

**CITY OF SHEPHERDSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2013**

Councilwoman Dana Bischoff James gave the invocation
Pledge of Allegiance was recited
Mayor Ellis called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

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

Mayor Ellis asked for a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the 3/25/2013 regular meeting. Jose' Cubero made motion to dispense with reading. Dana Bischoff James 2nd. Motion carried 5-0-1 absent.

Mayor Ellis called for a motion to approve minutes as written from the 3/25/2013 regular meeting. Jose' Cubero made motion to approve. Gloria Taft 2nd. Motion carried 5-0-1 absent.

Mayor Ellis stated he had an announcement he wanted to make at this time in response to a newspaper article that was put out today. I can honestly tell you folks sitting in this room right now that since my administration began we can account for every tax dollar that has come into this City and has went out the door. It's either been signed in a check that I've signed and we accounted for accompanied with a PO. Unfortunately there are still folks out there that want to keep the stink stirred up. I'm not going to focus my attention on that. I'm going to focus my attention on continuing to make this City grow and make this City better; and hiring good intelligent professional police officers, firefighters, public works, sewer and admin people and I'm not going to worry about that stuff. We're going to address that I'm sure tonight and I'm sure that this Council has some words that they want to say about that and they are going to have their chance to speak on it and I'm sure some of the employees are going to want to speak on it as well. But I'm going to tell you right now, I can tell you where every dollar that this administration has brought in and has spent where it's went and where it's came from. And I'll put it on the line any day of the week.

Old Business:

City Attorney Wantland had second reading of Ordinance 013-(number to be assigned) providing for right of way closure of passway/alley requested by Publishers Printing. Faith Portman made motion to accept. Jose' Cubero 2nd. Mayor Ellis opened the floor for discussion. City Attorney Wantland: Briefly Mayor, Mr. Ryan, I believe, maybe his predecessor, has built an out building in the right of way, Publishers acknowledges that; a subsequent deed is going to basically provide that Mr. Ryan can keep his out building there; he has signed off on that. This alleyway is an extension; we've closed part of it off previously, it's where Walgreens is now situated and runs back towards the crossing by the railroad tracks. My understanding is that Publishers is very appreciative of the Council's work on this as I think they intend to immediately begin construction and employ more workers at the Publisher's plant in Shepherdsville. There being no further discussion Mayor Ellis called for a vote. Motion carried 5-0-1 absent.

City Attorney Wantland had second reading and public hearing on Ordinance 013-(number to be assigned) rezoning 25.43 acres, more or less, located 1,680 LF north of the intersection of Adam Shepherd Parkway and Conestoga Parkway from I-G General Industrial to B-1 Highway Business requested by Benjamin F. Robards III. He stated a copy of the recommendation is attached and it's recommended to be approved. Mayor Ellis called for a motion to accept or deny. Gloria Taft made motion to accept. Clinton Kline 2nd. Mayor Ellis opened the floor for public comment and Council discussion. Debra Bilitski, Counsel for Wal-Mart approached. She stated to give a quick summary of the public hearing had before the Planning Commission. Obviously you know where the property is, it's right across the street. The existing zoning is IG General Industrial and IL Light Industrial; we're seeking a rezoning to B1 Highway Business to allow approximately 190,000 square foot retail building and three out lots. This is in conformance with the Comprehensive Plan which designates the property as commercial employment. The proposed rezoning

will enable this commercial development which will contribute to the overall mixture of uses in the area. There are no environmental constraints. A portion of the property is in the floodplain. Adequate compensation will be provided for that. Any wetland areas will be appropriately mitigated. There was a question at the last meeting which I think may have been addressed but I'll go ahead and address it again about the road improvements; the traffic improvements. As the Mayor stated at the last meeting there will be an emergency vehicle warning sign with flashing beacons which is going to be directly across from the entrance to City Hall. There will also be a traffic signal at the other entrance and there will be turn left lanes into both entrances as well. The traffic signal that will be at the Adam Shepherd and Conestoga Parkway is already in process or is part of an agreement with some other property owners that developed in here. It meets all the requirements of the Comprehensive Plan. The Planning Commission recommended approval unanimously. And we respectfully request your approval of this change in zoning. Mayor Ellis: We definitely appreciate you coming to Shepherdsville. Debra Bilitski: And Wal-Mart is very excited to be here. Mayor Ellis: This is a proud day for our community. I'm really proud of this. At this point in time if there are no comments from the public, I have a motion and a second to accept, I'll call for a vote. Motion carried 5-0-1 absent.

