

**CITY OF SHEPHERDSVILLE
SPECIAL MEETING
Wednesday, February 26, 2014**

In attendance were Council members Jose' Cubero, Dana Bischoff James, Clinton Kline and Gloria Taft.

Mayor Ellis called the meeting to order at 6:01 and stated the purpose of this special meeting is to have further discussion and possible vote on the Blue Lick Road Drainage Project.

Rob Campbell, Qk4: Based on the conversations I've had with through email with Gloria and Clinton and a conversation we had after the Council meeting with Dana and Gloria, it sounds like everybody has a good understanding what will do with the planning study. What you need to decide as a Council and City is are you ready to move forward and if you are there are two things that should take place. Obviously the Contract/Agreement with the Army Corp of Engineers that need to be signed and executed and gotten back to them this week and then the Contract between the City for them to perform the work. Those are the two things that need to be approved to move forward. After we get finished with that issue I do have another issue related to the Army Corp that I want to bring up. It's an opportunity and there are no strings attached. I've got a hand out on that for you. Jose' Cubero: The only comment that I have about all this, I know that in this study, it's flat from 61 down Blue Lick and that's part of the problem through all that so my question is, those are the kind of things that are going to be identified and deciding exactly what the cost is. That's the biggest thing because if we don't do this we we're not going to know what we're getting into on that. We're moving blind in this. Rob Campbell: The conversation I had with Dana and Gloria, they brought up pipe sizes and how deep they would get as so forth and that's the kind of information we're going to flush out in the study; the different alternative alignments and therefore from that information we will be able to decide what the cost is going to be and if it is feasible or not. Jose' Cubero: Will they give us some options of materials and stuff like that? We don't want to do anything shabby in this case but I'm saying there are things you can use that give you ten years versus twenty years; will those options be available to us because we really don't want to get into doing this halfway. Rob Campbell: I understand. The pipe material will be part of the final design specifications so in the planning study you don't normally get in to that too much because it's inherent that certain pipes have this duration; that they'll exist without failure or "predicted" lifespan. We don't really touch on that so much in the preliminary design because it's documented information we can get from those pipe suppliers and there are multiple pipes that you could utilize, plastic, concrete, metal. Clinton Kline: Will your study or a later study that you mentioned work with the State on some of the issues that have been identified. Will that be in this initial study? Rob Campbell: Yes. We have meetings with the State Highway Department factored in to this study and our data that we collect from them; and the information regarding opportunities to work with them will be included in the study. Dana Bischoff James: I would like to go ahead and make the motion, I spoke with Bob that we amend the Budget under the Category of Contractor and Service Expense in the amount of \$30,000 with the Revenue Surplus that we have and then we would rollover the additional \$20,000 into the next Budget cycle. That is my motion. City Attorney Wantland: Let's not make a motion to amend the Budget just to allocate the funds for the project. Dana Bischoff James: Bob said that we would need to fund through that Category though. Gloria Taft: Is that Category in Water and Sewer or is that Category in General Fund? Dana Bischoff James: This would be General Fund. Jose' Cubero: Mayor to make sure everything ends on our Fiscal Budget we're going to have to amend it anyway as far as the Revenue. I want to do that all at one time. Right now allocated monies are available to us. I have no issue what that part I just want to make sure we don't isolate the situation because it will be that plus maybe other things we want to do all at one time a far as amending our Budget. Mayor Ellis: We have a motion to allocate the money, and sign the contract. Jose' Cubero: Should we leave it as just allocating the \$50,000 and leave it at that? Mayor Ellis: I would do the \$30,000 because you are going to be looking at the \$20,000 coming up in the next Budget cycle. You're looking at a six month study. Gloria Taft: \$30,000 this cycle; \$20,000 next year. Rob Campbell: Correct. We'll be about half complete at the end of your Fiscal Year and the rest of it we won't be billing for until after the Fiscal Year ends. Jose' Cubero 2nd. The only thing is you've given us approximate numbers on this so it's somewhere between what you told me the number was the total cost of it, it says up to \$50,000 correct, on our responsibility? Rob Campbell: You all I think by your vote are approving a total of \$50,000; \$30,000

