

**CITY OF SHEPHERDSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, February 10, 2014**

Pastor Mike Miller, Family Day Ministries gave the invocation
Pledge of Allegiance was recited
Mayor Ellis called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

Mayor Ellis asked for a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the 1/27/2014 regular meeting. Jose' Cubero made motion to dispense with reading. Clinton Kline 2nd. Motion carried 5-0-1 abstention.

Mayor Ellis asked for a motion to approve minutes as written from the 1/27/2014 regular meeting. Clinton Kline made motion to approve 1/27/2014 minutes as written. Gloria Taft 2nd. Motion carried 5-0-1 abstention.

Old Business: Further discussion with Rob Campbell with Qk4 on the Blue Lick Road Drainage Project. Rob Campbell: I'm here tonight to discuss further with you the Blue Lick Road planning study. Each of you had a package in your box just before or just after the last Council meeting. In that you had a map, an agreement with the Corp and some additional information regarding the funding mechanism the Corp is providing. I'm hoping all of you had a chance to look at that. I did not receive any questions but I thought this is the perfect venue to answer any questions you might have. What I'm going to put on the screen is a map of the proposed study area. The area I'm zooming in on is the City Park; the ideal is to create a new outfall for storm water that currently cannot escape this area on Blue Lick Road and that particular area extends on down past Mallard Lakes and on over to 61 not quite all the way. The red area you seen on the screen is Flood Plain so we're not going to change the fact that some of these areas are in the flood plain but we are going to create a positive drainage way for the water to get to the river and not stand for days and days on end. The idea of this particular study is to utilize a funding mechanism the Army Corp has to allow for them to pay for half of the planning study. They have a place holder in their budgeting for this pot of money to spend \$50,000 on the project if the City also spends \$50,000 on it. It's a matching project, so essentially if you all spend \$20,000 then they can put \$20,000 toward it. You want to take advantage if you can figure out a way to do it inside your budget. Initially what we've talked about and looked in the field with City personnel is coming up through City Park and having an outfall either to the west of City Park into the wetlands or directly to the river just cutting straight through City Park and then cutting across between the schools over the Blue Lick Road. The one thing everybody knows is KY 44 and Blue Lick Road both have deep ditches, no shoulder throughout the stretches so that is something that is part of this the way we've structured it right now would allow us to go ahead and start discussions with the State about their participation and ultimately in a final design and construction of a project of this nature because they also have a corresponding safety issue with no shoulder and it's their drainage actually too inside the right of way. Jose' Cubero: Do we have any numbers on the number of households that are vested in this part? Rob Campbell: I do not have a house count. Jose' Cubero: That would be a good thing because as people see this and in trying to educate the folks who are living in these areas of what we're trying to do to help this part of our community. Faith Portman: Is it going right where the road between where Bullitt Lick and Shepherdsville are? Rob Campbell: Yes. Faith Portman: It will go down Shannon Lane correct; because all those homes back up too. Rob Campbell: They have standing water issues is that what you're leading up to? Faith Portman: Yes. Rob Campbell: It's like any other project the more money you spend probably the more people you can positively affect. This would create an outlet for storm water which is the ultimate idea and then you may have to do a later project to get it over to an area to positively drain it but right now the outlet is not there to allow you to do that. So it creates a solution. It's not a fix all. It's not and end all be all for everybody in this area but it does create that outlet that would enable you over time as a City to make other improvements. Dana Bischoff James: One of my number one concerns is because there are so many

neighborhoods through here and the most efficient way is blasting versus ram hoe. Mayor Ellis: If you run into any rock. Dana Bischoff James: How much blasting do you anticipate? Rob Campbell: We don't currently have geotechnical information that could give me that. I couldn't tell you that right now. But as you move forward with costing the project out you've got to get some determination of that so you can accurately predict the cost. That's out there in the next step. We definitely want to identify factors like that; some of the things that come out of a planning study is you come up with ideas that are a little different than what you planned on doing but still meet the goals of the project but done a little differently to save money. Dana Bischoff James: So to gather a little bit more information does that have to be us actually implementing the project or is there a way to gather the information before saying we want to move forward with this? Rob Campbell: In terms of geotech you would have to pay somebody to get that data. I think essentially you are going to have to do some work to figure out if you want to move forward with it. Dana Bischoff James: So just gathering a little bit more information and knowing what plan because I think blasting would be something that could potentially cause more harm to various homes or neighborhoods. I just want to make sure which route we're taking to protect those. Rob Campbell: I understand. That's an important detail of any design is not impacting those homeowners. There is definitely more than one method of excavating rock too. I would call that a next level of information. The more important thing for a study of this nature is can we alleviate the standing water and the flooding and does that solution work during a flood event to not actually create a preferential pathway for more flooding. I think the focus of a study of this nature is not so much getting into that next level of information as it is determining whether or not this is feasible in terms of solving the water issues. Then when you get to costing it out some estimation of that rock removal will have to be made. The other thing we can use while this work is going on is there have been several projects that have cut through this area. We could look back at those plans and see what they had as rock depth that would put us in the ballpark for estimating that rock cost and if the project were to go to that next level and move forward and be funded; either in a City budget or through a grant or something of that nature, then you would have a good feel for total cost. Dana Bischoff James: Would this be something we would want to table then and gather more information? Rob Campbell: It's your all's call on that I think that there we pretty much have the information available to move forward with the planning study but if you want to know to a greater detail what it's going to actually cost and how many feet of rock to move here or there I'm saying you are going to have to move forward with some planning effort to get there. Clinton Kline: He's not asking to fund it he's asking for planning dollars. Dana Bischoff James: This is spending money to actually plan to see if it can be done? Clinton Kline: If we have the plan we don't have to move forward with it right away. But Mr. Campbell's suggestion is while we have matching funds to go ahead and take advantage of that so we have a plan. Dana Bischoff James: How long are the matching funds? Once we say yes, how long do we have to implement fully with the matching funds? Rob Campbell: I do not know the answer to that question. I can get you that answer. Dana Bischoff James: That's something if they say you have to have it done in three months ... because that's obviously going to teeter on making the decision on whether we move forward or not too because if we can't complete the project in a given amount of time then we shouldn't start something that we can't complete. Rob Campbell: I need to get you a firm answer on that but at this point the Corp has not shared with me any deadline that we have to build the project by. They've only discussed a deadline for finishing the planning study and that was a six month deadline from the time we start; and that's very attainable. That will be no problem whatsoever to finish the planning study in that duration but they've not laid out a date by which you have to build it or a requirement to build it. I'm not aware of that but I will double check with them to make sure. That would be a huge deal I would think they would have brought that up and it's not been brought up. Dana Bischoff James: I would make the suggestion then that we table it until we are definitely sure on the project completion date. If there are funds available then absolutely we want to use them but I want to make sure that we don't say yes let's go forward with this study and then us not be able to complete it within the building amount of time. Could we perhaps get that by the next meeting? Rob Campbell: Absolutely. Mayor Ellis: Do we have a deadline on how long the matching funds are there for the study? Rob Campbell: I believe that they are budgeted in this Fiscal Year for the Corp. I'll have to call our contact at the Corp. Mayor Ellis: I know there was some money from last Fiscal Year that they were allowed to carryover for this project. Rob Campbell: Right. I'll clarify that and make sure there is not some other string attached that would require you guys to move forward with construction by a certain date because I'm not aware of that but I will make sure and get confirmation on it. City Attorney Wantland: Point of order. Was that a motion rather than a suggestion? Dana Bischoff James:

