

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

Councilman Jose' Cubero gave the invocation
Pledge of Allegiance was recited
Mayor Ellis called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Council members present: Bernie Brown, Jose' Cubero, Faith Portman, and Clinton Kline.

Mayor Ellis asked for a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the 9/23/2013 regular meeting. Clinton Kline made motion to dispense with reading. Jose' Cubero 2nd. Motion carried 4-0-2 absent.

Mayor Ellis called for a motion to approve minutes as written from the 9/23/2013 regular meeting. Jose' Cubero made motion to approve. Faith Portman 2nd. Motion carried 4-0-2 absent.

Announcements: Mayor Ellis reminded everyone that Tuesday, October 22nd at 10:00 a.m. is the Civil Service Commission meeting to go over the new Civil Service Ordinance. Jose' Cubero: If we're not going to be able to attend will there be some notes from the meeting? Mayor Ellis: Yes. There will be some meeting minutes that are taken. Bernie Brown: What is the date? Mayor Ellis: Tuesday, October 22nd. Bernie Brown: I thought that had been changed to the 15th? Debbie Hawkins: Mayor I apologize, the meeting is tomorrow. Mayor Ellis: I didn't know that it had been changed. So it will be tomorrow morning at 10:00 a.m. We had our Car Show yesterday for *Shepherdsville Santa*; huge success. I have a few folks that I want to recognize for all their help: Jamie Weck, we appreciate all your help; David and Debbie Hawkins; these three folks right here worked and helped us on this and it was a great effort. \$6300.00 is what was brought in off the car show. I'm impressed; I tip my hat to these guys. Debbie Hawkins: I also want to thank Chief Puckett, he worked super hard too. He was our cheerleader all along supporting us. Chief Puckett: The good thing about all of it right now is that Shepherdsville Santa has almost \$10,000 in the bank and that will help a lot of kids. Mayor Ellis: That will help a lot of kids, last year we did 125 families, raised roughly \$6800-7000. This year we will be able to help a lot more families in our community. Mayor Ellis also recognized Adam Heath who painted the meeting room, foyer and the administrative hallways.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Discussion on renewing lease agreement with the AOC at 170 Frank E Simon Avenue. If there are any questions, Joe should be able to answer any for you. City Attorney Wantland: The Department of Corrections, Division of Parole has had this building for a number of years now. The Parole/Corrections, they want the City each year that they would sit down and make capital improvements to the building and they are willing to enter into a different long term lease. But the City has to outlay the money. We collectively as a City have not done that and we've allowed them to rent the building on a year to year basis. It looks like now they are willing to talk to us about extending it out but on the same rates/monies, this type of thing. Mayor Ellis: This is the Drug Court building correct? City Attorney Wantland: This is the old City Hall. Evidently we also have the old Police station that is the drug workers building. That one is also going to be coming up. I'm meeting with him Thursday at 2:00 to go over a few things. They want to widen the waiting room. If they pay for it, I don't have a problem with it. City Attorney Wantland: Because of the location of the building; so close to the Court facilities, I don't look for the Finance Cabinet to terminate this lease because the Department of Corrections wants that building. Jose' Cubero: What is the extent of the renovations they are asking for? City Attorney Wantland: They want to put a holding cell in the place. It's sizeable money. Jose' Cubero: How long would they actually work with us on doing that. City Attorney Wantland: They would actually make it worthwhile to expend the capital. Jose' Cubero: Do we want to look at that? City Attorney Wantland: You might want to look at it for 2015. Bernie Brown: This is the same rent as previous past years? Mayor Ellis: Yes. Faith Portman made motion to accept. Bernie Brown 2nd. Clinton

Kline: Can we put this on the calendar to discuss 3-6 months before the lease renewal next year so we aren't sitting here three weeks before the termination. City Attorney Wantland: I think Mr. Pitts will come down and talk to us, show us exactly what they want. It is a big capital outlay and I think they will amortize it over a number of years to actually allow the City to at least recoup their funds and profit from it. But you are talking about a capital outlay. I do know they want a holding cell and they probably want some kind of drug testing facilities there. They've already have restrooms and these kinds of things already there. The big money is going to be in some type of secure facility. Bernie Brown: That's something that will take a little more time to develop. I think it would be good to pursue that and find out what exactly they want and what the cost is going to be. Mayor Ellis: We can set that up that we can have them in here 3-6 months before hand. Vote taken at this time: Motion carried 4-0-2 absent.

