

MINUTES
Russellville City Council Meeting
Thursday, February 19, 2026

Welcome and Call to Order. Mayor Fred Teague
Prayer / Moment of Silence Bryan Harris
Roll Call. Gina Skelton, City Clerk-Treasurer

Attendees. Mayor Fred Teague, City Attorney Trey Smith, City Clerk Gina Skelton, Finance Director, Brittany Baker, Councilmember's Justin Keller, Chris Olson, Joe Pearson, Seth Bradley and Nathan George, Laura Wetzel and Paul Gray were present. Emily Young was absent.

Approval of Minutes. January 13, 2026, January 22, 2026 and February 10, 2026 (SCM)

Motion to Approve the Minutes for January 13, 2026, January 22, 2026 and February 10, 2026 was made by Mr. Gray. Second by Mr. Keller. Motion passed and minutes approved. Voice vote 7-0.

Financial Report. Brittany Baker, Finance Director

February 19, 2026

Highlights:

City .5 Sales Tax Receipts	\$499,255		
County Sales Tax Receipts	\$592,177		
One Cent Sales Tax Receipts	\$998,510	(\$599,106 Streets	\$99,851 FD/PD
<i>\$149,776.50 Parks/Ec. Dev.)</i>			
Interest Received	\$151,402		
<i>General Fund</i>	\$ 18,163		
<i>Street Fund</i>	\$ 86,169		
<i>All Other Funds</i>	\$ 47,070		

GENERAL FUND

REVENUES: January operating revenues totaled \$1,912,137 compared to \$1,657,045 for the same period last year. YTD operating revenue is 11.18% above budget. January sales tax collections and turnback totaled \$1,150,164, Franchise Fees & Permits totaled \$188,976 and Other Revenues totaled \$572,997.

EXPENDITURES: January expenditures totaled \$1,714,496, comprised of Personnel Related Expense of \$1,259,374, Utilities & Other Expenses were \$455,122. YTD expenditures were 0.18% above budget projections.

STREET FUND

REVENUES: January street revenues totaled \$925,172; 2021 Sales Tax \$599,106, State Turnback and Advalorem Tax \$237,197, Interest \$86,169, & Street Cutting Permit \$2,700. Street YTD Operating Revenues were 10.26% below budget projections.

EXPENDITURES: Operational expenditures for January were \$210,303 comprised of Personnel Related Expense of \$172,560 and Utilities & Other \$37,743; Capital Spending was \$0, Street Sales Tax Spending was \$801,614 towards S Waterloo Ave, Drainage Maintenance, Drainage Projects, Downtown Improvements, RAISE Grant Project, & US 64 W Sidewalk Project; State Turnback Street Projects spending was \$18,627 towards Traffic Signal Improvements.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDS

REVENUES: January revenues totaled \$172,592; New Sales Tax & Rent of \$154,276 and Interest of \$18,316.

EXPENDITURES: Expenditures from the Economic Development funds for the month of January were \$200,000 towards Capital Improvement (GeoSurface Turf – Soccer Complex).

CAPITAL ASSET FUND

REVENUES: Total January revenue totaled \$447 in Interest.

EXPENDITURES: January expenditures totaled \$0.