Yes. Faith Portman 2nd. Mayor Ellis: I have a motion to table by Dana and 2nd by Faith. Bernie Brown: Tammy can you read that motion back? City Clerk Richmond: It's just that they want to table to gather some more information on whether we'll be able to complete the project. Faith Portman: If the funds are available. City Attorney Wantland: If the funds are available but to make sure that there is no commitment that we have to complete the project. Bernie Brown: Another question is what funds would be used? Mayor Ellis: It would have to come out of the General Fund because it's storm water. Motion to table carried 6-0.

New Business:

City Attorney Wantland had first reading of Ordinance 014-(number to be assigned) concerning compensation of the City Council Members of the City of Shepherdsville. Mayor Ellis stated the second reading and discussion will be February 24th. Faith Portman: Dana you weren't here, I'm the one who is sponsoring this. In 2011 we took a 25% cut in pay just to help the City out and I felt it was time to restore that. We use to years ago we brought in an Ordinance in 2006 where the pay rate would be raised by the annual CPI. We did that and it hasn't been really I don't think it was upheld for years and the reason we did that was so that Council Members wouldn't have to vote on this because I know it puts a stress on people that vote but then you also have to look at it you don't even know if you're going to be here in 2015. I just wanted you to know that I'm the one that brought that up.

Councilwoman Dana Bischoff James to show and discuss a video presentation on School Resource Officers. Dana Bischoff James: Prior to the actual presentation this is something that every time we have an incident in our schools I'm constantly bringing up our School Resource Officers and need for safety in the schools. So actually before I do show the video I want to make a motion and then hopefully I'll get a second for discussion, I want to make a motion that we add two School Resource Officers to the Shepherdsville area. So I'm going to make the motion that we add two seasonal part time officers. Jose' Cubero 2nd. Dana Bischoff James: I do want to make just a couple of announcements prior to the video being started, it's not graphic in any sense, there are a couple scenes so just prepare yourself for that; as it does start it's real though, it's real life, it does encompass approximately 7 minutes; it does encompass bullying to drugs to the very things all the way down to school shootings which is by far what we do not want to see happen in our schools or any school across the United States even though it has happened so our goal is to keep that as far away and to limit bullying, and to also limit any other incidents where children don't feel safe in our school system. Our teachers, I can speak from an educator's perspective, this probably impacts Faith as well, working in the school system, where people feel overwhelmed, they have a lot of students, a lot of real problems that they face and so anything we can do to be proactive in this that's what I'd like to do. So I do want to give that preemptive so if anybody doesn't feel comfortable watching I'm okay with that. At this time a video was viewed by the Council and public. Dana Bischoff James: I just want to reiterate that a lot of time went in to that and I thank the various departments and unfortunately the ones who we've lost to make this video possible because there were a lot of people who sacrificed children's lives that were part of this and I don't want that coming to our County. I want to be proactive and not reactive and wait for something to happen and if we can help make something better for one child why not move forward and do it. I do know that our Police Chief has placed in everybody's box budget items; Bob has been fantastic, I pop in on him all the time. We do not have to make amendments to the budget; the funds are currently available in our budget without making amendments. I want to thank the many people who are here from the Bullitt County School system, I see Christy Coulter and so many other faces that I recognize but I do not know. I want to thank you all for coming and being part of that; for the children who are in the back who are here as well. I'm sure everybody has a story from being bullied at one point or another and would have loved to have had somebody there as a safe haven in addition to the teachers who work endless hours inside and outside the classrooms to have that extra support system. We've also had contact with Keith Davis, I do have a letter, their budgets are lower now than what they have been in previous years and unfortunately that's not something that is part of their budget. They haven't put it in but if it's something they can go back and add too as far as helping in any capacity then that's great but I don't think that we sit on our hands on this issue of every time we have a school shooting I bring it up and so tonight is the night when I'm ready to move forward with it. I think our school system is sold on this, I think the community is sold on this, on keeping our City safe, it's in the budget and so I don't see any reason why not to move forward. Mayor Ellis: Any other discussion? Faith Portman: The motion that you made is that just to hire two new officers or is that for