City Attorney Wantland read Proclamation declaring October 20-26 "Freedom from Workplace Bullies Week". Faith Portman made motion to accept. Jose' Cubero 2nd. Motion carried 3 approve; 1 abstain; 2 absent.

Discussion on approval of a Parade Permit for Toys For Tots on November 3, 2013. Mayor Ellis: The applicant's name is Vicky Wheeler. This is the parade where 800 motorcycles come through; it looks to start at Tractor Supply on Preston and comes to Paroquet Springs. We approved this last year as well. Chief Puckett do we have a police officer block off the intersection at 44 and 61? Chief Puckett: Yes. Mayor Ellis: We have done this in the past. Jose' Cubero: What is the duration of this parade? Mayor Ellis: It's from Tractor Supply to Paroquet Springs. Chief Puckett: 800 motorcycle, probably 15 minutes. Faith Portman made motion to approve. Jose' Cubero 2nd. Motion carried 4-0-2 absent.

Daryl Lee: There is one case coming before you on property on Combs Court. It's owned by the Duncan's; they are across the street from St. Aloysius. They want to get it zoned Commercial. Commission sent a favorable recommendation. There were no restrictions.

Duane Price: Not present at meeting; no report.

Sign in Speakers:

Nathan Young: I live at 143 Harvest Lane in Mt. Washington. I'm here on behalf of Mercy Hill Baptist Church. We have an event this Saturday on October 19th; we alongside a few other organizations are doing an event at First Street in the Park and Frank E. Simon Park. I'd like to request that we shut down First Street where Plum meets First Street all the way to the Saddle club just for the purpose of safety and traffic flow. Mayor Ellis: Chief, we usually do that for some of these events don't we? Jose' Cubero: What time Saturday? Mr. Young: We're going to start setting up about 7:00 in the morning. Mayor Ellis: Is this going to be on the cemetery side? Mr. Young: We're going to be in the middle strip. The main concern is kids going from the playground to the inflatables and things like that. Mayor Ellis: It's difficult to block off that particular road because that's what leads over to Frank E. Simon Park. If it was the other side that is next to the cemetery that wouldn't be a problem to block that road off. Faith Portman: That's a public park; it's kind of hard for us to tell people they can't use the park. Mr. Young: There would still be access to the park on that other road but you're talking about that they could get through there. Mayor Ellis: That has them going up and cutting straight across the middle of your event at the pavilion. Mr. Young: They don't want us to cut off that other road because the Saddle Club is having an event at the same time. I guess we can put up crossing guards.

Corky Miller: I want to commend Jamie and Debbie Hawkins for the great job on the car show and I also want to commend the group that went down there and cleaned the park. That's the cleanest, with the grass cut, trees trimmed; I've ever seen the park. It looked great. The Truck or Treat, I want you to get this in the newspaper, will be Halloween Night here, this will be the 3rd one. We started this two years ago and we have about 2500 people show up. That takes a little money and Jamie and I went out that year and we raised about \$2500 from different people and got it going. We're in pretty good shape on the money, I could use a little more but I contact Wal-Mart, I talked to the Attorney for them and she gave me the main man in Chicago; I've talked to him and he said that he was going to get us some candy this year. I asked him about

next year, you're going to be right across the street and he said we will make a good corporate sponsor won't we. I said you sure will!!! If any of you all want to make a donation tonight we'll take it tonight, if not the next meeting will be before the 31st we'll get it then because we can always use a little money. Listen people that is a great family event and the big thing about it -- it keeps people and these kids from crossing the street and running through yards and getting hurt. Jose' Cubero: Didn't you take candy donations last year? Corky Miller: We will take candy donations too. I told the gentleman at Wal-Mart we will probably have about 3000 this year; we had almost that many last year. I think we had 55 cars, a hay ride; it's really a good family event and you'll see all the kids that come in will have parents with them. It's a good show so make sure you come out.

