

**CITY OF SHEPHERDSVILLE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, JULY 22, 2013**

Pastor Randy Pace, Family Worship Center gave the invocation  
Pledge of Allegiance was recited  
Mayor Ellis called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Council members present: Bernie Brown, 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 7/8/2013 regular meeting. Clinton Kline made motion to dispense with reading. Jose' Cubero 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 6-0.

Mayor Ellis called for a motion to approve minutes as written from the 7/8/2013 regular meeting. Gloria Taft made motion to approve. Jose' Cubero 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 6-0.

Mayor Ellis announced that the Shepherdsville City Fair starts this Friday and goes through Sunday. There will be a Civil War Reenactment, as well as live music and carnival rides. It will be a fun time and it's good to see we're going to have something like that come back to Shepherdsville. Make sure you come out and support it one of the three days; we would greatly appreciate that.

**Old Business:**

City Attorney Joe Wantland had second reading by Summary Ordinance 013-(number to be assigned) an Ordinance Adopting Policy and Procedure Manual for Non-Elected and appointed employees of the City of Shepherdsville relating to employment matters of job classification, hiring, promotions, discipline and other employment issues; repealing prior Ordinances concerning same: 006-689 and 006-696. There was no discussion. Dana Bischoff James made motion to approve. Jose' Cubero 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 6-0.

Faith Portman made motion to approve the Parade Permit requested by Jack Vrocher for the Children's Miracle Network 5K walk/run slated for September 21<sup>st</sup> sponsored by Love's Truck Stop. Mr. Vrocher was not present at the meeting but did fill out his paperwork. Chief Puckett stated that he had met with him and discussed if the businesses along Buffalo Run were aware of what he was doing and Mr. Vrocher had contacted all of them and everyone is in favor of his event. Mayor Ellis stated the walk/run will go up through the Business Park. Faith Portman made motion to approve. Bernie Brown 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 6-0.

**New Business:**

Jenny Estep, the new Bullitt County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director introduced herself and addressed the Council. Mayor Ellis: I had the honor of meeting her last Thursday. I'm excited about her being here working for Bullitt County. Jenny Estep: Thank you so much Mayor Ellis and City Council; Faith I want to thank you for contacting Tammy and getting this organized. I wanted to address you and let you know that I am the new Executive Director for the Bullitt County Chamber of Commerce and if there is anything that you need from the Chamber I really hope that you all will contact me. I want to give you my cell phone number so that you can do that. My number is 502 424 2471 and I really hope that the Chamber is a connector for all of Bullitt County and I would love to see you at different events, ribbon cuttings, around the County. And if there's anything you need please let me know I really appreciate it. Thank you Mayor Ellis and I'll be seeing you soon. Faith Portman: Can you email events, like ribbon cuttings to us? Jenny Estep: Certainly. Actually I would like to get all of you on the email list. City Clerk Richmond stated she would send her the Council's email addresses tomorrow. Jenny Estep: Absolutely. I really want all the City Council to get those emails. Bernie Brown: Where is your office now? Jenny Estep: Our office has moved we're at 295 North Buckman Street. We are right across from the BP.

City Attorney Wantland had first reading of Ordinance 013-(number to be assigned) rezoning 1.701 acres, more or less, from B-2 Central Business to B-1 Highway Business requested by Matthew Ray Myers for

property located at 699 N Buckman St. He stated a copy of the recommendation was attached and it's recommended to be approved. Mayor Ellis stated the second reading and public hearing would be August 12<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Ellis: Everyone should have gotten a list of four vehicles that are over at the Farm that need to be surplused. They are just over there taking up space so if we can surplus them and get rid of them. Claude have you thought about what you're going to do to get rid of them? Are you going to put them on Gov.Deals and try to get rid of them if you can get a few hundred dollars for them or what? Public Works Foreman Claude Middleton: One of them is still in use. City Clerk Richmond: These are the vehicles Chuck said no longer ran. WWTP Superintendent Chuck Keith: The ones I took over there are bad. Mayor Ellis: So are these Sewer vehicles? Chuck Keith: I don't know who they belong too to be honest with you. They started out at Public Works went to the Sewer Plant and back again to Public Works. Jose' Cubero: How long have we had these vehicles? If we can get parts from one to keep others running I'd like to keep one of those. Scott Fleming: Let me go look at them this week and report back at the next meeting.

