

**CITY OF SHEPHERDSVILLE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, January 14, 2013**

Pastor Randy Pace, Family Worship Center gave the invocation  
Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Mayor Ellis called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the first Council meeting of 2013 with the new Council.

Council members present: Bernie Brown, Jose' Cubero, Dana Bischoff James, Faith Portman, Clinton Kline and Gloria Taft.

Mayor Ellis called for a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the 12/10/2012 regular meeting. Faith Portman made motion to dispense with reading. Jose' Cubero 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 6-0.

Mayor Ellis called for a motion to approve minutes as written from the 12/10/2012 regular meeting. Bernie Brown made motion to approve. Gloria Taft 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 6-0.

Mayor Ellis announced that City Hall will be closed Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup> in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday.

**Old Business:**

Faith Portman made motion to bring reading of First Amendment to Solid Waste Franchise Agreement off the table for reading and discussion. Jose' Cubero 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 6-0. City Attorney Joe Wantland had third reading of First Amendment to Solid Waste Franchise Agreement. Mayor Ellis asked City Attorney Wantland how he felt about the Amendment. City Attorney Wantland stated he thought it should be tabled. He stated he thinks the Mayor meets with the Council and Eco-Tech and have something better to present to this Council. I don't think this is in the best interest of the City or our citizens. So I think we need to approach it in a different manner. Mayor Ellis: My thought was that we need to wait until after we open these sealed bids tonight. Once we open these bids tonight we'll be able to act in a manner on this to make the proper judgment and proper decision for the taxpayers. I agree that we need to table it again. Faith Portman made motion to table and discuss at the next meeting after sealed bids have been opened. Dana Bischoff James 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 6-0.

**New Business:**

City Attorney Wantland opened bids for new garbage franchise. City Attorney Wantland: The first bid is from Eco-Tech, P.O. Box 36557, Louisville KY 40233. He asked representatives from Eco-Tech to stand. This is a bid dated January 7, 2013 signed by Robert Lee, President. Residential rates for one week curbside collection for four year contract, billed to the customer, \$9.85 per customer and \$9.50 if the billing is done by the City per month. Commercial rates are attached. There will be no requirement or charge for residential containers. Prescribed containers for residential services are not required. Recycling is \$5.00 per month. Residential service will be billed to the customer quarterly in advance. Franchise fee is \$500.00 per year if billed to the customer; \$10,000 for the term of the four year contract if billed by the City, plus Eco-Tech will pay the City a fee of \$0.30 per household per month if billed by the City based on 4000 units. The second bid is from Rumpke, 10795 Hughes Road, Cincinnati OH. He asked the representatives from Rumpke to stand. This is a bid from Rumpke Waste & Recycling Services signed by William J. Rumpke Jr., Vice President. Rates to be charged for residential pick up once a week, years 1 and 2: \$9.00 per unit per month; year 3 and 4: \$9.27 per unit per month. Commercial pick up is \$14.00 per unit and \$14.42 per unit per month. Customers requiring dumpster service would be provided the required containers to be serviced according to their individual needs and invoiced according to the attached list. One 95 gallon trash cart at no additional