Department Reports:

Chief Troutman: If anyone wants to donate candy they can bring it by the Fire Station or they can call and we will come by and get it. If you do want to make donations moneywise, make the check out to Shepherdsville Fire Department Special Funds Account. All that money goes for all the special events we do throughout the year. One event that we've worked on all year that led up to today was every child in the elementary schools in Shepherdsville will be receiving a T-Shirt that says Stop Drop and Roll. It's the kickoff to our Fire Prevention Week. Fire Prevention Week usually runs the 8-12 but school was out for Fall Break last week so we started off today. Every child in the elementary schools today the shirts were passed out so over the next week every child will be coming home with a shirt, Stop Drop and Roll that has our name and the businesses that helped support it. We built a partnership with several businesses here in the Community and they understand it's all about the kids. It's the same slogan we use for Crusade For Children and it is it's all about the kids. Everything that we do we try to make it about the kids here in the Community. The other thing I want to address the Council tonight on is the fire apparatus that was hit on I-65 by the trucking company. As of right now it's in Wisconsin at the Seagrave dealership. They've gone over the truck. They are now waiting on a CEO to approve two quotes to send to us to see which one is going to be the cheapest route. One is taking the box off and repairing the box as is; and one is taking the box off and building an entire new box to put on the back of the truck. We're kind of leaning toward rebuilding the box; it's going to be cheaper by the time you get all the labor and stuff involved in taking the box off, ripping it apart and putting it back together. I should be getting that any day now and as soon as I get it I'll get it right out to you in an email and let you know which they are saying is the cheapest route to go and the quickest way to get it back in service. As of right now it is not totaled; they are going to repair it.

Chuck Keith: I just want to let you know a few things. There has been a few of the Council over to look at our dump pad that we got done; it's working great, better than we expected. Everything is doing good at the Sewer Plant. We do have a few more things we need to do over there but since we got our dump pad going we're now doing two things that the EPA said we needed to be doing; that's our lift station maintenance and cleaning, line cleaning, cameraing, we've been cameraing every day since we got it going. We've going to meet our 10% of what we're supposed to be doing every year. I just wanted to let you know that everything is going good and if anybody wants to come over and look at it come on over. Jose' Cubero: Chuck, I did tell Scott that the two expenditures, one is \$150,000 for the filtration and the other was for the cleaning out the concrete bins and putting a drain in there and getting that cleaning process going. Chuck Keith: There are still a few things that we need to do over there but we're meeting our goals; we're doing everything we're supposed to be doing and everything is going good. Jose' Cubero: I did ask you earlier today about the ISOs because of the 3" of rain that we had around here and you mentioned everything went really good. City Attorney Wantland: Did you get pictures of our "hot spots"? Jarki? Chuck Keith: It's still a problem. City Attorney Wantland: Did we get pictures? We got 3-6 inches of rain. Chuck Keith: I was off last week I don't know if they did or didn't. I'll ask tomorrow. The two hot spots we're still having problems with. City Attorney Wantland: Are we making any progress? Chuck Keith: The one is, they are working and they are cutting down but it is still pretty bad. City Attorney Wantland: What percentage has been dropped, just for the information of the Council? Chuck Keith: Probably 40%. They are still a lot of leaks but they are working on it. Jose' Cubero: It was 25% now it's 40%, we're moving forward on that. There's intent so as long as it keeps increasing. City Attorney Wantland: Can you instruct the men with their phones, I know they have the phones, but in a rain even like we had to take pictures. Chuck Keith: We send somebody out every rain. City Attorney Wantland: Yes, but those two spots, the one spot in particular, we need to document. Chuck

Keith: We still know there's a problem there because the last time I checked it during the last pretty good rain, you go in there and water is everywhere and you go back an hour and a half later and the water is gone. The only way it can get out is through manholes. City Attorney Wantland: You understand what I mean, we need to document that and we need to notify the Health Department both. That's a collaborative effort between the two but we've got to do something to make sure those people have health safety in that community.