Fund Number	Fund Title	Fund Balance	January 2026		Fund Balance
		12.31.25	Receipts	Disbursements	01.31.26
Fund 01	General Fund	2,002,489.11	1,912,137.36	1,654,983.27	2,259,643.20
Fund 01	Emergency Reserve - General	3,500,000.00	-	-	3,500,000.00
Fund 02	Street Fund Operating (202)	4,783,079.67	255,993.36	210,302.57	4,828,770.46
Fund 02	Street Fund Capital (203)	28,060.54	-	-	28,060.54
Fund 28	2021 Street Sales Tax Fund	17,829,598.81	657,461.34	801,614.25	17,685,445.90
Fund 32	State Turnback Street Projects	3,864,962.12	11,716.97	18,627.02	3,858,052.07
Fund 03	2003 Economic Development Fund	2,803,712.65	13,731.95	-	2,817,444.60
Fund 04	Capital Asset Fund	132,645.56	447.08	-	133,092.64
Fund 07	2021 Sales Tax Capital Fund	1,509,055.73	104,913.56	131.47	1,613,837.82
Fund 08	2021 Parks & Rec Special Fund	1,220,314.68	153,931.51	6,364.45	1,367,881.74
Fund 10	EMS Services Fund	1,015,763.90	75,497.61	832.57	1,090,428.94
Fund 12	District Court Costs Fund	72,466.16	1,665.87	-	74,132.03
Fund 13	No Vehicle Insurance Fund	112,339.24	3,712.36	-	116,051.60
Fund 14	Parks & Rec Special	75,484.01	18,136.79	794.22	92,826.58
Fund 15	Police Training	43,463.18	1,157.59	2,365.30	42,255.47
Fund 17	Court Automation	537,187.04	5,700.18	1,016.36	541,870.86
Fund 18	Administration of Justice Fund	2,939.83	35,430.37	35,390.52	2,979.68
Fund 19	Criminal Justice Ordinance Fund	138,812.68	6,402.94	4,956.00	140,259.62
Fund 20	Fire Contingency Fund	74,377.01	248.32	-	74,625.33
Fund 21	Fire Insurance Premiums Fund	253,560.45	2,280.91	-	255,841.36
Fund 23	2007 Economic Development Fund	1,119,431.86	3,683.72	-	1,123,115.58
Fund 24	Russellville Oakland Cemetery	82,697.09	4,382.90	1,373.08	85,706.91
Fund 25	Russellville Convention Center	3,045,874.04	10,023.08	-	3,055,897.12
Fund 27	2021 Economic Development Fund	1,634,985.18	155,176.47	200,000.00	1,590,161.65
Fund 29	Grant Activity Fund	1.00	-	-	1.00
Fund 30	Latimore Tourist Home Fund	18,907.55	62.22	-	18,969.77
Fund 24.2	Oakland Cemetery Perpetual Care	266,067.87	1,303.46	-	267,371.33
		<u>46,168,276.96</u>	<u>3,435,197.92</u>	<u>2,938,751.08</u>	<u>46,664,723.80</u>

City of Russellville
Equipment Lease Liability
@ 01/31/2026

Lease Agreement	Purpose	Agreement ID	Beginning	Ending	Months Remaining	Total Payment	Liability @ 01/31/26
<i>In Fund 01 General Fund</i>							
LEAF	Kyocera 4054ci Printer		03/26/24	03/26/29	38	\$ 168.48	\$ 6,402.24
Pitney Bowes	SendPro C Auto Postage Machine	N18082153	04/01/23	04/01/28	25	\$ 151.35	\$ 3,783.75
						Total Lease Liability	<u>\$ 10,185.99</u>

Other General Fund Liabilities @ 01/31/26
In General Fund

Group Insurance Payable	\$ 2.50
Group Insurance HDHP Payable	\$ 391.63
LOPFI Payable	\$ 228.30
Total Other Liabilities	<u>\$ 622.43</u>

In Street Fund Accounts Payable

\$ -

In EMS Services Stryker - LIFEPAC35 Cardiac Monitors

1/1/2026 12/31/2028

3

\$ 139,769.48

\$ 419,308.44

Mayor's Report. 2026 Russellville State of the City

Mayor Fred Teage provided a 2026 Russellville State of the City

Departmental Report. Patrick Karp, Director of Russellville Municipal Airport

Patrick Karp, Director of Russellville Municipal Airport provided a presentation for the progression over the past year

Personnel Committee. Paul Gray, (Chairman), Joe Pearson, Laura Wetzel and Emily Young. **No. Report**

Finance Committee. Justin Keller, (Chairman), Nathan George, Justin Keller, Seth Bradley and Chris Olson.

5:30 p.m.

Item 1. Consideration of a Reimbursement Request from Main Street Russellville for the 4th Quarter of 2025 in the amount of \$15,000.00. Sponsored by Main Street Russellville.

Mr. Keller made a Motion to Adopt Finance Item 1. Motion Passed. Voice Vote 7-0.

Item 2. Appropriation

Appropriated from the **Russellville EMS Services Fund (10)** the

sum of \$359,749.42 to be used for the following purposes:

➤ ***To fund the Purchase of EMS Service Enhancement Equipment***

FUND: Russellville EMS Services Fund (Fund 10)

DEPARTMENT: Fire (Department 110)

EXPENDITURE: 10.110.5252 Equipment \$359,749.42

Mr. Keller made a Motion to Adopt Finance Item 2. Motion Passed. Voice Vote 7-0.