Mayor Ellis stated at the last meeting we had a parade permit for Tiffany Rhodes for an event she wants to hold on September 21st. We do have her here tonight. If you would step up to the podium please to answer any questions the Council may have regarding the event. Ms. Rhodes: We are asking to do the Conquer Chiari Walk Across America at Shepherdsville Park. I believe the street names are West First Street and Plum Street; just on that little, not even half mile, circle. We are trying to get the community involved and help raising awareness and funding of course for the Conquer Chiari. Chiari, I'm not sure if anybody knows what that is. Chiari is a neurological disorder that affects the cerebellum. The brain grows outside of the skull and it puts pressure on it and forces it to grow down the spinal cord. It causes you to loose feeling in your arms and legs; it can cause you to go deaf, blind, it causes respiratory issues along with all kinds of other things. This is the sixth walks they've ever had so it's not very known so what we're trying to do is help it get known. Just like the breast cancer awareness, we want to be as big as that. Mayor Ellis: Are you just going to have a walk? Ms. Rhodes: I'm just planning on the walk; maybe kid friendly activities so if people bring their kids out, face painting, stuff like that. Maybe music, it's going to be during the day. Registration will start at 1:00 so if people come out at 1:00 they can eat and hang out for a couple hours before the walk starts; start the walk at 3:00 and it's not even ½ mile so people will be ready to go after they make their round. Last year the walk lasted 2 hours; so no later than 6:00, that's with clean up and everything. It's free to participate but they ask for a minimum donation of \$25.00 and that for the shirts they have made up for each individual walk site. Dana Bischoff James made motion to accept. Faith Portman 2nd. Motion carried 5-0-1 absent.

Mayor Ellis stated at the last meeting we read Resolution 2013-06 approving the granting of inducements to Speyside Cooperage. There were some questions regarding that. I believe Mr. Wantland should be able to clear some of that up. City Attorney Wantland: The triggering mechanism for the time to begin is when the Cooperage reaches the level of employment as it applied. In other words, they applied for an incentive based on 12 employees. Once they reach those 12 employees, the State is aware of that because they are doing the withholding as well, but that is the triggering mechanism as the time it starts. It doesn't start until they reach 12 employees. So the period begins from there. It's monitored by the State and now by Ms. Taylor of our office and they are asking for five years but the beginning point is when they have 12 employees. Clinton Kline: Have they reached 12 employees? Mayor Ellis: Yes. That's why they are asking for it now. Gloria Taft made motion to approve. Jose' Cubero 2nd. Motion carried 4-1-1 absent.

New Business:

Discussion on request for Parade Permit for Families Moving Beyond Abuse to be held on May 25th starting at Paroquet Springs to Joe B. Hall Avenue to Buckman and will end in the park. Mayor Ellis asked what group this is. Autumn Hollan: FMBA is a court ordered program that is actually volunteer. Judge Elise Spainhour actually runs it. It's been up and running for about 2-1/2-3 years. It's a program for families or parents that are addicted to drugs and alcohol. This program actually help parents by brining you in, you get random drug tested, they offer parenting programs, parenting classes, they get you involved and they teach

you how to live a life free of drugs and alcohol and teach you how to become a parent substance free. What we want to do in the community is to do this Walk for Recovery. It's to show the community, as I'm sure you all know, in Bullitt County there is a lot of drug abuse and issues. And we're trying to bring awareness to the community and also show the community that addicts can recover and can be good people in society. That's what the walk is really for. Faith Portman: Do you need the Police Department to shut the roads down? Ms. Hollan: Maybe just in that one little section. I'm not sure. I would think so because there are no sidewalks on Joe B. Hall you have to walk in the road. Dana Bischoff James: Have you spoken to the local businesses on that street and how it will impact them. Ms. Hollan: No, Seven Counties is actually part of the FMBA. That's where you have your groups and things like that; that's where we meet. I haven't talked to the YMCA or Kart Kountry. It is on Memorial Day weekend also. Dana Bischoff James: This will be a big day for Kart Kountry. Are you talking about shutting down both sides or only one side of the road? Ms. Hollan: It's fairly early in the morning; 9:30 is the walk and then end at the park with a cook out and things like that. Mayor Ellis: April 22nd is our next Council meeting. I would like to ask you to get with those businesses and come back to the next meeting with your finding on that then we can make a decision.