Mayor Ellis: For those that don't know Bob had surgery a couple weeks ago and was out of commission for a few days. Now he's back doing cart wheels down the hallway. We can't keep him down; that's great, we're glad that he's back and everything is going well.

Council Reports:

Clinton Kline: I'd like to make a motion to remove the .5% expiration of the occupational tax, the sunset of 2015 from the table for discussion. Bernie Brown 2nd. Motion carried 4-0-2. Faith Portman: Does that expire in 2015? I was thinking it was December 2014 is what I was thinking. Clinton Kline: With those revenue numbers, they seem all to be ahead of the budget projections. I think we need to let that sunset, let it go away. When that was passed on City residents we've got all these new companies coming in; let it expire. Jose' Cubero: I think the one thing that we were just talking about; we look at what we have as far as, again now just looking at today, because my philosophy has always been about the 2, 5 and 10 year growth of the City. We have comparable cities that have much more Police staff, Fire Department and I think if you're looking at what we do, at the Police Department and the Fire Department, or Public Works, we look at all the staffing in those, when you look at what we need and what we can be using in the next 5-10 years, they are actually doing with less. My feeling would be more is that we look at it as what kind of revenue new businesses are going to bring in. But even if we kept it I wouldn't think it would be a permanent thing anyway. It shouldn't be something we keep on a permanent basis but I do think that we don't want to be back in the situation that we were before. We've got revenue money put away, we're still paying debt, and we're paying cash for things. We're not getting the loans where we're going to charge the taxpayers more for the interest that we have with these loans. I think the attitude is that we actually look at these numbers; a lot of these numbers are very under budget. The revenue numbers are going to come in better than they were. But as we've talked about with the sewer, which is a different attitude, I want to make sure that it is something that is not just taken for granted just because we look good and everything is going well. I can tell you I think if you look at our fire department versus some of the other communities around us that are comparable in sizes, and we are on the interstate, I don't think we're out of the woods on any of that. I think it's too easy to just put a blanket thing and say we'll just take it off because we look good on paper. There are more things that we need that we haven't put in there. Clinton Kline: When it was passed it was by design to come off. Jose' Cubero: To pay debt down. City Attorney Wantland: It's coming off. At this juncture it's coming off. The Ordinance was written that it will be off January 1, 2015. Mayor Ellis: It was brought up to extend it. And it was just tabled at that point in time. It's still going to come off on January 2015 because there was no action taken to extend it. You can't do anything on it because it was passed by Ordinance to come off January 2015. Clinton Kline: But there was a draft Ordinance to extend it wasn't there? Mayor Ellis: Right but that draft Ordinance was tabled. That's just dead it's sitting out there. Clinton Kline: I want to make a motion to take the extension off the table. Faith Portman 2nd. Bernie Brown: In other words the .5% sunsets as planned right now by the Ordinance. Mayor Ellis: It does it whether you vote on it or not. It does it anyway. Bernie Brown: I've said before, I gave my little speech I think in March, we on the Council committed for that to be a temporary thing. I agree with Clinton that we need to let it sunset and then if there is additional revenue required let's talk about it then. The public was told why we did that in 2011 and it was to be a temporary tax. I think we let that sunset and then if there is a genuine need we need to let the public know what it is and deal with it then. Jose' Cubero: Let me add this too. Nobody is about keeping an increase for just having it up there. Just to have extra money just to do whatever. I think it's important we need to discuss this with the Department Heads about what they need for the future because what we do if we do that in a calculation it's half million dollars comes off that budget. That's 10% of the budget that we're basically talking about that we're not going to run with if you look at forecasted numbers. I'm just telling you I'd like the attitude of looking at it next summer to see what businesses we've got here, what we've got because by doing that, we're going to have this conversation again if we look at next year's

