

Russell City Council Meeting
March 11th, 2024

Members present:

Tracy Klotz, Mayor
Barbara Parks, Treasurer/Recorder
Brenda Poole, Secretary
Eugene Webber
Darrel Kading
Diane Mayfield

Robert Siegriest, Fire Chief

Visitors: Jim Reilly, resident

The meeting was called to order with the pledge of allegiance and a prayer. The minutes were read with motion to approve by Webber and seconded by Diane. 4-0 vote to approve.

Public Comments:

Mr. was concerned with the lack of speed limit signs around town. The trucks hauling through town come through fast.

Mayor: Speed limit signs are going up within the next month. We also need city limits signs.

Mr. was also concerned about a large black dog that is biting people and reported to have killed a cat.

Mayor: The White County Sheriff should be contacted to report any incidents. The town would need to hire a constable to enforce any city ordinances on leash laws.

Volunteer Fire Dept Update, Robert Siegriest:

The new fire truck needs an estimated \$9,000 in repairs to be ready for services. The seller promised a turn-key ready truck.

Webber made a motion to send a breach of contract letter to the truck sales company requesting they pay for repairs. The motion was seconded by Kading. 4-0 vote to approve.

Water Dept Finance Update, Barbara Parks

Parks gave a reporting of the Water Department's accounts, both deposits and expenditures with handouts for the council members and Mayor Klotz to review.

Mayor Klotz announced that there will be a monthly water meeting the Friday before the city council meeting, starting in April.

Treasurer Update, Barbara Parks

Parks presented the council with the monthly bank statements and accounting reconciliation reports. 2024 Budget Proposals for the town, water department, street department, and volunteer fire department were presented for the approval. All budgets were passed with 4-0 votes.

Old Business

No old business

New Business

Playground Update: The old playground equipment will be removed by the city in the next three weeks so the new equipment can be installed. The old equipment that is safe to use will be offered up to local churches as a donation and the rest will be sold for scrap.

There is an old water tank owned by the fire department that needs to be removed. Webber proposed a motion to sell it for scrap and put the revenue in the Fire Donation account. The motion was seconded by Diane. Approved with a 4-0 vote.

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

[Approved and Signed April 8, 2024]

Tracy Klotz, Mayor

Date

[Approved and Signed April 8, 2024]

Barbara Parks, Recorder/Treasurer

Date