Item 3. Appropriation

Appropriated from the **2007 Economic Development Fund (23)** the sum of \$50,000.00 to be used for the following purposes:

➤ ***To assist Woodmont Valley Park with Infrastructure Expansion/Development***

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FUND: 2007 Economic Development (Fund 23)

DEPARTMENT: Admin (Department 101)

EXPENDITURE: 23.101.5611
Infrastructure Development \$50,000

****Finance Item 3 was moved from the 5:30 p.m. Finance Meeting to Full Council with No Recommendation.**

Mr. George made a Motion to Adopt Finance Item 3. Mr. Keller Seconded the Motion. Motion Passed. Voice Vote 5-2. Mr. Olson and Mr. Pearson voted "NO"

6:00 p.m.

Item 1. Consideration of Resolution No. 2400 to Approve the Purchase of 329 S Commerce located at 329 S. Commerce for City Corporation Offices and to Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk Treasurer too Sign an Offer and Acceptance With KHR, LLC and for Other Purposes. Submitted by City Corp.

Mr. Keller made a Motion to Adopt Finance Item 1. Motion Passed. Voice Vote 7-0.

Item 2. Consideration of **Resolution No. 2401** to Authorize the Mayor and City Clerk – Treasurer to Enter Into an Agreement With the Metro Little Rock Alliance to Provide Economic Development Marketing Services for the City of Russellville, Arkansas for Calendar Year 2026 and for Other Purposes. Submitted by AVAFED

Mr. Keller made a Motion to Adopt Finance Item 2. Motion Passed. Voice Vote 7-0.

Item 2a. Line Item Transfer in Accordance with Ordinance No. 1783

To:	Line Item No.	Amount
'07 Economic Development Fund	23.101.5209	\$8,000
From:	Line Item No.	Amount
'21 Economic Development Fund	27.101.5209	\$8,000

The reason for this request is as follows:
To efficiently utilize economic development fund balances.

Mr. Keller made a Motion to Adopt Finance Item 2a. Motion Passed. Voice Vote 7-0.

Unfinished (Old) Business.

Item 1. Consideration of **Ordinance No. 2549** Amending the Current Zoning Code for the City of Russellville, Arkansas, Adopted by Ordinance No. 2443, and for Other Purposes. **Third and Final Reading.** Sponsored by Planning Commission.

Mr. Keller made a Motion to Approve Old Business Item 1, to Suspend the Rules, Dispense with Reading Requirements, Read by Title Only, by Short Explanation and Read for the Third and Final Reading. Seconded by Mr. Pearson. Motion Passed. Roll Call Vote 7-0.

Mr. Keller made a Motion to Adopt Old Business Item 1. Seconded by Mr. George. Motion Passed. Voice Vote 7-0.

Item 2. Consideration of **Ordinance No. 2550** Accepting the Dedication of Rights-of-Ways and Easements to the City of Russellville, Arkansas, in the Plat of the Hunt Estates Minor Subdivision / Incidental Subdivision Plat for Amy Lynn Place and for Other Purposes. **Third and Final Reading.** Recommended by the Planning Commission.

Mr. Keller made a Motion to Approve Old Business Item 2, to Suspend the Rules, Dispense with Reading Requirements, Read by

Title Only, by Short Explanation and Read for the Third and Final Reading. Seconded by Mr. Pearson. Motion Passed. Roll Call Vote 7-0.

Mr. Keller made a Motion to Adopt Finance Item 2. Seconded by Mr. Gray. Motion Passed. Voice Vote 7-0.

- Item 3.** Consideration of **Ordinance No. 2551** Rezoning Certain Realty in the City of Russellville, Arkansas and for Other Purposes. (503 E Aspen Ln). Submitted by Derek Brown on behalf of Gary Scarborough. **Second of Three Reading.** Submitted by Planning & Development.

****Requesting that OB Item No. Item 3 be read two times only.**

Mr. George made a Motion to Approve Old Business Item 3, to Suspend the Rules, Dispense with Reading Requirements, Read by Title Only, by Short Explanation and Read for the Second and Final Reading. Seconded by Mr. Bradley. Motion Passed. Roll Call Vote 7-0.

Mr. Gray made a Motion to Adopt Finance Item 3. Seconded by Mr. George. Motion Passed. Voice Vote 7-0.