the two new cars. Dana Bischoff James: It's for the full package; everything that they need. Also one of the benefits is often these are seasonal part time and often these police officers are retired and that helps out with the budget as well; they are seasoned officers they know how to interact with people and children. I'm going to speak of Officer Bernardi, we receive letters from Bullitt Lick Middle School from a teacher and also from a student and I would say that they would speak highly of the work that he does and I hope that we find two more that are just like him to go into our schools. Gloria Taft: What schools do you want these police officers in? Chief Puckett: We'll have one in Bullitt Lick full time; one in Bullitt Central and then the third will rotate through the three elementary schools. The ones in Bullitt Lick and Bullitt Central are on the same campus as Roby and Shepherdsville Elementary and they can spend some time in them also. Faith Portman: Are you projecting two hours a day in each elementary school because there are three elementary schools. Chief Puckett: We can. We still have officers that go in there also with the School Resource throughout the day but the School Resource Officer would be able to dedicate more time rather than just walking through. That would make a big difference. Mayor Ellis: Ms. Coulter, what are you seeing at Bullitt Central since we've had Ken Bernardi come on board? Christy Coulter, Principle, Bullitt Central High School: It's a statistical thing for us. When I became Principle we were looking at everything from fighting to drugs. We track it every month. We've gone down to his presence makes an enormous difference. The culture has changed number one but having his presence there we've gone from very significant fighting, drug, alcohol offenses to nearly non-existent. I think we've had four altercations this entire school year, physical altercations. And I believe it's a change in culture, attitude of advocacy from our teachers and then a presence, when he's there, he's walking our hallways, he's out by our buses, he's there for us. It is statistical but you can really feel it. The days he's not there it feels a little different; it's just a little uneasy. Dana Bischoff James: If I can add to that, you cannot measure crime prevention. That's not something you can necessarily measure and with that it's as close to measuring as it gets. Ms. Coulter: We measure it monthly. We talk about it every month. We have a goal and we're trying to stay below—we want less than ten physical altercations. We have 1255 students in our high school, we are a reflection of society so whatever is happening in our streets is happening in our school. It's the only place that over 1000 of our juveniles are all there. We work really hard on our end. We do a lot of preventive, bullying; we have sessions every month; peer connection, advocacy, we're talking. We're there for them; every kid has a meaningful adult but then Officer Bernardi ... it's just difficult to say but we do look at it statistically and physically. We feel different. It's a sense of security. It really does mean a lot. And I know I'm the first line. If it were to ever go down God forbid, I'm there and they won't give me a weapon so I really need Ken there or someone like that full time. These guys are big if there's an issue. It just means a lot to Bullitt Central. Jose' Cubero: It's a deterrent. You've got a different culture today than you had 25-30 years ago. Social media has really accented the kind of things that go on. Ms. Coulter: If I wanted to bully you I had to go back to Green Acres and call you on the phone, I had to wait on the house phone. Now I can bully you 24 hours a day and that's a big difference. We've really changed the culture. We've gotten a lot better. I think it's a combination of a lot of things but a big piece of that pie is having that officer on site. Periodically we have the drug dogs come in and do some things. We're fighting that fight and we're improving and we can see it statistically. It would mean a lot to Bullitt Central for sure. Bernie Brown: Do you know what's going on in the schools in other cities around Bullitt County? Do you have any way of knowing? Ms. Coulter: Mt. Washington Police, I think they support Bullitt East. Bernie Brown: Hillview, Lebanon Junction? Ms. Coulter: I don't know. Dana Bischoff James: I can speak on behalf of that. We have recently received a letter from one of the other schools thanking us for being the grandfather and being proactive and the leaders. We are setting the standards for other departments, for other areas and I would like to see that continue. Ms. Coulter: Let me just say this, at the Court House there are all these different measures right there. Bullitt Central has 27 exterior entrances; we were designed before school shooters were born. We don't have the luxury of a monitor at every door. There is not one entrance, we've got kids moving around our campus, from our campus to Vocational School and all around so the presence of an officer on site seems to be the cost effective way to help serve our kids and have a safety measure there. Faith Portman: Are there cameras and buzzers on all the doors. Ms. Coulter: Yes, the District has spent a lot of their resources. We are under construction and we're expanding another 30 cameras; so yes we have cameras, culture advocacy is the best avenue but having his presence there in the safe schools program supports us so we spend a lot of dollars already on things we can do. Dana Bischoff James: I'll add to that as well, during our research, but one of the issues at the schools, they had officers that were locked outside the schools and