Discussion on request for Parade Permit for Annual Giving Campaign in conjunction with Bullitt Blast. June Daugherty and Stephanie Warner were present to address the Council. June Daugherty: We want to do a 5K run/walk in connection with Bullitt Blast on the 4th of July. I have spoken to Troy Beam and Jackie Allgeier at the Conference Centre and they are all for it. We have actually mapped out two routes. One starts at the Conference Centre and goes down Joe B. Hall Avenue past the YMCA and into the park and back; the other route is here on Conestoga. We wanted to get the Council's opinion on what they felt like. Lowe's is open that day from 7:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. But obviously most government offices and that type of things will be closed. So we mapped out two routes not knowing which one the Council felt like would be the best. Packet pick up would be between 7:00-7:30 with the race actually starting at 8:00. Mayor Ellis: If you're coming from the Conference Centre you're going to have to cross 44 at that point is you do the Conestoga route. June Daugherty: No. If we ran Conestoga we would start here at the Government Center and go up the hill and back. If we start at the Conference Centre they are going to go down Joe B. Hall across 61 into the park and back. Stephanie has talked to Officer Bernardi. Stephanie Warner: We actually mapped in out one day at school and most of the roads could actually just be barricaded because they are very small non traveled roads and the way he had it figured we would probably only need three patrol cars with officers and with it being early 4th of July that we would have those officers on duty anyway during that time. Chief Puckett: 4th of July is a rough day for us so if we're going to have something else in the morning that's more overtime. That's the problem we have with any of these things we do, it's the overtime involved in it. But that's in a new fiscal year so we'll just have to build it in if we do it. Faith Portman: My personal opinion is it would probably easier and better to do it at the Conference Centre. Chief Puckett: The problem is if you do it at the Conference Centre you have the car show early. You'll have the traffic from the car show. June Daugherty: This would be over by then. We're not shutting anything down except 61 just when the pack crosses. It would be a very small amount of time. Dana Bischoff James: My only concern would be people coming in for the car show. That would be my only concern. Just the safety of those people or if they have kids and they're walking. Clinton Kline: On 4th of July I don't think many of the big companies in the Industrial Park are going to be working if you could find a sponsor there that would let you use their parking lot. I think 7:00-9:00 in the morning is going to be pretty dead to traffic on 4th of July. Jose' Cubero: Obviously you guys want to look at the route as Clinton mentioned in the Industrial Park, and bring that back to us at our next meeting.

City Attorney Wantland read Resolution 2013-08 authorizing Mayor to open a savings account at Peoples Bank of Bullitt County for Rural Water Depreciation Reserve Fund. Mayor Ellis: This is for one of the bond issues for sewer that Bob found had never been funded and it is now. It will be funded with the required \$100,000 once this Resolution is passed. Jose' Cubero made motion to accept. Faith Portman 2nd. Motion carried 5-0-1 absent.

Mayor Ellis stated we had a call from a resident who lives on River Oaks about a street light at 508 River Oaks Drive who wanted to know if the City would put one in. Most of those are decorative somewhat like the ones here on Conestoga. Usually streetlights are put in during development. We told her we would bring it

to the Council for discussion. Faith Portman: Where at on River Oaks, most of it has streetlights. Mayor Ellis: Most of it does. Apparently right out in front of these folks house they do not. Clinton Kline: Has anybody gone out and looked at it? Mayor Ellis asked Public Works Foreman Claude Middleton if he know anything about that area. Claude: Not right off hand. Mayor Ellis asked Chief Puckett if any of the officers knew about it. Chief Puckett: We can go by and look at it. City Attorney Wantland called Happy Cahoe to the podium for some information. You have ties to RECC. We're talking about a non-standard ornamental streetlight being put in a subdivision. RECC will obviously bill for the electric, what is the responsibility as far as acquiring the necessary pole or appliance? City will be paying the bill. Happy Cahoe: Normally it would be a regular fee for whatever size bulb you're putting in. There is a schedule that you follow on that. I think it runs from about \$8.70 to \$17.00 for the biggest light that we serve. You would have to pay for the appliance itself. City Attorney Wantland: Does RECC provide the appliance or do we have to go out and purchase it? Mr. Cahoe: I would say get in touch with Tim Sharp, our Engineer; he's up to date on all that. He can see what you want and may be able to order it for you. Can you get us his number? Mayor Ellis: We'll do some more research on it; have the officers go by and look at it at night; then Claude and I will look at it tomorrow.