**Daryl Lee:** Called; nothing to report.

**Duane Price:** Called; nothing to report.

### **Sign in Speakers:**

**Tom Rosselli:** I'm Chairperson on the Civil Service Commission. What I'd like to ask is may I have permission or for someone up there to make a motion; there should be three people up here sitting up there behind the desk that remember that I said you were doing an honorable and noble endeavor in creating a civil service but there were some flaws in it; major flaws in my personal opinion and it was going to cost the City money. What I'm going to ask you is this thing is going to have to be re-tweaked and every now and then I'm going to have to have an opinion of an Attorney that I worked with that is lucky enough that works with the civil service in Louisville if I could go see him every now and then if I have a business question to ask about the civil service that I have some questions on and one I'll give you an example, you were in the office and the question was asked to me about a personal who signed an application and it was very vague and I gave that person advice and I want to make sure I gave that person good advice. Mayor Ellis: I think when we authorized for you to hire Walt it was one of those things if you needed him for advice you could either use Joe or him either one for the advice. Tom Rosselli: I feel comfortable with Walt because Walt helped me change it and Joe wrote it. Bernie Brown: I know that you spent a lot of time and Walt Sholar spent a lot of time working on the ordinance that has now been finalized and adopted. Has Walt submitted a bill for his work? Mayor Ellis: He's continuously submitted bills. Tom Rosselli: There will be another bill because I've got to see him tomorrow about civil issues about that Ordinance and if somebody comes up with a question like the one Scott asked me then I'll have a valid answer for him. Bernie Brown: I think this day and time, there are going to be questions come up from time to time. Tom Rosselli: I'd like to have the opinion of the Attorney that actually helped formulate the Ordinance. I know people are going to argue that you have two different attorneys. Mayor Ellis: No you don't. You have a City Attorney and you have a Civil Service Attorney so there is no need for people to argue in my opinion. Bernie Brown: Do we need a motion? Mayor Ellis: I think we made that motion that he was the Civil Service Attorney at the beginning. Bernie Brown: Just to keep anything from coming up later; I will make a motion that whenever the Civil Service Commission has questions and needs legal advice that they have the freedom to contact Walt Sholar who you've been working with. Dana Bischoff James 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 6-0.

### **Department Reports:**

**Chief Layne Troutman:** I sent an email to the Council about Mitigation funds to replenish our stock. This week we had a pretty large incident; we're completely out of oil dry and other items. Bernie Brown: What was that total amount? Chief Troutman: its \$1984 for all the pads, pillows, booms. Plus the oil dry that comes from another company; one comes from Grainger the other from Key Oil Company. It's \$4.00 a bag and we need to get 100 bags. Bernie Brown: So you're talking \$2100-\$2200? I'll make the motion we approve it out of the Mitigation funds. Faith Portman 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 6-0.

**Council Reports:**

**Gloria Taft:** We're working on our streets for speed bumps. We met on those and we've met on the water problem behind Reichmuth and we're still working on that.

