

ORDINANCE NO. 1304

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A "CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION PURCHASE MONEY" FUND FOR THE RUSSELLVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT, ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES FOR THE USE OF SAID FUND, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Russellville, Arkansas recognizes that an illegal drug abuse problem exists in this nation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Russellville desires to limit and curtail the illegal sale and use of drugs in this City as much as possible; and

WHEREAS, from time to time, the Russellville Police Department is involved in undercover drug operations wherein funds are needed to establish a "cover" for the undercover officer and to purchase drugs from criminal drug dealers; and

WHEREAS, the Russellville Police Department would be aided in its effort to fight crime and illegal drug use and sale by establishment of a "criminal investigation money" fund;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RUSSELLVILLE, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1: The City Treasurer shall establish a special account to be known as the "Criminal Investigation Purchase Money" fund. Said account shall be funded with funds from two (2) sources.

The first source of funds will be from the funds ordered paid to the Russellville Police Department in circuit court criminal cases. Said funds normally represent restitution from money spent by the Russellville Police Department while conducting undercover operations. Said funds presently are deposited in the City's general fund. From this date forward those funds shall be deposited in this account.

The second source of funds will be from the city's general fund, should the City Council choose to appropriate funds for this investigation fund.

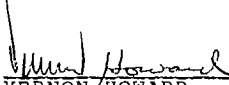
SECTION 2: This account shall be maintained by the City Treasurer and withdrawals shall be made only when authorized, by signature, by two (2) persons from the following group of persons: City Treasurer, Chief of Police, Mayor, City Attorney.

SECTION 3: Funds withdrawn from said account shall be used only in official criminal investigations conducted by the Russellville Police Department. Said funds may be used, with the approval of the Chief of Police, by undercover officers to establish a cover, to purchase drugs or stolen property, or may be used to pay informants for information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of criminals.

SECTION 4: Emergency Clause.

Whereas, the immediate operation of the provisions of this ordinance is necessary for the preservation of the public health, public safety and general welfare, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the City council of the City of Russellville, Arkansas, and publication and posting as required by law.

DATED this 27th day of April, 1989.


VERNON/HOWARD
MAYOR

ATTEST:


JOHN KROENCKE
CITY CLERK