

December 19, 2019

The Board of Council of the City of Russell, Kentucky met in regular session in the meeting room of the City Building on, at 6:03 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 Mike Whitt, seconded by Alice Thompson to approve the minutes for November 21, 2019 as printed, 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 approve the November 2019 Financial Statements as printed, voting aye: Dave Kersey, Clyde Meadows, Roy Parsons, Esther Shaffer, Alice Thompson, and Mike Whitt. Nay: None.

The Mayor recognized the audience.

No comments from the audience.

The Mayor thanked everyone on the Christmas parade, the chili, and the Christmas Dinner.

On the motion of Esther Shaffer, seconded by Dave Kersey to allow the City to bid out for the “Don’t Drink or Drive Program,” voting aye: Dave Kersey, Clyde Meadows, Roy Parsons, Esther Shaffer, Alice Thompson, and Mike Whitt. Nay: None.

The Mayor asked Ben Cooksey to address the Council about the Cartee sign.

Ben Cooksey – 1518 Kentucky Avenue, Ashland, KY 41102 – informed the Mayor and City Council that the deed to the property from the state came to Cartee. Since this happened, Mr. Cartee will be taking care of the sign until further notice. Mr. Blum informed the Mayor and Council that the sign had been approved by the Zoning

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Board and now they are waiting on the sign permit. The Mayor and Council declared to table the discussion on the sign.**

FYI – Sidewalk Bids due back on January 30, 2020.

FYI – The Mayor, Mike Lacks, and Billy Selvage attended a Kentucky Transportation meeting on solutions to the infrastructure needed in Boyd and Greenup County.

FYI – Bridge deed – Ohio is correcting the first deed and then sending it back to the state of Kentucky to be filed.

On the motion of Esther Shaffer, seconded by Roy Parsons to adopt Ordinance #10 Updating the Pay/Classification Plan for New Employees Hired After October 4, 2018, voting aye: Dave Kersey, Clyde Meadows, Roy Parsons, Esther Shaffer, Alice Thompson, and Mike Whitt. Nay: None.

On the motion of Esther Shaffer, seconded by Clyde Meadows to adopt Ordinance #11 Updating the Pay/Classification 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 Dave Kersey to go into Executive session at 7:42 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 7:34 p.m.

On the motion of Alice Thompson, seconded by Roy Parsons to employ Banks Engineering, Inc. to procure professional services to conduct field surveys, engineering designs, bidding, and/or construction administration services for infrastructure initiatives. The City is engaging the services of Banks Engineering, Inc. to facilitate the implementation of infrastructure improvements (hereinafter called the PROJECT), 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 Roy Parsons, seconded by Alice Thompson to adjourn at 7:36 p.m., voting aye: Dave Kersey, Clyde Meadows, Roy Parsons, Esther Shaffer, Alice Thompson, and Mike Whitt. Nay: None.

Samuel R. Simpson IV, Mayor

Joyce E. Conley, City Clerk/Treasurer