our officers and department have access into the schools. But the officers were locked outside while they person who was engaging in the school shooting they were going rampant and the officers could not get in. So our officers and our Department have already gone beyond and started making those relationships with the schools. Faith Portman: Don't you all have key fobs to get into the schools? Chief Puckett: Yes. You realize as well as we're doing at Bullitt Central that Ken is actually divided between four schools. His cell phone goes off all the time; if Christy needs him he's over there. This is going to eliminate that part because we'll have three officers. Gloria Taft: Do our officers have access to your video cameras in school so if they need to see what's going on they can? Sarah Hardin: We are in the process of that right now. Actually we have a Memorandum of Understanding going through the Board at the next Board meeting so that we can have that understanding with Shepherdsville Police. Like you said before Shepherdsville Police has been the whole grandfathering in of the whole process because they've been so easy to work with. So we are working on video surveillance access for all of our officers on non-school hours and then our School Resource Officers will have access to video surveillance anytime. We're also working on the key fob access. Shepherdsville Police Officers already have that in place because they have the fobs and it's an easy transfer. So they already have access whenever they need to. Faith Portman: That's to all the schools in the City, correct? Ms. Hardin: That is correct. Bernie Brown: From one perspective this is a Bullitt County problem too. Ms. Hardin: We're working on agreements with all the other agencies to allow the key fob access and also for the video surveillance access as well. Faith Portman: Do you mean like the Sheriff's Department, is that what you were getting at? Bernie Brown: Yeah. Dana Bischoff James: We have been the leader through this project. Chief Puckett: Actually tomorrow we have a Chief's meeting and we're going to be discussing that with all the Chiefs in the County. Bernie Brown: I just think that this is a Bullitt County issue too that needs to be discussed. I just offer that as a thought. Mayor Ellis: The Bullitt County Sheriff's Department has people in North Bullitt and Hebron; Mt. Washington has folks in the Mt. Washington schools; Shepherdsville is the one that implemented this program after the Sandy Hook shooting December a year ago and shortly after we did that the other schools took notice and put them in as well. Dana Bischoff James: I do want to say that if anybody has looked at today's *Pioneer News*, this is speaking of the indictment of the terroristic threatening from the Old Mill so I encourage you to read the article because this 18 year old threatened a 6 year old boy and other classmates at Old Mill Elementary School and he said that he was going to "shoot them sniper style". He has access, he goes out and he uses a shotgun. His mother confirmed that he made accusations and immediately he was removed from the school system. Outside of this one one of my little cheerleaders in another school received a photo of a gun threatening her saying that he is going to come kill her and take her life. She did get removed from that particular school and away from the threat but there are some other issues still standing. I'm ready to be done with bullying. If we can be proactive and stop this or put an officer in there time is critical at this point. Officer Bernardi or the Chief can speak on how long some of these shootings last. We were discussing 80 seconds for one. I will say if you did not notice that was our Police Department on the video and they were in Shepherdsville Elementary School doing the training. I don't feel like this is something we need to sit on. I think if we can do it, it's in the budget, Bob has been fantastic and again anytime you have questions stop in and ask. Gloria Taft: Will you clarify why you're saying it's already in the budget? Dana Bischoff James: Yes and Bob correct me if I make any misstatements. One example is the Court Pay, we have approximately \$24,090 in the Court Pay, that is regular payroll, and as far as rent expense, the Police Department does not truly generate income outside of the toll lot so they are paying 1/3 of that which is almost \$67,000. Gloria Taft: But that has to be paid regardless. Dana Bischoff James: Right and it's not showing up on revenue on the Admin side, they don't show it as General Fund so it's kind of in there twice; then there are a few other line items that brings us up to the full \$127,000 that is needed to fully equip these guys. Many of these items as stated is also one time items that have to be purchased that once then that covers everything. Clinton Kline: That brings it up to a total of \$224,019.78 for 15 months. Jose' Cubero: One is in this budget and one in the next budget. It will be part of the budget when we start talking about budgets. You've got some initial costs in those first numbers. Clinton Kline: Mr. Ryan can you explain the police rent a little more clearly. Can you come in and explain; it sounds like we're shuffling money to find funds out of the budget. Bob Ryan: The City makes a \$200,000 annual payment on this building. That was in prior years and in last year's budget divided between Admin, Police and Fire Department. In reality the Fire Department and Police Department do not contribute any hard dollars to that \$200,000. In the budget the third and the third was reported as an expense of the Police Department and the Fire Department but did not show as Revenue on the side of the

