

**January 23, 2020**

**The Board of Council of the City of Russell, Kentucky met in regular session in the meeting room of the City Building on January 23, 2020 at 6:01 p.m. Mayor Simpson led the pledge and gave the prayer. 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 Roy Parsons to approve the minutes for December 19, 2019 as printed, voting aye: Dave Kersey, Clyde Meadows, Roy Parsons, Esther Shaffer, Alice Thompson, and Mike Whitt. Nay: None.**

**On the motion of Alice Thompson, seconded by Roy Parsons to approve the December 2019 Financial Statements as printed, voting aye: Dave Kersey, Clyde Meadows, Roy Parsons, Esther Shaffer, Alice Thompson, and Mike Whitt. Nay: None.**

**Bufford Hurley – Greenup County E-911 – presents the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement to the Mayor and Council. He asks that the City join in a cooperative or inter jurisdictional program that will accord best with geographic, economic, population and the other factors influencing the needs and development of local communities.**

**On the motion of Roy Parsons, seconded by Clyde Meadows to renew the Greenup County E-911 Interlocal Cooperation Agreement, voting aye: Dave Kersey, Clyde Meadows, Roy Parsons, Esther Shaffer, Alice Thompson, and Mike Whitt. Nay: None.**

**The Mayor speaks about his concerns for the future of the City with the closing of Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital. He informed Council that he had spoken with the OLBH CEO and that he was told that the hospital would close in September or sooner. There will be an approximate loss of 1000 jobs in the city and that many of the local hospitals were holding job fairs in the next few weeks.**

**The Mayor recognized the audience.**

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**Cathie Shaffer announced that the Greenup News is planning to celebrate their 150 year anniversary. The Greenup news is inviting everyone to stop by so that the newspaper can show their appreciation for letting them serve the community with free press.**

**Ryan Biederman – 325 Riverside Drive – announced that he would be running for Council in the fall and that he was involved in the area Republican party and if the City needed to get in touch with any representatives to please contact him concerning the closing of OLBH.**

**Randy Abbott – 433 Short White Oak Road – complained about the speeding on Short White Oak Road and that recently their had been a recent bus wreck due to speeding. The Mayor informed him that he would be ordering more speed humps for Spring.**

**Mike Lacks(Street/Distribution Supervisor) and Jason Groh(Street/Stormwater) gave a presentation on the City of Russell's water tanks and pump stations. It was an excellent presentation as to how the City of Russell distributes water to customers.**

**The Mayor opened the one bid received for the Don't Drink and Drive Program(Jeremy Holbrook and Phillip Stewart) at 6:36 p.m.. The program would cost for the first year \$129,930.28, second year \$106,500.00, and the third year \$106,500.00. Jeremy Holbrook gave a brief description to the Mayor and Council about how the program would work.**

**On the motion of Roy Parsons, seconded by Mike Whitt to allow the Mayor, City Clerk, and Police Chief to check to see if the Russell Board of Education would be in favor of this program, inquire if the ABC Board in Frankfort will approve of the program, and to get a full description of the program, then bring the program back to Council for final approval, voting aye: Dave Kersey, Clyde Meadows, Roy Parsons, Esther Shaffer, Alice Thompson, and Mike Whitt. Nay: None.**

**The Mayor informed the Council that the sidewalk bids will close at 3:00 p.m. on January 30, 2020 and will be opened on January 31,**

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**2020 at 10:00 a.m., attended a meeting with the Kentucky Transportation Department, Kentucky had received the Bridge deed, the Turkey Trot raised \$4,400.00 for helping hands, and that the Police was looking into a Cop's grant.**

**On the motion of Mike Whitt, seconded by Roy Parsons to pay the final bill to Caldwell Tanks in the amount of \$31,900.00, voting aye: Dave Kersey, Clyde Meadows, Roy Parsons, Esther Shaffer, Alice Thompson, and Mike Whitt. Nay: None.**