**Faith Portman:** Have we checked about a street sweeper? **Mayor Ellis:** We have a meeting with one company Thursday afternoon. Scott had an idea today. It's not something we're going to be able to do all the time but it's something we can do right now until we can get somebody in here. **Scott Fleming:** What we've talked about, until we get a street sweeper in here, we can use that to clean curbs on streets using sewer workers and public works. **Faith Portman:** I know going up 44 there are cigarette butts everywhere. **Scott:** Chuck and I talked about it today. **Mayor Ellis:** Go through, sweep it out with brooms in front at least until we can get somebody in here. I've got calls in to two companies. **Faith Portman:** I was in a meeting Thursday and it was brought up in that meeting how there is a lot of cigarette butts lying around and I promised them I would bring that up. **Mayor Ellis:** Scott and I met today and talked about several different things. We have a meeting with the State Friday so we're going to pitch some ideas out to the State to see what they will let us do with the 65-44 corridor. Hopefully they will allow us to do that when we meet with them at District 5. **Faith Portman:** That's what Linda and I, Troy Beam talked about too and I did receive an email from Troy that Exit 112-the Bernheim Exit has been approved by the State. They have been working on that for a year to get that done and the State keeps kicking it back because they don't want any group around it; any landscaping stones, anything. They are very picky about what you put on the Interstate. Linda and I worked on that too so if you all need help we're trying to get a Committee together. I was going to see if anybody was interested in helping us with that. I'm concentrating on the Shepherdsville Exit and the Cedar Grove Exit because they are both in the City of Shepherdsville. We're going to contact the Mayor in Hillview and let him work on that exit because all of Bullitt County, we're a group we need to work on this as a group. **Mayor Ellis:** After we meet with them we'll definitely know a little bit more about what they will allow us to do and not to do. **Faith Portman:** I've talked to some people at Beam and they are willing to help us with that. I spoke to a few other people and E-Town has sent me an email on what type flowers you can use, etc. I'll forward that to you. **Mayor Ellis:** I was up in Columbus, Ohio this past weekend and heading up 71 North you look at some of these cities up there that have these real nice overpasses with ornamental iron fences going across them. I look at that and say "my goodness, we can do that." That's where we've got to talk to the State and see exactly how long of a leash they will give us. **Faith Portman:** According to Troy they are very picky about what you do. **Faith Portman:** I also talked to Troy about sidewalks and he wanted to know if there is any way the City, maybe get the County involved in it; and even Tourism to put sidewalks in and get curbing from the Conference Centre at least all the way to Cattleman's where people at the hotels can walk. **Mayor Ellis:** The only problem you're going to run into is the same thing you looked at a few years back with the semis driving up on top of them and tearing them up. **Faith Portman:** They need to stop doing that. If you give a couple a fines I guarantee you they won't do it anymore.

**Dana Bischoff James:** I've been attending the Democratic ladies meetings, yes I'm Republican but I've been attending their meetings. They are a fantastic group of ladies and just really have a heart for Bullitt County and making a difference in this County and Miss Linda Belcher is here and if you notice right across from the Walgreens at People Banks there is a Shepherdsville emblem marker there and it's talking about the pride of Shepherdsville but it was completely grown up with weeds. The ladies, I was in New York at the time so I didn't attend that project, but they did such a good job going out there, cleaning it up. They have a sign out as well and it talks about their program and they have a heart to make a difference in this Community and we thank Linda Belcher for that. I just wanted to say thank you for that because the more people that gets involved in this County, the more it's going to catch on. Shepherdsville is moving in such a good direction; Public Works, thank you all for all you do. I cannot say how much I appreciate; and Bob Ryan, he submitted an article in the paper that spoke of the truth. We've had some people put some malicious ads in so I really appreciate that from our Controller Bob Ryan because by putting that in there, come to the source; if you all every have questions, don't just read an ad or article that somebody posts, come to us, ask questions, go to the source don't just believe whatever goes in the paper. And as he put in the Article and it reminded me to say Thank You is for our mosquito spray. That is huge. I don't know how many people dislike mosquitos but that is a huge thing for me personally. I really appreciate our City having that. As well I'm going to thank Tom for his hard work in Civil Service. I don't know personally how many

hours he has implemented in this free of charge to the City, but that is something, the more people we have as leaders in people stepping up to make a difference in the Community the better it's going to be. So from our Fire, Police, Admin Staff, I know that everybody works diligently and with heart and even the Council. I've heard horror stories from the past but I feel like this Council really it's not about us; it's about making Shepherdsville better and a place where people want to live. I think it's really moving in a great direction and as always I have a heart for children so I love to see our future leaders sitting here. Hayden and Dezi are here tonight and I'm just excited about that because if you can train them well while they are young when they are old they will be able to be the leaders that we need.

**Jose' Cubero:** Linda I do want to thank you for what you guys are doing. I think it's great. That kind of participation is what it is going to take. We are the City we are and on the Interstate we are going to do what so many people that come through our City that don't own it like we do. So we are actually going to be picking up after all those folks coming through so if you want to have a snapshot of what we do here, it's going to take that kind of commitment so I appreciate that. Jenny I want to welcome you to our Community. I had a chance to meet here on a couple different occasions. We had Coach Davenport here in town at a function a couple weeks ago and then Wednesday we had an addition added to the Paroquet Springs and I do think Paroquet Springs in a snapshot of the kind of things we want people to see when they come to Shepherdsville and Bullitt County. And adding to it like we did, it was a beautiful addition and it gives people a venue that they can come to Bullitt County and plan their wedding, reception and types of things they want to do in our City instead of having to go to Louisville or E-Town. Those are not bad places but we kind of like Shepherdsville and Bullitt County. We're going to continue to work with you. Hopefully we continue growing our business and welcome new businesses here. We want to make sure the message is We're Open For Business. That's something we want to continue to talk about.