budget and we see where we are because we haven't talked to them seriously about what they need; we've just done a budget straightforward. We've put some numbers together but I think before we do that why don't we all talk to these Department Heads and talk about what's coming up down the road because what's going to happen to us we let it sunset then we're going to bring it right back. Clinton Kline: We can bring it right back ... Jose' Cubero: I'm just going to say as long as that's available to us; as long as we have the opportunity to bring it back, I'm just saying I would be a little leery of the fact that some of these folks have been telling me a little bit about what they need in the future and we're not abiding by that. Staff levels and equipment and a fire station that covers more of this City and I can tell you the things in the Sewer. I would like the people to know if we're going to do this it isn't just about spending money just to be spending money, it's about to grow our City in the right way, we have enough concerns and if you sit down and genuinely talk to these folks that run these departments, I think you'd find out what they need in the next 2 – 5 years. It's not a wish list. It's not just because they want something nice and fancy, it's something that is going to accommodate all of us that live in the City. My concern is I have no problem with your motion. I just want to make sure that when we have this conversation again that we're not just doing it because we blow with the wind. It's understood that as a Council if they come to us and say hey, the numbers that are out there, they are not going to match, that we are at least open to that. Are we going to get some criticism from some of the taxpayers? Yes. Because of the way we are doing this. I would really prefer to keep it that way because I know in the finance world of this we still are not getting everything we need for the City. They are undermanned. We talked about this last week when I talked about making that proposal for this position that we agreed upon or talked about. I talked to Claude, he's running with less. If we are to continue to do the kind of things we're doing, it's because they extend themselves to do the kind of things in the City. I think it's the same way with the Police Department and I think it's the same way with the Fire Department. That's just my opinion. I'm just saying that I don't look at it as it's any benefit to one individual. But I know if this City is going to continue to do the things it's doing, what's Wal-Mart going to bring to us? The traffic, the kind of things we're going to deal with over there. There is going to be a lot more activity in these areas and who is going to take care of that? Mayor Ellis: The only thing I don't want us to do is I don't want us to look like fools when we sit up here on January 2015 and go oh guess what, we can't remove the sunset, we've got to do this now. Then somebody is going to come back and ask why didn't you do it a year ago? Bernie Brown: It can always be discussed and brought up later. Jose' Cubero: And we still have debt. Bob am I correct? Faith Portman: And we're still getting the money until that time. I made a promise to the public a year or so ago when we did this that we would look at it when the time came when it sunset and if we needed it then we would extend it. We can always redo it then. We made a promise to the public to the people that pay the taxes, the people that pay our salary, their salaries, that we would look at it when it sunset not bring it up before. Bernie Brown: Jose' Faith is exactly right. We made a promise. You weren't involved at the time but I tell you what if it becomes evident that more revenue is needed I have no problem with it being discussed publicly; let the people know. But we committed to let that sunset at the end of 2014 and I'm going to keep my commitment. Jose' Cubero: I also made a commitment to make sure that everybody had exactly the services they needed to keep growing the City the way it's supposed to be too. That's my commitment. Bernie Brown: It shouldn't have been done on a temporary tax that was already scheduled to sunset. Jose' Cubero: Not a question with that. As long as it's still available and I think there's a good discussion about it. But I think also the discussion should be with these department heads. I think that's being ignored in all this. Bernie Brown: There will always be the opportunity to discuss and bring it back later. Bob Ryan: We're in the process now of talking to some individuals about refinancing that \$3.5 million General Obligation note and the first question they ask, what are you going to do about that occupational tax. Creditors want to know if they are going to be paid and the more security you offer them the better rate you're going to get. Bernie Brown: And Bob you know I think I have mentioned on more than one occasion and we've had some discussion about paying that \$3.5 million general obligation note off. It's due next June and I've been told repeatedly it's being taken care of. Mayor Ellis: You've got to re-finance it or whatever the case may be. You're not going to pay \$3.5 million off. Nobody has ever said that you're going to pay the \$3.5 million sewer line off. I don't remember that ever coming out of anybody's mouth. We talked about refinancing it for a long time. Bernie Brown: We knew in 2011 it had to be repaid or refinanced. Mayor Ellis: And that's what we're in the process of doing right now. We're in the process of refinancing it. Bob Ryan: I got a call the other day while you were on vacation and I told them when you got back we would show them the material that I've been given and sit down and talk about what's on the table. Mayor

