

MINUTES REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

CITY OF SHEPHERDSTVILLE,

MONDAY, February 14, 2011

Jerry Pile gave the invocation

Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Mayor Ellis thanked everyone for coming and called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

In attendance were Council members Bernie Brown, Don Cundiff, Bonnie Enlow, Larry Hatfield, Faith Portman and Alan Wetzel.

Mrs. Enlow made motion to dispense with reading of the minutes from the January 24, 2011 City Council meeting. Mr. Cundiff 2nd. Motion carried 6-0 absent. Mr. Cundiff made motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Wetzel 2nd. Motion carried 6-0 absent.

Mrs. Portman made motion to dispense with reading of the minutes from the February 1, 2011 Special meeting. Mrs. Enlow 2nd. Motion carried 6-0 absent. Mr. Hatfield made motion to approve the minutes. Mrs. Portman 2nd. Motion carried 6-0 absent.

Mr. Cundiff made motion to dispense with reading of the minutes from the February 7, 2011 Special meeting. Mr. Hatfield 2nd. Motion carried 6-0 absent. Mrs. Enlow made motion to approve the minutes with change per Mr. Brown. Mr. Brown 2nd. Motion carried 6-0 absent.

Mayor Ellis asked everyone to keep the family of Dannye Allen in their thoughts and prayers. Dannye was tragically killed in an accident. Mayor Ellis stated Dannye was Shepherdsville Fire Department's first paid firefighter.

Old Business: None

Mrs. Portman made motion to bring approval of bills off the table. Mrs. Enlow 2nd. Motion carried 6-0 absent. After some discussion Mr. Hatfield made motion to pay bills on bill list dated 2/14/2011 that the Treasurer compiled that she feels cannot wait any longer to be paid (City total: \$47,764.21; Sewer total: \$22,835.16). Mr. Cundiff 2nd. Motion carried 6-0. Motion was made by Mr. Hatfield to pay the bond payment for the South Bullitt Interceptor line (\$94,850.41) and a Louisville Water Company bill (\$170.48) Mr. Cundiff 2nd. Motion carried 6-0 absent.

New Business:

City Clerk Richmond stated she had located several CDs that can be redeemed. Sewer CDs amount to \$362,562.56 and General fund CDs amount to \$140,742.71. Mr. Hatfield made motion to give the Mayor authority to redeem these CDs and deposit in appropriate accounts. Mrs. Portman 2nd. Motion carried 6-0 absent. Mr. Hatfield made motion after the Sewer CDs have been redeemed and deposited in the proprietary fund to pay Judy Construction at least \$200,000.00. Mr. Cundiff 2nd. Motion carried 6-0 absent. Mrs. Enlow made motion to redeem the \$140,742.71 City CDs and deposit in the general fund account. Mrs. Portman 2nd. Motion carried 6-0 absent.

Attorney Joe Wantland addressed the Council about closing an alleyway on Highway 44 West between property of Joe and John Sohm. He explained that on the survey it shows a 12' alley that's never been used.

The Council gave approval for Mr. Wantland to prepare a deed and Ordinance to be read at the next meeting.

Discussion followed on approval to take over lighting in St. Andrews Crossing (8 lights only). Mrs. Portman made motion to take over lights only. Mrs. Enlow 2nd. Motion carried 6-0 absent.

Attorney Joe Wantland read Resolution 011-008 authorizing changes in Certificates of Deposit and any other accounts at First Federal Savings Bank. Mrs. Enlow made motion to approve. Mrs. Portman 2nd. Motion carried 6-0 absent.

Planning & Zoning update- Daryl Lee: No Report

Board of Adjustment update- Duane Price: No Report

Sign-in Speakers:

David Strange reported to the Council that he is working with an Orchestra and Bluegrass Music musicians to have music at the City's amphitheatre in City Park. He hopes to have everything finalized by Spring 2012. He stated if the Council has any ideas on the project to please let him know.

Gaynell Rummage thanked the Mayor and Council for letting her speak. She inquired about who signed a check to purchase some equipment; where the equipment has been; who purchased a skid steer and asked when the Council and Mayor were going to look for where the money has been spent.

Justin Greenwell reported to the Council that he plans on making a sidewalk area with a handicap accessible ramp in the area behind Rite Aid as his Eagle Scout project. Mr. Hatfield made motion to give approval for Justin to start his project. Mr. Brown 2nd. Motion carried 6-0 absent.

Departmental reports:--None

Discussion followed on hiring Public Finance to help the City with its financial crisis. Mr. Cundiff would like to go ahead and hire them. Mrs. Enlow agrees. Mayor Ellis stated he feels with the layoff of several people to go forward with hiring a company for \$150.00/hour is out of line. Mr. Wetzel stated we need financial advice and feels they can help us borrow money for long term solutions. Mrs. Portman feels their service is an overlap of what the auditors have done. Mr. Cundiff and Mr. Hatfield both agree that the Auditors did not meet their obligations in keeping the Council informed on what was going on with the City. Mr. Hatfield agrees it is a lot of money but if we hold up much longer we are going to be answering to the Federal EPA. After further discussion Mr. Hatfield made motion to hire Public Finance to work on financial options for the City at a \$15,000 cap (can use funds at People Bank to pay them). Mrs. Enlow 2nd. Motion carried 4 for; 1 recused; 1 against. (Bernie Brown recused himself from the vote for personal reasons.) Marty Brown stated that Mr. Holmes would be here Wednesday morning at 9:30 a.m. to meet with the Mayor and City Clerk.

Council reports:

Faith Portman feels we need to take the additional 2% insurance tax.

Bonnie Enlow invited everyone Family Day Ministries.

Don Cundiff stated he agrees with Mrs. Portman about looking at the insurance tax but feels we need to also think about our relationship with the County.

Bernie Brown stated we need to look at all possibilities regarding revenue taxes. We need a good comprehensive review of all taxation. Mr. Brown also suggested when Mr. Holmes from Public Finance comes in to have at least one financial committee member here to meet with him. Mr. Brown stated he could be here if Mr. Hatfield could not. Mr. Cundiff stated he could be here for a while and Mrs. Portman will try to be here on Wednesday.

Motion by Mrs. Portman to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel. Mrs. Enlow 2nd. Motion carried 6-0. Adjourned to executive session at 8:04 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Wetzel to reconvene to regular session. Mrs. Portman 2nd. Motion carried 6-0. Reconvened regular session at 8:45 p.m.

Attorney Joe Wantland stated no action had been taken and the Mayor had been given direction on personnel issues.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Hatfield. Mrs. Enlow 2nd. Motion carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

R. Scott Ellis, Mayor

Tammy Richmond, City Clerk