**Bernie Brown:** I want to commend those that are making effort to make Shepherdsville look better; beautify the City a little bit. There are parts of Shepherdsville that has needed it for a long time. Mayor Ellis: We're working on, if you remember we discussed a while back, the tractor with the boom on it. We're working on getting those prices together now. Hopefully you'll have those by the next meeting. We're keeping our fingers crossed. I have Claude and Scott working on that.

**Tom Rosselli:** Mr. Mayor I forgot to tell you that I have not followed the procedure for the new City Ordinance because it was a necessity to expedite the hiring of certain people because Tammy needed a person and Claude definitely needs a person and the Police Department needs to resolve issues to get things synchronized. We don't do business the way we've been doing it this month but if it gets out that we've had more than one meeting they are going to say we are not following the Ordinance. This is a special case.

**Bernie Brown:** I would like to throw this out to the Council. I know that not only Tom Rosselli but the Civil Service board members have had a lot of meetings. The new Ordinance is going to require that they have a monthly meeting and possibly more than one. I'd like for the Council to give some thought about what could be done for the Civil Service board and I know there are other boards too, but the requirements and the time that is devoted to it is not anything in comparison. Whether we call it compensation, stipend, or something but I really think that they deserve some kind of compensation maybe for their time and effort. The way I understand it the new Ordinance you have to meet every month unless there is absolutely no business. Tom Rosselli: One of the concerns I have is this three day issue. We have to come up and meet and basically we're on call that month and anything can happen and if somebody brings a charge against somebody we have so many days. Bernie Brown: I'd just like for the Council to give that some thought and let's see what the majority want to do. Mayor Ellis: I agree. I'd like for everybody to think about that and we'll talk about it at the next meeting and see what we come up with. Bernie Brown: If I may I'll even make a motion that two or three Council people serve as a Committee to look at and review and come up with some suggestions or recommendations. Would that be reasonable? Mayor Ellis: I don't know that we even need to do that. We can just discuss it through emails back and forth on what would be a good number. I'm sure that we can come up with a consensus on a number. I also think we need to look at the other Committee, the Ethics Board, as well. They don't have to have very many meetings but they are mandated to have two

at least. Bernie Brown: I think there is a way to do it that would be fair to everybody. Mayor Ellis: That is something we need to discuss. Bernie Brown: I just don't know that it's right for us to expect one Committee to spend an awful lot of their time and effort without some compensation. Mayor Ellis: Let's all think about it. We can exchange some emails; if it comes down to where we do need to get some folks together for a Committee then we can do that.

Mayor Ellis: If we don't have anything else, I'll ask for a motion to adjourn. Faith Portman: I'd like to make a motion to go into Executive Session on a personnel issue and possible litigation. Bernie Brown 2<sup>nd</sup>. City Attorney Wantland: I'm going to include what I would like to refer to as potential litigation and contract negotiations. Motion carried 6-0. Faith Portman: On one issue I'd like to have Chuck Keith come in and on the other issue I'd like to have Scott Fleming come in.

Gloria Taft made motion to return to Regular Session. Faith Portman 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 6-0. City Attorney Wantland: Mr. Mayor there is two things this evening. One will require an action by this Council concerning Mallard Lake. There has been discussions and work done between the City and the developer. It is the recommendation, I'm going to read this but I think it's going to be in the form of a motion that until the lines are cleaned and camered all necessary repairs made to the lines there will be no issuance of any additional building permits for the area referred to as Mallard Lake. Clinton Kline made motion. Faith Portman 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 6-0. City Attorney Wantland: The second item is the Counsel had been directed by the Council to basically look at an Ordinance to make a recommendation at our next meeting. And finally there has been an update on information and the Council had directed the Mayor to follow up and proceed accordingly and report back to the Council.

Clinton Kline made motion to adjourn. Jose' Cubero 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

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R. Scott Ellis III, Mayor

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Tammy Richmond, City Clerk