

**RUSSELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2025**

Members present:

Tracy Klotz, Mayor

Brenda Poole, Secretary

Robin Meachum

Renee Garr

Darrell Lutner

Robert Seigriest, Fire Chief

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 Garr and seconded by Meachum, 4-0 vote to approve.

**Fire Dept Update, Robert Seigriest**

- Calls: 10 calls were responded to in January including 3 brush fires and 2 vehicles/
- There were two meetings, 8 hours of training, and 15 volunteer hours logged for January. Approximately 7,200 gallons of water was used.
- The Firefighter hoods need to be upgraded, most are out of date. The cost estimate is \$1,900.

Poole made a motion to increase the volunteer fire department's spending limit without council approval to \$2,500 for regular purchases. The motion was seconded by Garr, approved by a 4-0 vote.

**Water Dept Update**

Mayor Klotz: Sewer Construction is going well. The pumps are in and lines are being repaired and worked on. There was a major leak at the Methodist Church on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street; a water main line cracked and split.

**Treasurer Update**

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

**Old Business**

Stop signs were quoted at \$22.50 each. They will be ordered next week.

**New Business**

Tree Removal: The tree behind the old store at the corner of West Walnut is in the alley and is dead. The city needs to remove it.

- Robert will look into possibly using it as a training exercise for the volunteer fire department.

City Clean-up: The fire department can rent dump trailers to pick up during the next Searcy/White County cleanup event. There is no fee for dumping during the event. We need to get dates from City of Searcy.

RR Crossing: Trucks with low trailers are routinely getting hung up on the tracks, often due to GPS guiding them off the interstate between Bradford and Russell. It has happened twice in the last week and at least five times in the last year. Signs that warn of trailer low ground clearance should be placed at the Russell off ramps at I-57 and on the highway in town before the turn over the tracks.

- A motion to approve the signs is made by Garr, seconded by Poole, approved with a 4-0 vote.

Water Personnel: Barbara Parks has submitted her resignation from the Water Billing Office effective March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025. Brea Timberlake is recommended to take over the position. She has been our meter reader for quite some time and she has experience with the water billing software.

- Motion to approve hiring Brea Timberlake make by Garr, seconded by Meachum, approved by a 4-0 vote.

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned, motion by Lutner, seconded by Meachum, approved with a 4-0 vote.

*[Approved and Signed Mar 10, 2025]*

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Tracy Klotz, Mayor

Date

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Barbara Parks, Recorder/Treasurer

Date