now and \$20,000 later and that will cover it. Clinton Kline: I talked to Dennis Mitchell and I couldn't hear him well on the phone but he had some things he wanted to say about this. I didn't know if we could let him talk. I'm not sure what he has to say. Dennis Mitchell: Actually we got started on this when Angi was the engineer with the City. It got started about 2009. There were several of us at a meeting with the Board of Education. I came to the Administration that was here; I saw the need that was out there. They said go ahead and do what you can on it. So I did. I got with Robert Watkins and we shot all the elevations on it and from Blue Lick to Salt River was 5,240 feet. It was 40 feet from being a mile. That was a straight run shot through there; that was going through the property. After I left there I met with Keith Davis with the Board of Education. He was just tickled pink over it because they are pumping water out of Jarki Mobile Home Park and having all kinds of problems. Then he asked me to come to the Board of Education; so I went to the Board of Education and the Board of Education voted to give an easement right through the school property. We estimated that the storm drain would be approximately 11 feet in the ground somewhere in that neighborhood. That was using the corrugated pipe and 5 foot pipe, it may need to be six foot pipe it depends on what your rainfall is. But this was going to help approximately 800 homes in that area plus the two schools, plus the businesses. It was going to take all this water off 61 and all could go into this storm drain. Everything was worked out and we have the minutes; John Roberts who works for the Board of Education has a copy of all the minutes and everything that transpired and we even brought Steve Miller with Brett Guthrie's office on board. We looked for money everywhere. If that will help you all with this project; it's a great needed project and it will help so many people out there. It actually started in 2009 and I support the project 100% and if I get back on as Magistrate and see anything that Fiscal Court can do anyway, shape form; I'm the biggest bum in the world, I don't care to ask for money! From the summer water pool in the Salt River from Blue Lick you're looking at approximately 30 feet drop is what you've got there. And you won't have to move any utilities because you're going to be underneath all that. Rob Campbell: Let me just add to what he said, any information that he has will definitely be worked in to the study but the other good news when you have the public meeting which is part of this project, there will be other people to come forward too and share information that can be incorporated into the study so that kind of exchange is really important. **Vote taken at this time 4 in favor; 0 opposed; 2 absent.** Rob Campbell: I'm going to tell you the exact same thing the Army Corp told me this is a no strings attached opportunity. When I was talking to Nate at the Corp about the project you just approved, I asked are there any other opportunities for funding that we really should be talking about for final construction and design dollars. He said not on the PAS project which is the one we just approved but he said they have a program called the 205 Program this is for other projects we might approve the Corp would do \$100,000 worth of planning all their own dollars. So if we have another small flood risk management project they will do up to \$100,000 at no cost to you all and then if that is approved at \$50,000 they will evaluate the project and if the project has Federal interest they will go ahead and do the next \$50,000 of the planning study and then it will be eligible for a 50/50 split on the final design. And after final design is done it's eligible for a 65/35 split; they pay for 65% of construction and you all pay for 35% up to \$7 million. It's an opportunity and you all can go ahead and get your name in the pot for a flood mitigation study with them if you guys would vote to approve a letter of intent which he tells me has no strings attached. You send in the letter of intent and if you come up with a project and it's moving forward there is no mandate that it has to move all the way through construction. Clinton Kline: What would be a potential project this would apply to? Rob Campbell: That's where I was going next. Great question. So what happens with the FEMA mapping that is currently being investigated? The finding on that may not result in any change in mapping even though everyone is trying really hard to impact that and make sure that it's not wrong. If that moves forward and that mapping is in place we already know there is a large impact to a number of homes in the City and County that are impacted by floodwaters. So for the City of Shepherdsville the plan would be to study what we can do to take those people back out. Can we build a flood wall around a certain area? A flood pumping station; is there some sort of flood protection infrastructure that could be built to take those homes that are now in a floodplain because the map changed back out of it. So to me there, and I'm just looking preliminarily at the mapping on the Beech Grove Road area is an area that's very tough just looking at it on the surface protecting them with a flood wall because it's all down in the flats. There is no obvious hillside you can back that up into. But there are options still. The Corp could study it for you. And then also on the north side of the River you've got a significant portion of the City that is impacted by flood waters all the way up to Kroger parking lot. So there are opportunities there to study what kind of flood protection could go in. I'm recommending to you all based

on the fact that there is no strings attached that you vote to sign a letter of intent to pursue the funding for Project 205. There is no guarantee that it will get approved. This just gets you started. Clinton Kline made motion to write a letter of intent. Jose' Cubero 2nd. Motion carried 4-0-2 absent.

Jose' Cubero made motion to adjourn. Gloria Taft 2nd. Motion carried 4-0-2 absent.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

R. Scott Ellis III, Mayor

Attest: _____
Tammy Richmond, City Clerk