- Item 4.** Consideration of **Ordinance No. 2552** Rezoning Certain Realty in the City of Russellville, Arkansas and for Other Purposes. (800 Williamson Way) Submitted by Ashton Smith on behalf of Christian and Missionary Alliance. **Second of Three Reading.** Submitted by Planning & Development.

Mr. Keller made a Motion to Approve Old Business Item 4, to Suspend the Rules, Dispense with Reading Requirements, Read by Title Only, by Short Explanation and Read for the Second and Final Reading. Seconded by Mr. Olson. Motion Passed. Roll Call Vote 7-0.

Mr. Keller made a Motion to Adopt Finance Item 4. Seconded by Mr. George. Motion Passed. Voice Vote 7-0.

New Business.

- Item 1. Public Hearing**

Opened up at 7:00 p.m. then closed as no one was at meeting to speak on this item.

- Item 1a.** Consideration of an Ordinance Vacating and Abandoning One Hundred and Forty (140) Foot Minimally Improved Section of North Jackson Ave

With an Eighty (80) Foot ROW Adjacent to Lot 12 of Block 88 and Lot 7 of Block 89 of the JL Shinn Addition. Submitted by Barrett & Associates on behalf of Clarence Harbor and Armando.

Mr. Keller made a Motion to Approve New Business Item 1a, to Suspend the Rules, Dispense with Reading Requirements, Read by Title Only, by Short Explanation and Read for the First of Three Reading. Seconded by Mr. Gray. Motion Passed. Roll Call Vote 7-0.

Item 2. Consideration of **Resolution No. 2402** Setting a Public Hearing on the Vacation of Approximately One Hundred and Twenty Feet (120') Portion of Twelve Foot (12') Wide Alley Between Lots 1-3 and 10-12 of Block 8 of the Maddison White Addition. Submitted by Barrett & Associates on behalf of Chris Olson.

Mr. Keller made a Motion to Adopt New Business Item 2. Seconded by Mr. Gray. Motion Passed. Voice Vote 6-0. Mr. Olson "Obtained"

Item 3. Consideration of **Ordinance No. 2553** Rezoning Certain Realty in the City of Russellville, Arkansas and for Other Purposes. (R-2 Medium Density Residential to C-4 Neighborhood and Quiet Business located at 500-502 Tyler Road.) Submitted by the Disabled American Veterans on behalf of Clarence Harbour.

****Requesting the Emergency Clause be placed into effect on NB Item No. 3.**

Mr. Olson made a Motion to Approve New Business Item 3, to Suspend the Rules, Dispense with Reading Requirements, Read by Title Only, by Short Explanation and Read One Time Only. Seconded by Mr. George. Motion Passed. Roll Call Vote 7-0.

Mr. Keller made a Motion to Adopt New Business Item 3. Seconded by Mr. Gray. Motion Passed. Voice Vote 7-0.

Mr. George made a Motion to Enact the Emergency Clause on New Business Item 3. Seconded by Mr. Gray. Motion Passed. Voice Vote 7-0.

Item 4. Consideration of **Ordinance No. 2554** Rezoning Certain Realty in the City of Russellville, Arkansas and for Other Purposes. (C-2 Highway Commercial to C-3 Large Scale and Shopping Center Commercial located at 2407 N Arkansas Ave. Submitted by The Dels Inc.

****Requesting that NB Item No. 4 be read one time only.**

Mr. Bradley made a Motion for an Informal Discussion on New Business Item 4. Mr. Keller Seconded the Motion. Motion Passed. Voice Vote 7-0.

Mr. George made a Motion to Approve New Business Item 4, to Suspend the Rules, Dispense with Reading Requirements, Read by Title Only, by Short Explanation and Read One Time Only. Seconded by Mr. Bradley. Motion Passed. Roll Call Vote 6-0. Mr. Keller voted "NO".



Mr. George made a Motion to Adopt New Business Item 4. Seconded by Mr. Pearson. Motion Passed. Voice Vote 7-0.

- ❖ Finance Committee Meeting, Tuesday, March 10, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall Council Chambers followed by City Council Agenda Prep Meeting.
- ❖ Finance Committee Meeting, Thursday, March 19, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall Council Chambers followed by City Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Fred Teague.

City Clerk Gina Skelton.

Approved by Council.



3/19/2026