charge will be provided residential. Additional 95 gallon trash carts available at \$2.50 per month. Mr. Wantland asked the Rumpke representatives to come forward. Franchise fee is \$500.00. Most of everything else is pretty well agreed. Missed pick up will be corrected within 24 hours or the next business day. Special collection: Rumpke proposed to provide for the collection of one large or bulky item for each residential customer at no additional charge on regular pick up day in lieu of designated junk collection days. Michael Sweeten with Rumpke stated we'll do the junk collection if that's what you want but we have an alternative there. Requirements on containers: Containers are not required however one Rumpke 95 gallon trash cart will be available to each residential customer at no additional charge. Recycling is an additional charge of \$7.50 per month. This bid is from Waste Management, 7501 Grade Lane, Louisville. It was submitted on 1/14/2013. It appears that all the bids so far are responsive. City Attorney Wantland asked the representative from Waste Management to stand. The bid from Waste Management for one pick up per week, a 90 gallon cart \$10.78 per month. Extra cart is no charge. Quarter cleanup is no charge. Commercial pricing is listed as well. Tim McNally with Waste Management: Recycling is addressed within the document. We provided if the City does elect to go to a recycling program, if Waste Management is awarded the contract, we would amend it. We need 100% participation. You all have one of the finest recycling programs there is right now within the Community and to be honest with you if we drive a truck out here to pick up 30 or 40 recycling customers it really defeats the purpose of saving fossil fuel which at the end of the day that's what we're really looking for. It's very difficult to do that in the regards that you just don't know how many there is and if you have 50 or 100 you have to drive a \$300,000 vehicle which is all compressed natural gas, out to each individual site and that really defeats the purpose of recycling but we would address that at another time if something would happen in that area. I do have something tonight that I want you to see. I've done a video for you folks. As many of you well know this is a very important contract to Waste Management. It's been a very important contract to me so I've taken the time to do a little bit of video. It's something I truly truly enjoyed doing for each of you. City Attorney Wantland: Before you start are there any more bids Madam Clerk. There were none. At this point I'd like the minutes to reflect that all bids have been opened publicly and anyone from any of these companies that want to address the Council may do so. (Video played) Tim McNally: Hope you enjoyed it. Further our commitment to you tonight. We can certainly take care of you in anything you need. Everyone has my bid and my response. If you have any questions, I'm right here for you. City Attorney Wantland: Does Eco-Tech wish to comment? Tim Meyers: Just for clarification. There was a question asked about extra containers. There is no charge for extra containers. It's in the bid there is no charge for residential containers. City Attorney Wantland asked the Representatives from Rumpke if they have any comments. Michael Sweeten and Laurie Probus were present. Michael Sweeten: I think our bid covered everything. If you do have any future questions we are going to be available for you. I won't be here after another month so Laurie is the new representative effective January 21. City Attorney Wantland: Mayor when do you want to set the vote for the acceptance of the franchise? Mayor Ellis: We'll set that for the next meeting on January 28<sup>th</sup>. City Attorney Wantland: For members of the Council, Madam Clerk will you have the bids available for publication and delivery to the Council tomorrow? City Clerk: Yes they will be in their boxes tomorrow morning. City Attorney Wantland: Again for the record show there were three bids and they were opened publicly.

Mayor Ellis stated next on the Agenda City Attorney Wantland to read Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Fiscal Court of Bullitt County and the City of Shepherdsville. City Attorney Wantland asked if he could address the Council. Members of the Council this has been done previously by prior Council and it was approved. It was submitted to Fiscal Court and was not approved by Fiscal Court. We have a new Council; the Mayor would like to have a reading for this Council and for your input and approval or rejection. This is an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Fiscal Court of Bullitt County and the City of Shepherdsville pursuant to KRS 54.210 et seq. for the purpose of co-permitting and joint enforcement under the Clean Water Act, National Pollution Discharge Elimination System, Stormwater Phase II Program. Mayor Ellis asked MS4 Stormwater Coordinator Scott Fleming to stand. Mayor Ellis stated we voted on this once before and it passed here and got voted down at the County. Are we sure that if we vote on this this

time that they are going to pass it at the County? Scott Fleming: What I'm hearing is that it is favorable. The indication that I'm getting from Rudy is that it should be favorable. There is probably a better relationship now that what there has been before. Mayor Ellis opened the floor for discussion among the Council. Bernie Brown: How does this compare to the Agreement between the other Northern Cities? Mayor Ellis: This is the same exact one. Faith Portman made motion to accept. Jose' Cubero 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 6-0.

