey, Clyde Meadows, Roy Parsons, Esther Shaffer, Alice Thompson, and Mike Whitt. Abstained:

On the motion of Clyde Meadows, seconded by Alice Thompson to adopt Resolution #3 on 1st reading to appoint Bob Hammond to the Russell board of Adjustment for a term ending December 31, 2020, 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 Clyde Meadows to adopt on 1st reading Ordinance #5 Sanitary Sewer Rates for Downtown Russell, voting aye: Dave Kersey, Clyde Meadows, Roy Parsons, Esther Shaffer, Alice Thompson, and Mike Whitt. Nay: None.

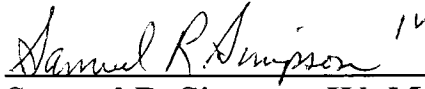
On the motion of Dave Kersey, seconded by Roy Parson to adopt on 1st reading Ordinance #6 Water Rates, voting aye: Dave Kersey, Clyde Meadows, Roy Parsons, Esther Shaffer, and Mike Whitt. Abstained: Alice Thompson. Nay: None.

On the motion of Roy Parsons, seconded by Dave Kersey to go into executive session at 7:35 p.m., voting aye: Dave Kersey, Clyde Meadows, Roy Parsons, Esther Shaffer, Alice Thompson, and Mike Whitt. Nay: None.

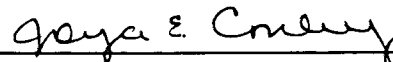
Returned at 7:46 p.m. No Action Taken.

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On the motion of Dave Kersey, seconded by Alice Thompson to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m., voting aye: All Ages. Nay: None.



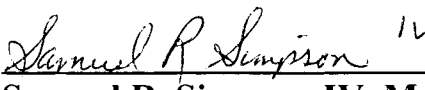
Samuel R. Simpson IV, Mayor



Joyce E. Conley, City Clerk/Treasurer

June 11, 2020

A public hearing for the 2020-2021 Annual Budget for the City of Russell, Kentucky, was called to order by the Mayor Samuel R. Simpson IV at 5:30 p.m. with the following people present: Samuel Simpson, James Armstrong, Dave Kersey, Roy Parsons, Alice Thompson, Mike Whitt, Esther Shafer, Clyde Meadows, Joy Conley, Ned Crisp, Mark Ballard, Jr., Paul Smith, Jason Groh, Cathie Shaffer, and Roger Potter. The meeting is live on Facebook. Copies of the budget for the fiscal year of 2020-2021 were distributed to the audience for their consideration. Ryan Biederman asked a question about the Alcohol tax on Facebook. No written comments from citizens were submitted to the City. The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.



Samuel R. Simpson IV, Mayor



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