Daryl Lee: First of all I'd like to thank the some of the City Council who showed up at the workshop and there are others in the audience from other areas who showed up and we really appreciate it. The next workshop will be the fourth Thursday of this month and every fourth Thursday thereafter. The only other thing is there has been a request by Frisch's to rezone the back part of their property. That hearing will come up this week. That will be subject to some variances I understand that they have applied for to meet requirements.

Duane Price: Called to report had nothing to report.

Sign in Speakers:

Gaynell Rummage: Mayor you made a statement when the meeting first began about the article that was in the paper. I'm the one that put the article in the paper. I did that because I believe that the taxpayers deserve to know exactly what kind of raises were given. And as I stated in the article I do not have a problem with anyone making a decent wage but when you tell me you're giving 4% across the board. Mayor Ellis: That's not what was every said in these meetings. That was never said in these meetings. It said there were 4% raises for those employees and that fire and police were going to be scale raises to meet what other areas had. Longevity to match with Louisville Metro, St. Matthews, J-Town, Zoneton Fire, Mt. Washington, places that we've lost employees to. Ms. Rummage: Can I speak? Mayor Ellis: I'm just telling you what the truth of it was. Ms. Rummage: There were several Council members that stated 4% across the board. We can go back and look at the tape. I can order those. But I would like to know how those were calculated. And I know you said longevity. City Attorney Wantland: Ms. Rummage are you here to make a statement or are you here to question? If you're here to question, then it's not proper. Ms. Rummage: I just want to know how those raises were calculated. City Attorney Wantland: That's a question. Now you can make a statement, please. Ms. Rummage: I'm just going back to the Mayor's response when he first started the meeting. I'm the one that put it in the paper. I'll stand behind it. I got the numbers from City Hall. Numbers don't lie. And that's my statement. Dana Bischoff James: When you contacted the Police Department in E-Town they informed you very clearly that that was the starting rate for that department and whenever they tried to further explain any information to you, you refused to hear any more of their information. Your article is deceptive in the way that you brought your numbers together and it's not fair that you try to place a deceptive article into the paper in order to confuse or bring negative light into a growing City that's doing great things. Ms. Rummage: No ma'am. That's not what they told me. Dana Bischoff James: I was completely of the understanding that this City was not giving 4% across the board despite what you put in the paper so when you lie and try to bring disgrace to the people who are serving this City. It is sad that it takes four to five dollars to bring our officers up to an industry standard. That's saying a lot about our people who have stayed on our force and worked in the City of Shepherdsville. That says a lot about them when they are making \$4 less than industry standards. Ms. Rummage: Could I comment on what you just said? I was told at E-Town that their beginning pay was \$15.39 an hour; they get a 3% raise every year annual. I did not lie about anything that I was told by those police departments. Dana Bischoff James: You stated we did not know that we were giving 4% across the board raises. We know exactly what