City. Clinton Kline: Did the City show the full \$200,000 expense on their expenses? Bob Ryan: Yes. I think in reality the City should; when you talk about the City I'm talking about the Admin side because it's the Admin side that really generates the revenues to carry all the other departments. Clinton Kline: So when we get out our budget and look at it on the Admin side does it show \$67,000 or does it show \$200,000? Bob Ryan: I think we're showing \$67,000. The \$66,000 on the Police side and the \$66,000 on the Fire side are not really hard dollars that are going to be spent. If you take that \$66,000 you can turn that into actual hard dollars that flow out for the Resource Officers. Clinton Kline: So for our entire budget if we have \$66,000 budgeted all three places and over here on the Admin side we have \$200,000 flow out, that's a hard dollar somewhere in the whole scope of our budget. Bob Ryan: Yes. Clinton Kline: So when we take this \$66,000 and add it to the Admin side from Police and add it to the Admin side from the Fire where is that \$132,000 coming from in the whole? Bob Ryan: I believe it's already on the City side. Jose' Cubero: Has that payment been made? Bob Ryan: Yes. Jose' Cubero: So what he's saying is even though we budgeted three he's saying it's been paid already. So within our budget that money has been already accounted for; the payment but it didn't come out of either one. I think for future reference we shouldn't even put it in Police and Fire. Gloria Taft: But it's taken out of General Fund and it's put in to the Police Department and then it's taken from the Police Department and put back into General Fund. It's a circular motion. So you can't take it from going from the Police Department paying back General Fund because then you're short \$66,000 in your General Fund. Bob Ryan: It was never reported in the General Fund as revenues. Clinton Kline: But the General Fund expense should have been budgeted for \$66,000 and it paid \$200,000. And when you leave this expense and show it over here on the Police Department or show it on the Fire it makes the whole checkbook work out. But when you take it and you spend it twice it doesn't work out. Bob Ryan: Because it hasn't really been spent twice. It hasn't been spent on the City side. It's like on the Police side and the Fire side it's like depreciation. Clinton Kline: I make a motion to table until Bob can present further information on numbers. City Attorney Wantland: There is already a motion and a second on the table. Jose' Cubero: Let's clarify first. We're just talking about year to date budget numbers. Let's make sure we're talking about that first because I know what Clinton is trying to say and he's correct in saying that's the way we budgeted it out. For future reference we're going to take care of that problem in our budget. We're not going to have any more of that confusion it's going to come out of Admin all the time. But you're already stating to us that within our budget so far this year to date that we've made that payment and we're in good standing on our budget. Is that correct? Bob Ryan: I believe so yes. Jose' Cubero: Okay, that's what I wanted to know. And all he needs to do if you take our January numbers, we don't have February numbers, and look at those numbers on the Admin side and they show that currently we've made the \$200,000 payment plus we've not paid that obligation out of Police and Fire so that money is allocated out of the Police to be used for this program. Gloria Taft: When I went over the numbers at the end of the year for December three of our Departments were over budget. Now granted money is going to be coming in in February that is dated the end of December because that's how taxes work, but with Departments still being over budget at the end of the year and now we're wanting to influx \$125,000 in additional expenses, that's not accounted for in the budget, because we didn't know about it when we set the budget. Jose' Cubero: But the revenue numbers are different. Gloria Taft: But we don't know that. We can't see that because it's not been proven yet. Dana Bischoff James: This all comes out of the Police budget. Gloria Taft: They are within \$4000 of their budget. That's not \$127,000. Dana Bischoff James: I will say that these numbers have been in everybody's box for three weeks. Gloria Taft: Yes, but I didn't know we were even going to attempt to vote on this tonight. I knew we were going to discuss it but when we talked before we were going to talk to the School Board about seeing what they would do. Dana Bischoff James: Officer Bernardi made contact with them and they are under budget. They don't have the funds. I think putting our students if we can move forward because even once we get this if this is approved then there is still down time on finding people and in getting this implemented and I don't want it to move into the summer. I would like to see this move tonight and I would like to see this be something that they can start implementing as soon as possible. Gloria Taft: I agree, I think we need it. It just think we need to make absolutely certain that the funds are there and they funds are available because we haven't seen good hard numbers yet. Dana Bischoff James: I sat down with Bob one on one with him and went through every number on this but I don't think that this is something that we postpone or wait. We've heard from the school people, we've heard from the people from the community, I think this is something that we need. Gloria Taft: I'm not arguing that point. I think we need it. I think we need to make sure that we've got the funds. Bob Ryan: You have December numbers in front of

you where I made adjustments in red. Where there were expenses there is excess in some of these expenses for the year. I maybe take \$1000 out of one expense; \$500 out of another expense and this is all these little numbers coming out are what allow you to reduce some of the budgeted expenses to put the Resource Officers back in the budget. Clinton Kline: Which is changing the budget. Bob Ryan: No. This is a worksheet. The budget itself for the Police Department is \$2.7 million dollars. That total number that was passed by the Council as an Ordinance has not changed whatsoever. It's just the line items that are inside the budget that make it up have changed. Bernie Brown: You can't be moving line items around at your pleasure without amending the budget. Bob Ryan: No. This is not an Ordinance. This is a worksheet that makes up the Ordinance that the Council passed. Bernie Brown: The line items are an amendment to the budget. Mayor Ellis: No. The only time you amend the budget is if the bottom line changes. Bob Ryan: No it is not. Bernie Brown: I have been told here that it is. The City Attorney said that and you have said that too. Mayor Ellis: I don't ever recall saying that. I say the budget needs to be amended if the bottom number changes. Bernie Brown: Those line items are part of the budget. Jose' Cubero: There are two things here if you just look at revenue up through December its \$225,000 over the number. We went through this is January last year looking at do we budget a low number conservatively on revenue but we anticipated numbers to be obviously about a 10% increase but we did it to make sure that we take care of our bills. I can understand Gloria's concern because the idea that we do the program is right; it's good for the schools. But we need to make sure that if we have something in our box like Clinton says, just itemize this out because we have to show that our revenue is up and it is up as of December \$225,000. What we need is after January what we're up, where that money is going to be attributed to and make sure that's a commitment made by the Police Department and what we do. It's the right thing to do and we can show that money we just have to show it. Gloria Taft: Absolutely it's the right thing to do; protect our kids, protect our schools and teachers and then in the big picture make Shepherdsville better all in general. Jose' Cubero: I think the biggest concern for most people is that if we know when we see our budgets we see where the revenue is versus the money that we said we were going to spend versus the actual budget, or if we're above that we've got to be able to show it and I'm not sure how this part works, because we need to make sure we do this right; we're allocating money for something that we didn't originally budget. Chief, I think the biggest thing is and I think we're all in agreement of what value it is for the community. We all understand the philosophy that we're trying to present to everybody, it's always about spending money and why we're spending it. But if we're going to actually be able to show those revenues which we are, I think they are going to continue to show that revenue money is there to do this but before we do this in the future I think that needs to be spelled out for us. Like for instance, the next time we do this, we'll take our budget and we'll say hey we're over x amount of dollars this is what we would like to consider something that is good for our community and taking care of our kids in the classroom. I think we're all in the right direction here but we just need to make sure everybody understands out there that we're not just taking money and just blowing it we're trying to do the right thing for the school system. We obviously live in a different society. Bernie Brown: I think all of us are concerned and want safety in the schools. That isn't the concern. I didn't know either Gloria that this was going to be voted on tonight and I think we needed more time and more financial information to make a decision. Also I really think there needs to be some discussion with the County because this is a County wide problem. It's not just Shepherdsville. Clinton Kline: We're not putting up a very strong face of negotiations when we go and we ask and they say there is really no room for it and we find all this money and make room for it. Of course the Sheriff's Department and Board of Education is going to keep telling us they don't have it because they are going to count on us to do it. And if we have to come through and do it for safety that's fine. Dana Bischoff James: Is there anything else from people who have been part of this that would like to add to this especially from the School system because you all are the ones who are impacted and up until this point we have been the leaders in helping and building and doing what is right for you all and I would say that you all have stories or anything that you would like to share. Sarah Hardin: To talk about the Bullitt County School System and just the funding from Safe Schools standpoint, it used to be overly funded, there was a lot of money that was in the Safe Schools budget Statewide and over the course of the years budgeting has decreased drastically. I know that right now our budget is 60% less than what it was in 2008. To defend a little bit the Bullitt County School System we are just running on very thin money. It's something obviously that we would desire to have the support of our County agencies to come in to be better for partnership and we appreciate really what we have so far, it's a great partnership and I think it's not only just the increase of our School Resource Officers but just the