Ellis: We've already met with two companies about it and we're meeting with a third to see who the three are and what their bids are on it. Then it will be brought back to the Council. Jose' Cubero: As long as this Council is open to the fact of discussing it, that's good enough for me but I'm just telling you looking at numbers and looking at what we're asking to do and when we take that off what we're looking as far as the 10% reduction in revenue. Faith Portman: I'm willing to look at anything when it comes up. I'm just saying there was a promise made and if you look back through the records it was to let it sunset and if we need it we'll keep it in. Mayor Ellis: I have a motion and second, at this time I'll call for a vote. City Attorney Wantland: To do what? Mayor Ellis: To remove the Ordinance that we were looking at. City Attorney Wantland: We need to read it but technically no action is needed because it's going to be sunsetting anyway. Bernie Brown: We've had two readings. Now the vote. Mayor Ellis: At this time I'll call for a vote to remove the Ordinance and let the .5% sunset in January 2015. Motion carried to let it sunset 3 approve; 1 opposed; 2 absent.

Faith Portman: I want to say thanks too to Claude and Public Works. I know they worked their hinnies off at the Park. I was over there several times walking and saw them working. Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins thank you all for all your hard work. I know you were stressed. Debbie Hawkins: I would also like to recognize Jamie's wife, Bonnie and Chief Puckett's wife. Faith Portman: Also Pam Peveler, Barry and Whitney, the Police Department for all their hard work. I know they put a lot of time and effort into it too. I want to see when we can get the First Quarter financials to see what we have, what we've spent. Bob Ryan: They will be ready for the next Council meeting. Faith Portman: Can we get in a week in advance so we can look at it? Bob Ryan: I don't know about that they will be ready at least by the Friday before so you'll have the weekend. Faith Portman: I know it's just kind of hard to look at it in two days. I've told everybody that I'm for looking at these sewer rates and I'm going to keep harping on that. I know people don't want to hear that but too bad I'm going to keep harping on it. Bernie Brown: Well Faith I will just add this. We promised in 2011 when we raised the sewer rate 66% that later on we would revisit that and see. We tried too a few times but honestly we did not feel like we had good accurate financial information. I think the time has come now that we do have that information and we need to revisit it and see. Mayor Ellis: I definitely encourage any of you then to come in and just sit down with Bob. His door is open any time. All you have to do is come in and talk to him. Bernie Brown: That's good but what we need is the financial reports to also look at. Mayor Ellis: Come in and look at his numbers. He's going to give you his numbers and he's going to tell you where it is. We pay this guy for his knowledge; he's a State Auditor. Bob Ryan: Something to think about, each month I get a registry from Louisville Water Company that shows the number of clients, commercial and residential and what they have been billed for the previous month. For the last three months I've taken those reports and I have inserted a formula which first I tested to make sure I came back to the rates Louisville Water Company has, with my formula then I insert a rate which would have been the first Ordinance passed; there were two sewer rate Ordinances passed, one raising it to \$6.50 over 2000 gallons and then raising it to \$8.03 over 2000 gallons. If you were to reduce the sewer rate back to \$6.50 I can project that within this year there's a \$551,000 shortfall. In the past month, in July there would have been \$44,000 less revenue; and about \$40,000 less revenue in September. There is something that has happened in the month of August that I found out today that I need to check out with Louisville Water Company. But I can competently tell you that July 1 if the sewer rates would have been back down to the first Ordinance at \$6.50 in excess of 2000 gallons, this year's budget would have been \$511,000 in the hole. City Attorney Wantland: No matter how you talk about cutting sewer rates and everybody wants to lower them, unfortunately for this Council and the prior Council to 2011, there is such a debt structure that has to be serviced by the customers and the only way you're ever going to have any appreciable effect of reducing the ability to lower the rates is substantially increase the number of sewer users. The cost is fixed as to the cost of money that was incurred before 2011 and I haven't seen it but I bet you it's 80% of the sewer budget. Bernie Brown: I don't think we committed to lower the rates but we did commit to study it and investigate it and look at it. City Attorney Wantland: But people want to know what is happening and people need to hear that up to 2011 there is such a debt burden that was placed upon each and every sewer user in this City that until we increase the number of users significantly the burden of cost of debt on each individual user, one, is fixed and I'm relatively confident it's at least 80% of the sewer rate charge. That debt is there. It's not going anywhere. Bernie Brown: We'll look at the numbers and make some projections too. I'd like to do that. I'm going to do that and I think that's what you want to do isn't it Faith? Faith Portman: I'm going to keep looking

