

RUSSELL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 10TH, 2025

Members present:

Tracy Klotz, Mayor

Barbara Parks, Treasurer/Recorder

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 Lutner, 4-0 vote to approve.

Fire Dept Update, Robert Seigriest

Robert gave an update on fire department activity which included 6 calls: 2 structure, 3 vehicles, and 1 illegal burning.

Water Dept Update, Tommy Sanford

There is a leak at the post office that is on the city side. The recent storm winds caused the target to be hung up, it needs to be fixed. Tommy will get a cost estimate for replacing the current pulley with an enclosed pulley.

Treasurer Update

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

Old Business

Sewer Grant: Camera inspections showed damage to manholes with the lateral lines less damaged than originally thought. This cost adjustment will save \$25,000 from the total amount approved for the grant. The savings can only be used on sewer projects within the scope of the grant. A proposal will have to be made for the funds and approved by the granting agency.

Water Audit Update: The CPA needed two additional documents to complete the audit. Those have been provided and the audit should be completed after the tax rush.

New Business

Town Clean-Up: Searcy is having the spring free trash events April 24-26. The Russell Volunteer Fire Department will pick up items left on the curb of Russell residents within city limits on Thursday and Friday ONLY. A notice will be posted on the town website and Facebook page as well as in the Russell Post Office notice board.

Tree Removal/Trimming: There is a rotten tree in the alleyway behind the old store on Highway Ave and West Walnut St that needs to be removed. Grizzly Wood gave two quotes: \$450 for trimming limbs on Main Street and \$1,650 for removal and stump grinding of the rotten tree. A second quote will be gotten from Victory of Life, Don Petit. Tracy will text council members for approval.

Change to Water Policy:

- Update to the new water hook-up cost, the current policy says to call for cost of new water hook-up. \$1,350 is what IJ uses, \$1,500 is what Bald Kob has in their policy.
 - \$1,500 new water hook-up fee is proposed by Garr, seconded by Poole, Approved with a 3-0 vote.
- Water Office Hours need to be updated to “check the website or posted hours on the office door.”
- Add online payment methods

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

NOTE: Council member Robin Meachum left the meeting early at approximately 6:00 PM.

[Signed and Approved 14-April-2025]

Tracy Klotz, Mayor

Date

[Signed and Approved 14-April-2025]

Barbara Parks, Recorder/Treasurer

Date