City Attorney Wantland read Resolution 2013-01, Series 2010 approving the granting of inducements retroactively to GSI Commerce Solutions Inc. for the purpose of attracting and retaining jobs pursuant of KRS 153, Subsection 24. Mayor Ellis: My recommendation to the Council is that we table this until the next meeting. We're doing some leg work on this. We'll have to vote on the Resolution just to make it legal from where it wasn't put into place the first time when the inducements were given but the tax inducements may be expired at this time to where the City will not have to give any credits or start now with giving them any kind of inducements due to some errors from the Company as well as the City. Bernie Brown: This was voted on a month or two ago. Mayor Ellis: No this one was not. This is GSI Commerce, an eBay company over in the Industrial Park. This is completely new. This is something totally different that Brenda, myself, Joe, Bob Fouts and Nicky Rapier have been working on to get to a conclusion. We'll be updating everyone on the progress of it. We're a lot closer now than we were last week when we started. City Attorney Wantland: Councilman Brown the Commonwealth of Kentucky asked the City to prepare and have a reading on this Resolution. That has been done. They didn't tell me or the Mayor to recommend that you approve it. In fact, I would tell you to do something different. But I did agree that we would present this to the Council so the Council is aware of it. We've done that but at this point; on our end the City has some questions. They are being answered and I think the Mayor is going to present a palatable solution for the City at our next meeting. Bernie Brown made motion to table. Clinton Kline 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 6-0.

City Attorney Wantland read Resolution 2013-02 observing January as School Board Recognition Month. Faith Portman made motion to approve. Jose' Cubero 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 6-0. Faith Portman: I work for the School Board and we were sent a link today and the Governor announced that the State of Kentucky is now ranked 10<sup>th</sup> in the Country. That's really good because two years ago we were ranked 24<sup>th</sup>. So Thumbs up to Kentucky Education! I'm proud.

City Attorney Wantland read Resolution 2013-03 authorizing the Mayor to close the City of Shepherdsville General Fund Account at PBI Bank and open same account at First Federal Savings Bank and providing signatures on said account. Mayor Ellis: The reason we're going to do this is one, it's a cost savings for the taxpayers of Shepherdsville on the fees, and there are no fees at First Federal. We're also going to be able to get a discount on the credit card machines for the City and also Lt. Col. Patchin is working with them on getting an ATM machine in the lobby so that folks can pay their water bill, any citations, anything that they have here in the City that would be provided by this bank corporation. That's the reason for the change. Plus it spreads the money out into different banks so that everything is not in one bank which is one of the safeguards I think we need to implement. Bernie Brown made motion to approve. Gloria Taft 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 6-0.

Mayor Ellis stated next is the discussion on the proposal for General Fund unallocated funds. He stated that everyone had received a packet in your packet and opened the floor for any discussion. Mayor Ellis explained the very top line \$521,612.00 was what we announced on December 19<sup>th</sup> that we've already put in the bank for the emergency reserve account. The proposal also retires some of the City debt to the tune of \$142,000. It fixes a couple of budget errors that we have; adds a 22<sup>nd</sup> police officer which the Council had already approved, another detective to help handle the work load, a School Resource Officer that can spend time at several of the schools, two additional public works employees for Claude, and also it helps show appreciation to the employees. The employees have dealt with a lot of headaches over the last two years and this document helps those employees to show them we appreciate them for sticking with us through the hard