we were doing. Ms. Rummage: I did not state that you did not know. I stated that you said you were giving 4%. Dana Bischoff James: You stated that we did not do our research; obviously we have or we wouldn't be able to stand here and be able to back our departments and people who are doing great things. Ms. Rummage: I'm not not backing the department's I'm stating that the taxpayers have a right to know. Dana Bischoff James: Do you think that our department or our officers should not be at industry standard? Do you think that our officers in the City of Shepherdsville ... Ms. Rummage: They make above industry standards. I'm not going to argue the point the numbers speak for themselves. Anybody can call these other departments and find out for themselves. City Attorney Wantland: For the record, I'm in the Hall of Justice a lot. Not the Judicial Center, not the one at 7th and Jeff the one at 6th and Jeff and you cannot believe the number of Bullitt County police officers that are walking the halls wearing some form of Jefferson County uniform because they left this employment to take that employment for better money and it is costing the taxpayer thousands of dollars to train an officer in Shepherdsville only to have that officer take his or her training to Jefferson County Kentucky. I don't think it's costing any money that's my opinion but I don't think it's costing us any money to pay these officers; it is costing us money to train them and then lose them. Chief Puckett: We called E-Town today and we talked to the people in E-Town and they sent us a fax back. They did say that their rate of pay starts at \$15.39 and goes to \$22.00. Our rate of pay for a beginning officer is I think \$16.30, it's not that much different. Our top raise goes out to \$25.00 an hour which is a little bit higher. But if you want to look at the ad, it shows that the average pay to officers was; E-Town it says \$22.00 and ours is \$24.83. If you look at our officers our officers make \$21.94 an hour as an average. Our sergeants make \$26.75 an hour as an average. The figures that were presented here today were every officer, every sergeant, every detective, Colonel Patchin and myself. You take all those and you take an average of that it skews the average to where it's not going to be right. You're not averaging what a police officer makes you're averaging what every officer in the City makes which is not a comparison that you can do. Mayor Ellis: Have we lost any officers to Bardstown or E-Town? Chief Puckett: No, we've lost them to St. Matthews, we haven't lost any to J-Town, and we've lost to Louisville Metro. Our rate of pay now if comparable to what Louisville Metro makes. It's not what J-Town makes but it's close to J-Town, close enough that we're not going to lose officers. We're not anywhere close to St. Matthews or the highest paid around. But we're comparable with Oldham County, Shively, Shelbyville; all the surrounding areas that we've got to compete with. We don't compete against E-Town. City Attorney Wantland: What does it take to train a new officer? Chief Puckett: To train and equip them, by the time you get everything done, you're probably going to have \$60,000-\$70,000 in them by the time you get them out on the street. Clinton Kline: That's equipping, when an officer leaves a lot of that equipment is going to be left behind. Chief Puckett: That's not equipment. If an officers leaves we don't keep his uniforms because they are not any good. The only thing you're going to keep is the guns; you can't use the vests again. There's not a whole lot of equipment that you're going to retain. Jose' Cubero: We'll save money in the long run with retention. And it puts a more qualified officer out on the streets of Shepherdsville. I think that's just as important to everybody that's out here. Chief Puckett: We've lost half of our department. We've done a lot of things to try and save money. One thing we're done is the way we pay out holidays; how we accumulate sick time; vacation time. Now we don't have those big liabilities. We have \$126,000 worth of liability that we've wiped out, we no longer have. And it's not anything that is going to be recurring anymore. Dana Bischoff James: I think that says a lot that our officers who were making \$4.00 and \$5.00 less than these departments, the ones who did stick it out with Shepherdsville and they stays because that did save the department \$70,000 when they could have easily went someplace else and made that \$4.00 or \$5.00 for the past two years while our City was going through a complete deficit. Chief Puckett: We're not going to lose an officer for a couple dollars an hour. J-Town makes a couple more dollars an hour than we do, we're probably not going to lose anybody but if you've got an officer that can make \$7.00-\$800 an hour more going someplace else, they've got families to raise and they are going to go. And we're losing good people that way. Now we're keeping good people. There's not a day that goes by now that I don't get phone calls from people wanting to know when they can apply. I need to thank the people that put that ad in the paper because it's going to help my recruiting. It might be a little high but that's good, they are going to be calling me. Faith Portman: We lost a lot of good officers because of the shape the way the City was left in two years ago. The public needs to remember that. We have brought this City back up. It's been hard work, a lot of blood sweat and tears but we need to get on with our business and take care of our citizens and our employees and do what's right for the City.

Department Reports:

Chief Troutman: Actually it's been several Council meetings ago I came up and brought the need for having new turn out gear. I was told to go check my budget and see if I could figure out a way if I had it in my budget to get the turn out gear. I do have the funds in my budget. We're under budget right now in some areas and we're able to squeeze that together to be able to purchase this turn out gear. We buy Globe turn out gear for Shepherdsville Fire Department. The total price for 15 sets of coat and pants is \$24,900. That outfits 15 personnel with new gear. At this time we have 22 sets that are under standards and that if they have to be repaired or anything at all happens to them they will be tossed out. They are no good. It's been many years since there was gear bought. The last set of gear before I took over was in 2007 and they recommend that gear be replaced every 3-5 years. The first year I took over we used State Aid money to buy 10 sets and now we're trying to get 15 more sets to outfit guys to protect them. I did call and get quotes from other companies that sell Globe. The first came in at \$2750 a set; the second \$3053 a set; and the company that we normally use is \$1660 a set. That's who we would like to go with, Fire Department Service and Supply out of Louisville. Clinton Kline: If the total is over \$20,000 doesn't it have to be put out for bid? City Attorney Wantland: It's the pleasure of the Council if you want to put it out for bid you can. Clinton Kline made motion. Gloria Taft: He just said he had three quotes. Clinton Kline: He selected 3 people he didn't publish it and have 3 people come to him. Mayor Ellis: You're not going to be able to put that out and publish in the newspaper. There are a handful of people in the Commonwealth of Kentucky that deal in fire gear and I'm sure he's probably hit the three. And you're not going to buy fire gear nationally. Mayor Ellis asked for a second the Clinton's motion. Motion died for lack of second. Dana Bischoff James: Are you comfortable with all of the bids? Do you feel like there is anybody else out there that we should have looked into or is that pretty much it? Chief Troutman: The thing is we use Globe turn out gear. We've used it for years. Every department I've been on, I've been on several departments, and they have all used Globe turn out gear. It's dependable, it lasts. It's very high in the standards of protection. I did put it out to a couple different companies to get prices to figure out who would be the lowest and the one that we general use, and that's why we use them they usually are pretty low on prices, I do shop around for everything that we buy and try to get the best price when we can get it. Jose' Cubero: I was a member of the audience and watching you with budgets, and we've had our conversations, you're a good steward of the people's money. I think the biggest thing is if it's in your budget and you're able to match your numbers then I think the expectation is that you put these people on the fire department in the best gear. Take care of the City and that's the expectation. That doesn't change because we did what we did with the raises, the expectation from the Council should be that we hold Chief Puckett, and you, and Claude in Public Works, and admin, everybody to a standard. We rewarded you for what you've done with the expectation being no less at any time. As long as you keep doing that and you've got bids, you've set yourself up and you're able to find money within your budget, not asking for another penny, then I think you're well deserved to get that equipment so I'd like to make a motion to approve the purchase. Faith Portman 2nd. Motion carried 4-1-1 absent. Chief Troutman: I also have one other thing, on our Mitigation Fund that we we've worked very hard collecting bills for it getting it built up to where we can purchase things. I was going to come to this meeting and ask to buy a Skid unit that you put in the back of a pickup truck to go out and fight field and grass fires that we make. In the past three-four months we've had several grass and woods fires. As the City grows and we annex in areas that are undeveloped in the City, we have a greater risk for grass and woods fires. We also get into areas where they develop and we have homes in these areas where the brush is still high; there is wooded areas around the homes; and we've come into occasions here recently to have some very close calls; very dangerous terrain that we work on; so we did some reconsidering on buying the skid unit for the pickup truck because the areas that we're fighting these fires in pickup trucks will not get to. They just will not get in those areas at all. So what we've looked at is a Polaris, it's a 2013 RKO unit. Fire Departments are starting to use them. Zoneton Fire Department has a Polaris. Every run that we've made so far we've had to call for Zoneton to come help us. Without their Polaris being able to get here those days there's no telling how bad the fire would have gotten. I don't know if anybody saw this past weekend we had a large fire in The Pointe subdivision. It started out between two homes. We have a very quick response. We have three engine companies there in less than two minutes on the first initial response. On arrival we had a fire that was in a valley between two homes. We protected the homes right off the bat. We sent some guys to the top of the hill to try to stop the fire, we had 35-40 mile an hour winds that day, before the guys could get to the top of the hill it made it further than what we could imagine. Like I said, we're battling 35-40

mile an hour winds. We ended up with four fire departments, probably 75 personnel of the scene, and the thing that helped the most was this Polaris. It's the only vehicle on the last two runs that we've had, that could get back into the areas that we have to fight these fires and deal with them. I'm not asking this to come out of the General Funds and I'm not asking for you to approve it tonight. I'm just trying to put in your heads that we're looking at this and by the next meeting I'm probably going to make some presentations on it. We we're looking at using the Mitigation Account to purchase something of that nature to help us get out here and fight these fires. It also falls hand in hand with our Swift Water Rescue. It's a vehicle that can get back in along the river sides while we're chasing people down the river; they are actually in the water. It's something that we can actually go alongside the river with and get in areas where four wheel drives can't. It's also something for Hazmat's that can be used to haul personnel in and out. Things like the Industrial Park where you have the big businesses back in there. The buildings are a million square foot when you have to go in and transport somebody out for EMS, you can drive it straight through the building, pick them up and bring them right back out to the Squad. There are many uses for it. It's not anything that we have to decide tonight, it's something I'll bring back some more information on for the next Council meeting. I just wanted to make you all aware of it. Jose' Cubero: On the Mitigation Fund, on that money, is that money designed to be used for the fire department. City Attorney Wantland: It's the pleasure of the Council. Mayor Ellis: If he wants to use it for fire gear he can use it for fire gear. If he wants to use it for this particular thing he's talking about here. Jose' Cubero: For me, just bring us more information on the vehicle you want, maybe some quotes. I understand the value of it but I'd still like to know more. City Attorney Wantland asked Chief Troutman to try and get us information before the meeting. Chief Troutman: I had all this information that I was going to send out this week but after some instances took place it didn't get out. I will have the information to you before the next meeting for you to look over.