**On the motion of Clyde Meadows, seconded by Dave Kersey to adopt Ordinance #10, 2019 on second reading to Update the Compensation on New Hires, 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 Ordinance #11, 2019 on second reading to Update the Compensation Plan, 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 adopt Ordinance #1 on 1<sup>st</sup> reading to Update International Property Maintenance Building Codes, 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 Ordinance #2 on 1<sup>st</sup> reading to Update the Electrical Codes, 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 approve a new street Truck in the amount of \$25,140.00 from , voting aye: Dave Kersey, Clyde Meadows, Roy Parsons, Esther Shaffer, Alice Thompson, and Mike Whitt. Nay: None.**

**On the motion of Alice Thompson, seconded by Roy Parsons to approve a 5K run for Habitat for Humanity April 11, 2020 at 9 a.m.,**

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**voting aye: Dave Kersey, Clyde Meadows, Roy Parsons, Esther Shaffer, Alice Thompson, and Mike Whitt. Nay: None.**

**On the motion of Clyde Meadows, seconded by Alice Thompson to adopt on 1<sup>st</sup> reading Resolution #1 for the Appointment to the Russell Ethics Committee Board as follows: Cheryl Jones for a term ending December 31, 2021, Anthony Thompson for a term ending December 31, 2020, Rob Caniff for a term ending December 31, 2022, and Rick Counts will serve as an alternate with 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 Alice Thompson, seconded by Roy Parsons to go into executive session at 7:54 p.m. to discuss proposed litigation on behalf of the City of Russell, voting aye: Dave Kersey, Clyde Meadows, Roy Parsons, Esther Shaffer, Alice Thompson, and Mike Whitt. Nay: None.**

**Returned at 8:15 p.m.**

**On the motion of Mike Whitt, seconded by Roy Parsons for termination for convenience, by the City of Russell effective upon Engineer's receipt of notice from the City of Russell the Agreement between the City of Russell and Bluegrass Engineering, PLLC dated October 17, 2018 for the Water Treatment Plant Expansion (project) under paragraph 6.06 B2, 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 Clyde Meadows for termination for convenience, by the City of Russell effective upon Engineer's receipt of written notice from the City of Russell the agreement between the City of Russell and Bluegrass Engineering PLLC dated October 17, 2018 for the Downtown water Main Replacement (Project) under paragraph 3.01 A2, voting aye: Dave Kersey, Clyde Meadows, Roy Parsons, Esther Shaffer, Alice Thompson, and Mike Whitt. Nay: None.**

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**On the motion of Dave Kersey, seconded by Roy Parsons to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 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**

**January 31, 2020**

**On January 31, 2020 the Mayor, City Clerk, Mike Lacks, Mitch Thomas(AECOM), John Keeton, James Pennington, Terri Sicking, Rocky Bentley(DEBCON, INC.), Michael Cordle(Womack), and Chadwick Collins met in the Council room to open the sidewalk bids. The City of Russell received three (3) bids. The Mayor opened the following bids:**

- (1) Adams Contracting, LLC – 10:05 a.m. - 131 Prosperous Place, Suite 19A, Lexington, KY 40509 - \$1,036,804.50**
- (2) Womack Excavating, LLC - 10:09 am. – P. O. Box 798, Greenup, Kentucky 41144 - \$383,871.00**
- (3) DEBCON, Inc. – 10:10 a.m. - 9714 U.S. Route 60, Ashland, KY 41102-9509 \$1,779,865.00**

**Mitch Thomas pointed out that Womack Excavating, LLC and DEBCON, Inc. are not prequalified with the State of Kentucky. Therefore, their bids cannot be considered for the sidewalk project. Adams Contracting, LLC's amount is above the approved amount allocated for the project. Bids will be taken to the Council to be set aside and to ask permission to re-bid on March 5, 2020.**

**The meeting ended at 10:35 a.m.**

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