increase of our patrol and the better partnership that we have with our agencies has been a positive effect as well. So I appreciate that you all have looked into the funding and found the money that's available because any amount would greatly benefit us. Jose' Cubero: I would rather lead than follow to be honest with you when it comes to this. At this point like I said, I understand County funds maybe State funds and Federal funds or any kind of funding for this program. I'd rather set the example first. I hope everybody else can do that but we are fortunate. We've managed our money properly that we're able to have this discussion today. City Attorney Wantland: Four years and what a change. Four years ago we were lucky to have a Police Department. Now we've heard tonight one, we've set the standard; and everyone in this room should applaud the Mayor and the Chief for their leadership, four years and what a change. Whether this goes through our not goes through that's fine but one thing we need to understand four years ago we were scraping bottom and we couldn't keep a Police Officer. Now we have one Officer in schools, a School Resource Officer, it's amazing how great that is. We set the standard. I need the motion from Ms. Bischoff James to be that we have the two that she's proposing to be under the same terms and conditions of prior employment of the School Resource Officer. The Chief and I worked on that contract which was approved by the School Board, we'd like to keep that in place that the School Resource Officer are employees of the City of Shepherdsville and they are under the direct supervision of the Chief of Police and I do not believe this Council wishes to surrender that. I would encourage keeping that in place. While we're talking about money and budget and whatever I have to think about an Amazon proposed facility at 245 and 61 that was sent away to Jeffersonville, Indiana and everyone in this room need to understand that sent away a half million dollars a year to Jeffersonville, Indiana and they are going to get the School Resource Officers. We didn't get them. Faith Portman: I want to make clear that was not our fault. City Attorney Wantland: That was not our fault but that's what happened. You talk about how many School Resource Officers and how many Firemen and its things that Council do every day trying to make this a great community and I will tell you you are doing a great job and you need to be complimented. But four years ago we were scraping barrel just to get by and now we're talking about having three School Resource Officers in our schools. Christy Coulter: I just have one thing, Mr. Brown, I get one phone call in an emergency, and I call Shepherdsville Police. I'm a City school and those are my guys. Those are the go to people. I'm not a County school I'm in the City and that's my folks, that's who I depend on and that's who I call immediately. Bullitt County Sheriff, they do support us, they've come in and helped us on some things from time to time, I love those guys as well, but my phone call in a crisis is Shepherdsville City Police and they are they, their response time is amazing and that's who we depend on. I work with a very very tight budget and I respect whatever you do. I know you know it's important. It's the only place in this City that over 1000 people gather every day, 170 days except on snow days and we'd like to keep them safe. And having an officer present, you know, makes a world of difference, it really does. But you run a tight budget I respect what you do but I'm your City school. Dana Bischoff James: To add to the budget issues as well, and Chief if you will correct me, we are three full time officers down right now from what we were in 2010. To add to that we have had crime rates increase, accidents increase, our business increased so as everything else increases, our Officers are working very hard and as the weather gets warmer our Officers who are in the Schools is going to decrease because as the weather gets nice people come out to play and usually they don't play nice and so they are not going to have the time to be able to be in the Schools. Also the benefits of the seasonal part time officers is a \$21,000 approximately savings because of benefits such as retirement and health insurance that we do not pay. I do want to add to that as well. The savings that we will have from the seasonal part time is approximately \$21,000 because again we don't pay retirement and we do not pay health insurance for these people as well. City Attorney Wantland: Ms. James do you acknowledge that the employment that you suggested be on the same terms and conditions of the prior agreement with the School Board: Dana Bischoff James: Yes. Chief Puckett: We just got a new agreement to sign. In talking about our Officers being down our calls for services are up, crime is up but the Officers are still getting out there and as far as solving crime we've got a higher percentage of solving crime than any Police Department around including Louisville Metro. Dana Bischoff James: I want to keep that. I want our City to start having crime rates that are not solved and I would say that everybody sitting in this room who has ever had somebody to break into your car or steal something we want to keep our Officers where they have the time and ability to solve these crimes. And its crime prevention when you have Officers in Schools, it's going to decrease the crime rate because we know what's going on in homes. We know the drug problem area and we can be proactive in preventing because the Officer is already aware because children tell all. Gloria