times. The last two years were rough and the employees that stuck with us we need to show them we appreciate them. Also mid-May it will allow us to add another \$66,000 to the emergency reserve fund. Playing your cards right you'll be able to continue that every year. Dana Bischoff James made motion to accept proposal. Mayor Ellis asked for any other discussion. Bernie Brown: Having just got this Friday evening in looking at it I have several questions. First of all we haven't gotten an up to date current financial report for the full six months of this fiscal year. It might be here but I haven't even looked at it. Dana Bischoff James: I don't see that as a reason. These employees have suffered for two years. They have really sat back. They are making less money than what they made coming on, they have had the highest turnover rate and with that the City of Shepherdsville suffers. And at this point there is not a reason to delay progress on this matter. Bernie Brown: That's not the only thing. There are a lot of other things involved here. Faith Portman: Public Works has worked under staffed for two years now. They have 4 employees. Chief, how many officers do you have right now? Chief Puckett: 22. Dana Bischoff James: How many have overturned in the past two years due to the financial crunch? Chief Puckett: Probably 50%. Jose' Cubero: How much does that cost to turn over a police officer? Dana Bischoff James: And then the hiring process, the man hours that goes into that. Chief Puckett: You're talking about \$35,000-\$40,000. Faith Portman: How many full time employees do you have on the fire department now? Chief Troutman: We have 13 full time right now. Faith Portman: This is for the public and the Council that just came on. Dana Bischoff James: Also, taxes have increased for our citizens and the services have decreased. I think we owe this to our citizens as well that you all should get the protection that is needed and deserved at the moment you need it. If something happens, if there is an emergency, you need to have the manpower to back it up whether its fire, police, whatever it is, public works. You all are out there and I know Claude you put in so many hours that aren't even counted. And we thank you for that because you all have made sacrifices and we appreciate you and the services you have provided but I think this is an area where I'm passionate. You take care of your people and they'll do their jobs. And for a long time they haven't been taken care of and they have been doing the job two plus men and I know our officers have worked, fire as well as police, hours on end without having backup or without having adequate personnel and the same thing with Claude. I don't think this is something that should be delayed in the least bit; this is something I think the citizens deserve. Faith Portman: You have two police officers on duty on all shifts. I'll 2<sup>nd</sup> that motion. Jose' Cubero: I want to say something. We were just talking about this. What Dana is talking about is we have obligations as new Council. We want to make sure that we take care of our financial obligations. The Mayor is already talking about taking care of our debt. Paying some of our debt down. That's our first responsibility. Our other responsibility is exactly what Dana said. We have to take care of the people that take care of Shepherdsville. We've got to give them the opportunity to have staff and tools to work with. Faith Portman: We promised our employees that when this debt was paid down that we would take care of our employees and we are going to do that. Dana Bischoff James: And our Administration as well, I don't want to leave them out because I know that they worked without the tools and the resources needed. Bernie Brown: I didn't hear the motion. I'd like to hear the motion. Mayor Ellis: I have a motion by Dana to accept this document. And a second by Faith. Bernie Brown: All of this, everything? Mayor Ellis: Yes. Bernie Brown: Okay. First of all I think some of the figures here may be flawed a little bit. And I don't want to get in a long discussion about that now. But you know we raised the sewer rates, we raised taxes for one specific reason. To make sure we can take care of our debt. And this City is in big debt. I sympathize, not that I'm opposed to giving the police, fire or anyone else getting a raise, but I think there are some other issues too that are not included here that I'm very concerned about. What about that \$3.5 million that has to be either paid or refinanced in about 15-16 months. Mayor Ellis: You're looking at Sewer fund versus General fund. Bernie Brown: I'm talking about the General fund right now. Mayor Ellis: The \$3.5 million that you're throwing out there is for the sewer fund not general fund. Bernie Brown: There is \$3.5 million that has to be paid or refinanced or something. And we're not even sure this City has got to go to KLC to ask permission for even getting more bonds and if KLC says no this City can't even go and get long term bonds to pay that. Also I know we have a couple pretty serious drainage issues that we've talked about. Mayor Ellis: Those are already in the budget. Bernie Brown: I don't think there was any money budgeted for taking care of St. Andrews. Mayor Ellis: What's wrong with St.

