

RUSSELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING

April 14th, 2025

Members present:

Tracy Klotz, Mayor
Barbara Parks, Treasurer/Recorder
Brenda Poole, Secretary

Robin Meachum
Renee Garr

Robert Seigriest, Fire Chief
Brea Timberlake, Water Department
Public Visitors: None

The meeting was called to order with the pledge of allegiance and a prayer.
The minutes were read with motion to approve by Meachum and seconded by Garr, 3-0 vote to approve.

Fire Dept Update, Robert Seigriest

Robert gave an update on fire department activity which included 13 calls, he provided a report with details.

The bed of the brush trucks needs to be replaced with a flat bed to improve usability. The cost is \$9,325.58 per-vehicle. Poole made a motion to approve the purchase for both trucks, seconded by Garr, approved with a 3-0 vote.

Water Dept Update

Tommy reported to Mayor Klotz that the sewer pumps are working well during heavy rain and flooding. Brea gave an update on billing and new customers.

Treasurer Update

Barbara Parks gave an update of revenue and expenditures for the month of March with reports and bank statements.

Old Business

Water Audit Update: Still waiting on the CPA everything has been submitted.

Tree Trimming: Grizzlywood Tree Service took the tree down at the alleyway on West Walnut and trimmed the trees overhanging Main Street.

New Business

Future Grant Projects:

- After the sewer grant is completed, Aug 2025, we can apply for more grants through White River Planning & Development.
- Priorities for grants:
 - Community Storm Shelter
 - Ditch Clean-out, Flooding Abatement
 - Side Walks
 - Water tower, main flow valve, lines, and meters

New Flags: We need 21 new flags for street display on holidays plus some extras. The city park needs a new flag and possibly a new flag pole. Two quotes were found for purchase of the flags, \$816.03 was the least expensive for 24 of the 3x5 street flags and one 5x8 flag for the park. Garr made a motion to approve the purchase, seconded by Meachum, approved with a 3-0 vote.

City Hall Schedule: Tracy & Barbara will be available and at the office Monday and Wednesday nights as well as the 1st and 3rd Sunday, schedule permitting.

City Employee Salary: It came to our attention that Howard Poole's salary has been labeled incorrectly in the accounting software. His regular salary was labeled as Water Department for the last few years. It should be coming out of the General Fund. This will be corrected starting with May 2025 payroll.

Dogs: There are several dogs menacing citizens and attacking livestock and pets. The owner was confronted and claimed the city council had a bounty on the dogs, which is false. The White County Sherriff deputies confirmed that those who feel threatened by the dogs or whose livestock or pets are being threatened by the dogs are allowed to use lethal force to stop the attack.

Community Service: A Russell resident is required to complete community service hours. Mayor Klotz will coordinate and sign off on the community service.

Council Meeting Times: Poole made a motion to move city council meeting times to 6:30 PM starting with the May City Council Meeting. The motion was seconded by Meachum and approved with a 3-0 vote.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned, motion by Garr, seconded by Meachum, approved with a 3-0 vote.

[Signed and Approved 12-May-2025]

Tracy Klotz, Mayor

Date

[Signed and Approved 12-May-2025]

Barbara Parks, Recorder/Treasurer

Date