Taft: How many hours a week approximately do our road Officers spend in our schools? Chief Puckett: Col. Patchin can you answer that. They do their crime prevention. It depends on our work load. They try to make a 15-30 minute round as often as they can. The big difference in an Officer going in and doing a CP in a school a walk through in 30 minutes and an officer that's assigned to a school is you don't build up the rapport with the students. Gloria Taft: I was trying to figure out if we do this how many hours to we gain with our guys on the road preventing crime outside the school because they are out there if we have a School Resource Officer in-house. LTC Dan Patchin: 22-1/2 a week. Officer Ken Bernardi: I will say this, when I'm in one of the schools, either Bullitt Lick or Bullitt Central the guys on day shift don't go to those schools they know I'm there, they go to the other schools and they spend more time in the elementarys than they do the high school or middle school because they know I'm in the high school and middle school. Faith Portman: My personal opinion is and I'm not saying this against anybody, the School Board needs to help with this. They seriously do. I talked to several Officers throughout our community, in Louisville and I've called Bardstown and talked to them about it. I was impacted in 2000; my nephew was on a hit list. He didn't go to school for two or three days. He feared for his life. He was not the only child on that list. I was impacted. I know what it feels like to have a child be threatened. I'm small I was bullied all through school, believe it or not. I'm loud now but that's probably why because I was bullied in school. It's been going on our entire life and my daughter was in that school at the same time that my nephew was on that hit list. I'm surprised she wasn't one of them. She hanged with a whole group that was on that list. Chief Puckett: Jefferson County Public Schools don't contribute to the SRO or DARE in Louisville either. Dana Bischoff James: The Board of Education is also not able to help out with the DARE program either. Faith Portman: I know they are saying that you know my taxes go up every year and my pay don't go up. So where's the money going? I agree with Joe Wantland too; four years ago we were losing employees left and right, Council gave up pay, we were struggling. And were still not out of debt people. We still have a lot of debt. Everybody keeps talking about how good we're looking we are looking good we're back on our feet, we've got a lot of Police Officers are, we've got a great Fire Department, Sewer Department, Public Works, but we also have to think about people that we're here working for. And that's the people in the community. Dana Bischoff James: Bob it looks like there is a lot here but let's look at this just so that everybody is on the same page. Jose' Cubero: Let's do two things here and I think this would be good for everybody here but it will also be good for everybody that sits out here. Let's get January numbers done, get all that to us so that we can show that the revenue is above where it was projected. That will be an important number to understand where that money is coming from because that money does take care of the Police Department. And in that budget the only I've got to make sure of is what you've allocated so far. If you look at your actual budget there are things that you've changed and we need to show where all that money is. We need to show where the revenue has been budgeted and the actual revenue for this City General Fund and then make sure that we're showing that money what's out of the Police Department. Those two things will bring to the next meeting and that should show everybody that the money is there for it and once everybody sees that then we'll all be on the same page that we have the money and that they see that we're spending the money in a wise way and it's not coming out of anything else. Mayor Ellis: We've got a motion and a second on the table. City Attorney Wantland: I want to follow up and I have to give credit to the Chief, I did work hard with the Chief on this but we drew up the Agreement with the School Board that we collectively, this Council, this Police Chief, would be the one who would supervise the behavior. And the behavior was that of a Police Officer. So that person in this School is an employee of the City of Shepherdsville and we did that intentionally. That was done intentionally that control was given to the Chief and if we have other funding there may be other problems about who they work for and I just want to throw that out. Dana Bischoff James: I do want too because we have a lot of people here from the City and from the Community who are done with bullying tonight and who are here specifically for this purpose. Bob I would like to go through this with the Council especially as a benefit for the people who are here and look at it and then continue with the vote. Mayor Ellis: That's at the pleasure of the Council at this point in time. Gloria Taft: Chief you're good with these new numbers? You've seen them? You participated in the changes? Chief Puckett: Yes I did. Mayor Ellis: We do have a motion and a second on the table; it's the pleasure of the Council at this time. Dana Bischoff James: Bob would you want to add anything as far as these numbers that you want to point out specifically? Bob Ryan: The two major numbers are the \$66,000 which can be turned from soft dollars into hard dollars. Then under salaries, the Police Department budgeted for Court pay \$24,090 and you can see across there is a big zero under what has actually been spent to date for Court pay. Court pay has been paid to the Police

Officers but there is not on the Financial Statements a line item that breaks Court pay out. Court pay is included in the Financial Statements in the top line account 5010, Salary, Wages, Regular Time. So if you would move x number of dollars that has been paid to date down to that zero Court pay, then you're reducing the wages paid to Officers which again puts you back \$24,090 in this particular area under budget. So there is \$24,000 there alone that can be applied to the \$127,000. The rest of it is just going down through; I looked at the numbers where they were over budget for six months, then annualized what they have spent to date and if you do that then some categories are still under budget. You just start pulling out dollars here and there to reduce some of the originally projected line items and the money is there. Faith Portman: So will the money be there next year? Bob Ryan: Yes. Jose' Cubero: That's not a question we really answer until we do budgets. We have to put it in budgets next year. Gloria Taft: That's why I wanted to make sure Chief was involved in all of this because now he knows he has to account for it in next year's budget as well. Jose' Cubero: Obviously just in salaries in regular time you've done well if you look at that first line. Now does that number change when the weather gets better? That's always the thing you think about, the activity and things that are going to go on. I'm not sure where your payroll is going to go if it stays with that trend, that's a good number. Chief Puckett: Payroll is going to stay the same. Jose' Cubero: I'm just trying to convince everybody up here that number is looking good and it's going to stay that way through the rest of the budget. The key in all this is we're making commitments. I think it's important obviously I just think with all the writing here I get it; I can read this and understand what you've done as far as projections versus budget. I don't know if it needs to be simplified whatever way would make everybody happy. We know funds are there. If it makes everybody feel better to have it out there where it's outlined a little differently versus the budget, where that money is coming out, it's very easy to show on one sheet for everybody to see a certain line that you can put accounts and show this is where the money is coming from each one so we make the commitments every budget we're looking at making sure that money is there because we still have to oversee that. We're the oversight. If we decide to commit this money for this Fiscal Year, then we're responsible for making sure we stay on that. Chief has obviously done well on his regular pay. He's got to stay there. That means there has to be some commitment if we're going to make this commitment to the Community and nobody else has the funds then we'll do it. We'll be the leader. But we all have to make sure that we oversight every P&L that we're staying on those lines that you've committed. You've got it in red here but if we're going to take it out of certain accounts I want to see the accounts that we said we were going to make the commitment to that every time we look at every month are we staying with that commitment. That's the thing we should do up here. If we're going to vote on it today then at least we say these are the accounts. We need to make an agreement that we're going to stay with that. So it may not be that we can do it today. I'm just saying that needs to be outlined so everybody knows what accounts we're making commitments too to budget for this program. Gloria Taft: Exactly. That's why I wanted a copy of this to figure out where the money was coming from. Mayor Ellis: I have a motion and a second. At this time I'm going to call for a vote. 3 in favor; 3 opposed. Mayor Ellis broke the tie with a yes vote stating he's standing up for our children and our employees of the School Board. Motion carried 4-3.