Andrews: Bernie Brown: The drainage issue at St. Andrews. These are just some things. Mayor Ellis: The drainage issue at Shawnee Acres, there was money set up in there correct? Yes. Shawnee Acres, next to KOA. Bernie Brown: There was an estimate of \$100,000 to take care of that drainage. Has that been done? Mayor Ellis: There was \$80,000 put into the budget to do that. Bernie Brown: Is that going to pay all of it? Scott Fleming: Actually no, we're expecting to do it in two phases. Mayor Ellis: That is what it was set up for, two phases. Bernie Brown: Let me ask about this too. On the second page, the debt retirement, you've got KIA Sinking Fund. That's talking about the reserve fund isn't it? Mayor Ellis: Right. That's funding them 100%. Bernie Brown: Has it been paid up? Mayor Ellis: What is supposed to be paid up so far yes. This will be paid up with this proposal. Yes. Bernie Brown: I'm going to bring up something else too. You talk about budget adjustment. I don't think this can be done without doing a budget amendment. Mayor Ellis: Once this passes the budget amendment will happen at the next meeting. Bernie Brown: You want this passed though without even us having all the financial information that I feel like I need anyway. I can only speak for myself. Dana Bischoff James: Tammy has supplied all of the documents that we have requested. She's given me a full document of everything broken down. She has given me a complete financial document that I've requested. Bernie Brown: This was here when I came in. I haven't even looked at it and I would have to look at that. I also have a question maybe Mr. Ryan can answer. It's showing here that the cash over at the end of last fiscal year, I'm assuming on June 30<sup>th</sup> it was \$452,295 that was left over. Is that right? City Controller Bob Ryan: Yes sir. Bernie Brown: Isn't that just on that particular day that is the cash but some of that money may have already well been committed to be spent. Bob Ryan: And at the same time replaced by funds coming in. I was given that document by the Mayor last week and sat down and traced numbers back to it to the general ledger and other supporting documents. Bernie Brown: So we have that money? You know where that money is? Bob Ryan: I know where it was last year. Bernie Brown: How much of that money was already committed to be spent for bills or things that hadn't come in yet. Bob Ryan: I can't answer that. But at the same time again if you had that money committed you also had funds coming in in June, July, August, September; it's a cycle. That's \$460,000 just didn't go away to nothing, to zero. If you look at the sheet on top, cash balances, you can see how, this is just for November 2012 versus December 31, 2012, you can see how at one point there might have been x number of dollars in the bank within 30 some days later there is either more or less. But the net is \$332,000 increase in cash in one month. Bernie Brown: I guess one other comment I'm going to make is too, I'm glad we've got more revenue coming in, and it's understandable why it's happening, and that's a good thing, but we've hit the residents of Shepherdsville pretty hard with 66% increase in sewer rates, and I think if we've got excess money let's think about lowering the sewer rates a little bit too. Mayor Ellis: That's something we'll definitely look at but it's not something we can do right now. That's something I dream about every day. Bernie Brown: I know that but that's something we need to think about doing. We want to be fair to the employees, we also want to be fair to the taxpayers. Somewhere there there's got to be a reasonable balance. Dana Bischoff James: That's right, that's the number one issue, we're raising taxes and decreasing services. So the citizens are not getting the needs that they need. So if something occurs they have less people, less respondents, we need this for the growth. As long as Shepherdsville continues to grow at the rate it's growing we need more firefighters, we need more city works employees, we need more officers, and we need people who are in an administrative position with the tools and resources to be successful. This growth is not going to end and we've got to take care of the people or we're going to lose the good people that we have. Bernie Brown: It's a lot more Dana than just pay raises. There are a lot of other things included and I'm thinking about some of these other things. I know what we went through two years ago. Jose' Cubero: Look out there at the folks that were doing this the last two years. These folks obviously need to be rewarded for being a part of what we're doing. We've got the next 5 – 10 years growth of the City, these folks out here are going to make the difference. They've made the difference while we were in the dire straits that we were in and they are willing to do it now. I think it's time to start making sure that they get rewarded by having the staff and people to work with. Bernie Brown: You folks are kind of presenting it like I am against something that's really good. Jose' Cubero: This is part of the budgetary process though. This money is within the budget that was allocated for this Fiscal year. Clinton Kline: The estimated excess occupational tax, \$200,000. That seems a