Bob Ryan: I apologize for not having your financial statements this time around. It's been a week to remember. I did send out 16 letters about two weeks ago to area audit firms. I had the ad in the *Pioneer News*. I cut it out and copied it and sent it to 16 by mail. I got three responses. The one that I picked, Smith and Company out of Bardstown. They do a lot of municipal audits of cities this size and their presentation that they sent to me was first class. It was just a very well done presentation. Their fee was \$16,000 so I told them to go ahead, you've got the audit. They are going to send an engagement letter in. They will be coming in in May to sit down and do internal control reviews and discussion and proceed from there. They are well informed that there is an Ordinance that the audit be done and presented by the auditors to Council at the first meeting in November. So they are aware of the requirements. They have the personnel and I think they'll do a good job. These two gentlemen here (Colonel Puckett and Chief Troutman) and Colonel Patchin spend time in my office before they make a decision on, can I buy this; where's my budget, so there is a lot of discussion that goes on before they come to Council and make their presentation. And you'll have your financials at the next Council meeting.

Council Reports:

Faith Portman: Do we know when the workshops are going to start? Mayor Ellis: It will probably be two weeks. We're trying to finalize some things so that way we have something to present and go from there. Ms. Portman: I wanted to say thank you to Officer Kron. He made a young gentleman's morning Saturday morning, he bought him breakfast and he called me and raved and raved. He went on and said I've never had anybody ever do that for me. Had to go to work early in the morning and stopped for breakfast and that young officer bought me breakfast. They were in the drive thru and when he got up to the window they woman said he paid for your meal. He was like "wow I've never had a police officer do that before." I thought that was real nice. I talked to Chuck already and he's going to check on a pretty good size hole over on Centerview. It's left over from the work that was done.

Dana Bischoff James: I just want to say thank you to Shepherdsville. You all continue to do a great job and for anybody who has children or grandchildren you know what it's like to work passionately for something for someone and I feel like that's how many of the Council who sit up here, it's not like we just throw it in our bag and go home, we're out meeting people, doing research, receiving phone calls, answering emails, and we passionate and it's because we do our homework, we do our research and whenever we get newspaper articles that are full of lies and deception it's not only about us and our

decisions but it's also about the people that we meet with, whether it be police, fire, public works, sewer department, the admin staff. Whether I'm upstairs working out and just talking with the fire department you meet these people and you get to know them and you know their lives and their situations. So thank you all for continuing to work hard despite everything and thank you for the Council who was very strong that are out there meeting people and taking the phone calls, and taking the time to know the business owners, just because that's going to be what takes our City to the next level.

Jose' Cubero: I just have one thing to say, Go Cards!

Mayor Ellis asked for a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss litigation and possible litigation. City Attorney Wantland: Mr. Mayor for purposes of this meeting I would like to have Chuck Keith and Scott Fleming appear in that meeting with permission of the Council. Clinton Kline made motion to adjourn to Executive Session. Faith Portman 2nd. Motion carried 5-0-1 absent.

Gloria Taft made motion to return to Regular Session. Jose' Cubero 2nd. Motion carried 5-0-1 absent. City Attorney Wantland: For purposes of the meeting City employees and Counsel have been given instructions by the Council for our next meeting to have recommendations and the other item is going to be in Court this week and Counsel has got instructions to follow up on that.

Clinton Kline made motion to adjourn. Jose' Cubero 2nd. Motion carried 5-0-1 absent. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

R. Scott Ellis III, Mayor

Attest: _____
Tammy Richmond, City Clerk