Daryl Lee: Contacted the Mayor and has no report tonight.

Duane Price: No report tonight, next meeting is Thursday.

Sign in Speakers: None

Department Reports: None

Council Reports:

Jose' Cubero: Bob thank you for all you've done. I appreciate the work you did for that. I do appreciate all you guys do, number crunching is not a fun thing but I know for us and the benefit.

Dana Bischoff James: Thank you to the School Board. This is something that I have harped on. This has been my big project from the beginning, keeping our Schools safe. Again we should have some happy families because your children are going to be safe and we are making it our project. So thank you for the

support of the School system, the parents, the family, the children in the back, I know that you all are happy as well. So thank you and it's good to be back on US soil.

Faith Portman: Did we get any pricing on the fencing? **Mayor Ellis:** Claude and Scott are working on that. **Scott Fleming:** Nothing yet. **Joe Walden:** It's going to save a lot of money. I tried to email you guys and I don't know if you got it or not. I did try to call Faith and left her a message. My suggestion is 550 feet of fencing needs to be. So if you take the 550 feet of fence that is currently there you roll it up, leave the posts standing, leave the upper posts standing. Go out and buy 2 x 4 to go across the middle, you bolt them on. You don't have to weld them on, you bolt them on just like they do if you go to Fort Knox, you look at military housing, guess what they got, they got those fence posts at the top or you could even do them in the middle then you go at \$4.00 a piece buy your ten foot slats, one you're not digging any holes, you've already got the foundation. Then you get the workers that you have available there anyway on City payroll and get them to erect the fence. Then if you want to take the fence that you've taken up and utilize it at another spot of the City such as maybe over where the old water thing is, where you got the privacy fencing all falling down. Do you need it? Maybe. Maybe not. So take it down so it's not an eyesore. If you want to encase that you put your chain link up. You've always got it for a reason. Because I know and I am a realtor and I know if I go to sell my house someone walks out on my deck and looks at our new lovely car pool that we have back there, of junk and other stuff, cars, that's not very appealing. I'm not the only one, I've got another neighbor here with me that is down on the end house, Louisville Metro Police Officer, and the other ones all agree with me. We're not asking is to be ran the entire width of that Oak Grove, it's four houses. **Mayor Ellis:** You could even shorten it down to the one section where the fence comes in instead of going all the way that whole length. That will actually save some money there too. We got the estimate for the whole length. **Mr. Walden:** All you need is the first four houses because the rest of it is all field. I don't understand why you spent the money anyway to put money around a field. **Mayor Ellis:** You had too because you didn't want people coming in and trespassing. **Faith Portman:** I rode by there the other day, my husband and I did and we walked around and looked at it and he came up with that same exact idea. He said why would you all do that. You already have posts put up. **Joe Walden:** Yeah you've got posts; you've got upper posts and the vertical posts. **Mayor Ellis:** The only reason we were looking at different posts is because one of the guys came in and said you have six inch posts and you need to go ten. **Jose' Cubero:** Joe, would you get with Scott and Scott I'm sure pretty quick we can put some numbers together. It sounds like a great idea. It really does. It will save a whole lot of money. **Joe Walden:** You're looking at about \$2500-\$3000. **Mayor Ellis:** We'll look and see what we can come up with and go from there. **Faith Portman:** What is a section of that fencing? **Joe Walden:** The easiest way because it's up there you won't go out and buy the sections like that you just buy the individuals and you can go ahead and run either another chain link there and bolt them all the way down or a 2 x 4 of pretreated lumber. Whichever way you want to do it. **Faith Portman:** I just want to see that fence put up. I also received a call from the same people in that area about an old shed or barn. **Mayor Ellis:** I couldn't rattle my brain as to where it was. **Scott** do you know where the old barn is that is on that property? **Scott Fleming:** Are we talking on Sewer property? **Mayor Ellis:** Yes. **Faith Portman:** Would we need a motion to surplus that or do we need to look at it? **Mayor Ellis:** What do you know about it **Scott?** **Scott Fleming:** I was under the impression that it was Bobby Elkins. I didn't think it was the City's. **Mayor Ellis:** That's what I thought. **Faith Portman:** It's not the first barn but the little shed right on top of it. **Scott Fleming:** The one he's talking about is actually in the corner of the Sewer property. I'll have to see Bobby Elkins and see what I can find out.

City Attorney Wantland: The Council should be getting information concerning a Fire Truck that being stored but not repaired. If you have questions, call the Chief or call me. I will tell you that we have filed suit over the Fire Truck and we are getting an immediate response from the League of Cities which is our carrier but we're not getting much from Ryder. The League of Cities has reported back to me the same conclusion I came to that Ryder is just not responsive and was not responsive with the Chief at all. I just want to bring you up to date if you have questions, call me.

Clinton Kline made motion to adjourn. Jose' Cubero 2nd. Motion carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

R. Scott Ellis III, Mayor

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Tammy Richmond, City Clerk