pretty big estimation. Mayor Ellis: Because we were conservative on all the revenues, and I'll tell you that right now, any time you see one of my budget, and you'll learn this in March when we start going over those budgets, that we are very conservative on our revenue and we're even more conservative on our expenses. That's why you saw an almost \$500,000 carry over last year. Clinton Kline: How much of that \$200,000 can we see coming in again? Mayor Ellis: Actually you've seen quite a bit over that. The very first quarter was \$986,000 in occupational tax. Clinton Kline: What did you have budgeted? Mayor Ellis: Budgeted was \$769,000 with the total budget for occupational tax being \$3.4 million. The first quarter brought in almost \$1 million. Your second quarter was approximately \$868,000. Your fourth quarter coming up is going to be well over \$1 million because that's when they hire all the temps. You're probably going to see that number as an average, and again this was just a rough estimate of where we were at, you're going to see this number be probably \$300,000-\$400,000; which will be able to go into the emergency reserve fund. Clinton Kline: One more thing I want to review. It seems like there are a whole lot more police officers, and you're saying 13 firefighters total, and 22 police officers total, and there's not very much of a discrepancy in the raises given. Is there a different percentage figured. Mayor Ellis: It's a different percentage on there because when we're losing firefighters and police officers, we're losing those guys to St. Matthews, Louisville Metro, Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, you're losing guys to J-Town and placed like that. You're never going to compete with St. Matthews and J-Town but you've at least got to be in the ballpark with those folks. Bullitt County Fire Service, we're the lowest paid fire service in the County. We lost several weapons experts that did our training, we're down to one. We lost criminologists, accident Reconstructionist, highly trained people we've lost. Mayor Ellis: On the City it's a percentage across the board, 4%. On the others its competition type thing; being competitive. We're the lowest paid fire department in the County. We've got to make sure we don't lose guys to Mt. Washington, Okolona, and PRP which we have. Again you're never going to compete with St. Matthews and J-Town you're not going to compete with those guys. But we've got to compete with guys in our Southern border, Okolona, Buechel, Fern Creek, we've got to try to compete with those guys because if not people are looking at Shepherdsville just as a stepping stone. They are going to get hired here, get the training they need and go. You hear \$30,000-\$40,000 every time we lose someone. We can't afford that. That's a waste of taxpayer's dollars. Gloria Taft: This figure at the bottom for the raises, in the next Fiscal budget we'll be double this total if nothing else changes, we lose nobody, we hire no one, this figure would be double what we're looking at for the next Fiscal period. Mayor Ellis: Yes. Bernie Brown: Another question I have is does the cost shown here for the raises include the retirement? Mayor Ellis: That's everything yes. At this time Mayor Ellis called for a vote: Motion carries 4-2.

Mayor Ellis opened the floor for discussion on the proposal for Sewer Fund unallocated funds. Faith Portman: We have ten employees in the sewer department right now, correct? Mayor Ellis: Yes. Faith Portman: So we do not want to hire anybody? Mayor Ellis: No. Faith Portman: So we're up to what we need. Mayor Ellis: You're not up to what you need. The EPA mandate is ten. Chuck Keith: The EPA recommendation is 16. We have ten and that's sufficient for what we're got. We can handle everything with the ten people that we have. Mayor Ellis: This also pays off the line of credit at Peoples Bank of Bullitt County that we had to use when Flynn came and did an emergency repair for us. It also gets the 02 Sinking Fund up to where it's supposed to be and also the 06 KIA Sinking Fund where it's supposed to be. You can see there is unallocated revenue for the sewer department of \$1,111,564. Some of that will go into the emergency reserve so that if there is something that happens that will be there. Jose' Cubero: Do we have a minimum that we keep in there? Mayor Ellis: I would like to see at the minimum \$500,000 in there; both on the general side and sewer side because you never know when something is going to happen. These are things that are EPA mandated. Faith Portman: Is that money for drainage issues? Mayor Ellis: No, that's strictly wastewater. Then you have the raises for those employees as well. EPA is coming in February to inspect the plant so a lot of things here are vital to get us to that position. Hopefully, then they will release us. The Salt River Interceptor is finished, like it's supposed to be. We've just got to make sure we get ourselves in the position where when EPA comes in that they are going to say hey, great job Shepherdsville, you've come a long way. Faith Portman: I have to say the Sewer Plant has really come a long way this year. The

guys have busted their butts over there to help us to help the City and I hope the people in this Community appreciate what they've done and how hard they've worked. Not only have the Sewer Plant, Public Works, the Police Department, Fire Department all busted their butts to help us out this year. And I appreciate it and I hope everyone in this room does too. Faith Portman made motion to accept proposal. Jose' Cubero 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 6-0.

**Daryl Lee:** Not present at meeting.

**Duane Price:** Nothing to report.

**Sign in Speakers:**

None

**Department Reports:**

**Chief Troutman:** Last year I approached the Council to purchase a fire truck from Pennsylvania for \$40,000. I made a promise to the Council at that time that I would put the Rescue Truck that we have at that time we weren't using us for sale. I had a phone call a week and a half ago from the Rhodelia Fire Department in the Meade County area. They want to come up and look at the truck. They heard we have it for sale. The asking price is around \$40,000. I really didn't think we'd get anywhere near that from the trucks I looked at on line and through different dealerships and talking to people; they were going for \$25,000-\$30,000; so we got into a discussion, I got with the Mayor about the discussion on the price, they came up and looked at the truck. They liked it. They made us an offer for \$35,000 on the truck and I'm bringing it to you tonight. I told the Council I would try to get the money back we paid on the fire truck so this is it. From all the research I've done and checking on these apparatus and things, this is probably the best price we're going to get on this truck. Faith Portman: Is that the only offer you've received? Chief Troutman: That's the only offer so far. Clinton Kline: How long has it been for sale? Chief Troutman: A month or two. Mayor Ellis: I think it's been 3 or 4 months because it's been surplus for a while to sell. Faith Portman made motion to sell for \$35,000. Gloria Taft 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 6-0.