at it and looking at it. That's the promise I made. Jose' Cubero: I think one of the strongest points about that is to try to maintain that as we continue to grow. If we can keep that number from increasing and being about to get more people on then the number does start to slow itself down. Faith Portman: And the more I bring it up the more it will be in the paper and the more people can read what's really happening. People ask me all the time why are you all lowering, you know I read all this other stuff and nobody ever talks about lowering sewer rates or taking care of the taxpayer or this or that. City Attorney Wantland: Each user is fixed to pay off this debt and it's not going anywhere. The debt structure of \$39 million and change for 4000 water users is staggering. Mayor Ellis: When we met with a gentleman here the other day, the guy that has actually worked on getting the loans for a lot of the stuff in the City, he specifically sat right in there with me and Bob and said you're never going to lower that 66% and he told the people sitting up here on the Council several years ago that it needed to be 100% then. Of course the Council didn't do it and I'm glad they didn't. They raised it 66% and that's still tough to deal with. He point blank stood right there at the podium and said you're never going to lower it because of how much debt you have.

Jose' Cubero: I know when we did the budgetary process we demanded a number we were working towards and tweaking. Unfortunately you guys are on spots, all of you department heads, of wanting to meet a number and keeping things tight. We've done a good job. What I'd like to challenge everybody is with this Council is to make sure that you get with us on what you see. You guys do the job day in and day out. You know what your needs are. I call it a wish list but I think it's important that you bring it out when we make comparable decisions about cities like ours we have substantial growth that we can get. I know Chief Troutman we talked about ratings and keeping those kinds of ratings that keep our insurance rates down for all residents in Shepherdsville. Things that are not talked about; the kind of things that are needed. The same thing with our Police Department and some of the rankings we get. Those things actually help what happened to homeowners and their insurance policies and all the type of things we talked about. These are monies we have to pay on a month to month basis. I just want to make sure that when everything is said about this we're talking about trying to balance a fine because of some of the history of the City we're spending money to take care of some of the things that have happened in the past. I just think it's important that when it comes to this to keep that conversation going. The only other thing since we're missing two Council I don't want to bring up but we had a conversation last meeting about that department position and everybody has a copy of the job description. I want to make sure that at the next meeting we discuss and I'll probably make the motion about that position. At least having the position established with a job description an salary that we can maybe by January 1 have a person that's qualified to be in that position. I think that's also a cost savings to the City.

Bernie Brown: I just want to commend Claude and his people for these beautiful blue and white signs that have been put up. I'm seeing them all over around the City and they look good and you all have done a very timely thing of getting them up. Appreciate it.

Mayor Ellis: We need to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation. Faith Portman made motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss litigation. Clinton Kline 2nd. Motion carried 4-0-2 absent.

Faith Portman made motion to return to Regular Session. Clinton Kline 2nd. Motion carried 4-0-2 absent. City Attorney Wantland: Mr. Mayor and Council, there was discussion about litigation involving a developer apartment building near the high school in Shepherdsville, Kentucky. It is this Counsel's opinion that there are people who are affected by a lawsuit that is now pending that are not parties to this lawsuit. In equity these people should be brought before the Judge, before the Court, and let them seek to redress as to the construction of this proposed apartment complex and I would ask the Council's permission to do that. Clinton Kline made motion to enter into lawsuit. Jose' Cubero 2nd. Motion carried 4-0-2 absent.

Clinton Kline made motion to adjourn. Bernie Brown 2nd. Motion carried 4-0-2 absent. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

R. Scott Ellis III, Mayor

Attest: _____
Tammy Richmond, City Clerk