**Claude Middleton:** Thank the Council and Mayor and say Amen!

**Chuck Keith:** I put a list in front of everyone. The Sewer Plant is doing really well. We are holding our own, doing good--not having any SSOs. But these are some things in the plant that do need to be addressed. Some of them should have already been addressed and I'm just bringing this to your attention. Some of the stuff we can't fix but I'd like to make you aware of it. I just wanted to bring to your attention that this will be brought up in the new few Council meetings; the stuff we do need to address. I put them in the order is of most importance. The recirculating pump situation; the dump pad. On the back page is a bid from the only company that responded on fixing the recirculation pump situation. I'm going to call more companies tomorrow to get more bids. There are still other companies out there that will do it. But mainly I just wanted to bring this to your attention so that you'll know you will be hearing from me on this. Mayor Ellis: You will be available for any questions the Council may have? You and Scott both? Chuck Keith: Yes. Mayor Ellis: I highly encourage everyone to call and check in to what he's talking about here. Jose' Cubero: I want to add, obviously being a new Council member I, as many up here, have been trying to learn and fact find, I did a two hour tour with Chuck and Scott on the Sewer system and the water treatment plant. It is phenomenal. If you've never seen it, you're just missing out on one of the best and I know the technology is some of the newest in the Country and to watch it from start to finish was phenomenal. I know there are some things out there and I made a commitment to Chuck that we have a very big inspection in February that we want to get a clean bill of health and we want to make sure that we move on in to our own independence. Really it's our independence day as much as anything. Chuck Keith: One of the issues on this list is one of the things that the EPA will be looking at when they come out next month. Jose' Cubero: What Chuck and I discussed was

to get bids and obviously you did a great job trying to get them. Obviously I would have thought in this economy you would have been running all over. Chuck Keith: I called three companies that do this and only one sent me a bid but there are others out there that I will call tomorrow. Jose' Cubero: I want to challenge each Council member to make sure that you talk to Chuck about each of these, especially the top three. It's very important. Especially the first one we talked about. I know we've talked about the second one. But I think the point is that we need to have something in place that by the time they come in they see that we're working proactively to take care of it. That we are taking care of the issues on the treatment plant to make sure that they know we are working. That should be as much as we would like to have it resolved, they'll see our intent is to get it done. Like I said you guys do a great job, Scott, phenomenal what you do. We talked a lot about police, fire and public works. You guys do a great job but if you don't understand what they did shorthanded and now they are actually at a staff level that they can get things done, I just want to commend you and your group. Everything I can do to help you I will do that. Chuck Keith: Our guys at the plant do a good job. We're headed in the right direction and doing well. City Attorney Wantland: With all the rain we had this past weekend, you're saying we did not have an incident. Chuck Keith: We had one. We had 3.8" of rain and we had 10,700,000 go through the plant, it did okay. That's another reason we need to work on our I & I. The incident was on Bluelick Road before you get to Amen's on the left. It's a manhole. Bernie Brown: That's the only one? Everything out there on Centerview, Eastview. Chuck Keith: No overflows anymore. Bernie Brown: The motel? Chuck Keith: That's all fixed. They are on gravity now. I send two guys out every time it rains. This weekend was my weekend. I came out at 4:00 to check. I make sure if it does happen we report it to the State. I make sure that I send somebody out to check for SSOs. We use to have 20.

**Bob Ryan:** The documents that you have in front of you are not what you're used to seeing. The spreadsheets that were in the system are gone. I'm talking about the actual to budget comparison. I will be rebuilding those spreadsheets for the next Council meeting and you will have financial statements to do compare actual to budget. What I tried to give you at this point are the cash balances at the end of November and December just to show you how much is in the bank and the increases and decreases in the various funds. You should have a financial statement that shows the general fund profit and loss for the month of December comparing December 2012 to December 2011. There is another one showing the general fund for six months. You were asking about occupational tax, you will note on the first line comparing six months in 2011 to six months in 2012. There is another one by class. Class is the term that is used in financial statements to separate departments. The fire department, police department, public works, administration. It gives you an idea of what the expenses are in those particular departments. There is a financial statement for June through December for the sewer fund. I've circled several numbers in this statement. Numbers that are in 2011 that are unusual and are not found in 2012, like the \$60,000 for the sale of capital assets of the City and \$1.4 million in BRAC funds in 2011 and in 2012 there is \$1.1 million spent on the Salt River Interceptor and if you take those numbers out the bottom line for the sewer operation is a net income of \$1.2 million for the 2012 and \$1.091 million for 2011 which makes them pretty comparable. Then there is a financial statement for the sewer operation for just the month of December. I know you just received these today. You probably have a lot of questions on them. My office is right across the hall, I'm there 8:00-4:00 or just give me a call and we can go over these things together individually. The next meeting you will have more readable statements showing the actual versus budget. You'll have the year to date and that number then is just divided by 12 to get a comparison of month to month and year to date figures. Jose' Cubero: I was going to say the one thing too is when you budget the number you budget and you increase that there's services that go along with that. You have to make sure that they stay up with the increase in revenue. I just want to make sure of that for everybody here; if budget numbers increase obviously all the expenses increase as well to make sure we maintain that. City Attorney Wantland: Mr. Ryan as you're working at City Hall, Miss Taylor and I we are working with employers on the occupational tax. As you're just meandering through the halls if you will, if you don't have enough to do, anything you can do, if you see something, Miss Taylor and I are basically bird dogging some of these employers. If you think of some way better that we can track employees and employers in the Community we'd love to have you on board.



**Council Reports:**

**Faith Portman:** I just want to thank everybody for coming out tonight and thank all the employees for a great year. I hope this year will be even better. I'd like to see everybody come back, we have a good crowd tonight and I'd like to see this crowd every two weeks. Thank you for being here.

**Dana Bischoff James:** I would like to thank the constituents for your vote first off, as this is our first meeting. And also thank you to the many people who I've met with, the employees of Shepherdsville, you all are fantastic. I just met some great people and I'm looking forward to building those relationships with the Community as well as the employees here and making a positive change and difference and I will serve with integrity and I will make all the best decisions on a moral ethical standard. So thank you.

**Jose' Cubero:** I just want to say I'm excited and honored to be here. Obviously we've got a lot to learn about what we're doing but we know it takes a lot of good people and I think all of us up here really want to make the best decisions for Shepherdsville. I truly want to make sure that any time you need to access us to talk to us about your concerns we want to do that. We just want to make sure you know that I think all of us up here we want to make sure that we're just really keeping our City growing; collecting the taxes we need to collect from our businesses and making sure everything is done is a very legal and upfront way. So many times things happen with the growth of a City; there's so much that is going to happen to this City; we have too many good things going on. I want to keep that going in the right direction. I'm looking forward to working with everybody.

**Mayor Ellis:** We do need to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue as well as a property acquisition and on that property acquisition we will be bringing Bob Fouts in to speak with us. Faith Portman made motion to invite Bob Fouts into Executive Session to discuss property acquisition. Jose' Cubero 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 6-0. Gloria Taft made motion to go into Executive Session. Clinton Kline 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 6-0 to discuss personnel, property acquisition and potential litigation.

Faith Portman made motion to return to Regular Session. Jose' Cubero 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 6-0. City Attorney Wantland: Mr. Mayor presented to the Council is a recommendation from Mr. Robert Fouts who made a presentation which is for a letter of recommendation from the City for Standard Register to be a participant in our Community and I would entertain a motion to that effect. Jose' Cubero made motion to send letter of recommendation. Faith Portman 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 6-0.

Clinton Kline made motion to adjourn. Bernie Brown 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

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R. Scott Ellis III, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tammy Richmond, City Clerk