

**CITY OF SHEPHERDSVILLE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, June 23, 2014**

Councilwoman Gloria Taft gave the invocation  
Pledge of Allegiance was recited  
Mayor Ellis called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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 6/9/2014 regular meeting. Faith Portman made motion to dispense with reading. Dana Bischoff James 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 6-0.

Mayor Ellis asked for a motion to approve minutes as written from the 6/9/2014 regular meeting. Gloria Taft made motion to approve 6/9/2014 minutes as written. Jose' Cubero 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 6-0.

Mayor Ellis announced that he wanted to re-appoint Tom Rosselli to the Civil Service Commission and go ahead and have him sworn in for a new term to start July 25<sup>th</sup> for another four year term as Chairman of the Commission. Clinton Kline made motion to approve re-appointment. Faith Portman 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 6-0. City Attorney Joe Wantland swore in Mr. Rosselli.

Mayor Ellis stated next on the Agenda was to hold the public hearing on proposed use of LGEA and Municipal Aid Road Funds. City Attorney Wantland read budget numbers. Mayor Ellis stated these numbers are actually a part of the General Fund budget and asked for any public comment. Bernie Brown: I have a question about the road salt; \$25,000. Have you got that bought on a contract and do we have a good place to store it? Mayor Ellis: We're working on the salt storage building now which Scott will talk about that in a few minutes; yes we have a contract through Morton Salt who the State buys from. Bernie Brown: I hope we don't run out of salt. Some of that cinders I have a big hunk given to me and asked if the City was going to pay for damage to a car. It made a mess but we know why it was used. Mayor Ellis: Hopefully we won't have as bad of a winter as we did last year; we ordered 325,000 pounds last year. City Clerk Richmond: We got shorted on the order; we ordered 300,000 and only ended up getting a little over 200,000. Bernie Brown: I also have a question about the CSX Crossing. That can be paid for by road funds? Mayor Ellis: Yes, because it's a road crossing. Bernie Brown: Has that gone up, it used to be \$11,000 something has it increased? City Clerk Richmond: I don't think so. I can check that. Bernie Brown: I just wonder if they've been increasing that cost. Mayor Ellis: They very well could have because it is their maintenance for the crossing. City Clerk Richmond: I just pad my numbers a little bit to make sure there's enough. Mayor Ellis asked if there were any more questions. There were none.

**Old Business:**

Further discussion on hiring an independent consulting engineer to obtain certification on Sewer long term debt agreements. Clinton Kline suggested leaving on the table until Mr. Ryan gets back. Mayor Ellis: Then there is nothing we need to do because we have to vote to take it off the table.

Mayor Ellis called Scott Fleming to the podium to give recommendation on bid for the salt storage facility. Scott Fleming: Both companies have done work for us in the past. Both of them do a good job for us. Basically it's the same job from both companies. Really it's up to you guys to decide if you want to go with the cheaper bid or the higher bid. I really can't pick one side or the other on it. They both do good work. Clinton Kline: I thought there was a question on wall height. Scott Fleming: There was but I spoke with Mr. Hodge and he is aware that we want the 8' wall height; that's why on his he put to be determined when he turned this in. Faith Portman: Hodge is fully insured correct? Scott Fleming: Yes. Bernie Brown: Is he here local? Scott Fleming: Yes. Clinton Kline made motion to accept the lower bid. (Victor Hodge, \$19750.00) Faith Portman 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 6-0.

City Attorney Wantland had second reading of Ordinance 014-(number to be assigned) adopting Text Amendment 2014T-02 schedule of fees and charges to the Bullitt County Joint Planning Commission Zoning regulations within the corporate limits of the City. It is taking the charges off for an accessory building to people when they have an accessory building and get a permit, that fee is being removed; it's \$25.00 as I understand. Faith Portman made motion to accept. Clinton Kline 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 6-0.

City Attorney Wantland had second reading by Summary of Ordinance 014-(number to be assigned) authorizing the reissuance of \$85,000,000 principal amount of Taxable Industrial Building Revenue Bonds Series 2014. Mayor Ellis opened the floor for discussion from Council. Bernie Brown: Do you want to give any further explanation Mr. Wantland? City Attorney Wantland: This has been an ongoing relationship for ten years as I understand what the Company is doing is that they have equipment that is going to be secured by one series of bonds and the building itself by the second series of bonds. Part of that is because of the Internal Revenue Service. It does not affect the General Obligations of the City. Gordon Food Service as part of this instrument and agreement in working with the City has entered into with the City what is referred to as payment in lieu of taxes and the one area that I will tell everyone is Gordon Food Service has always paid even though the building and the property technically is tax exempt, Gordon Food Service has paid in effect 100% of the taxable monies that would have been collected by the School Board to our School Board. Gordon Food Service is paying 25% of what it would pay the City as this juncture. As part of this Agreement Gordon Food Service has a related claim for occupational tax credit with the City in excess of a million dollars. The way this is going to work under the pilot agreement as being structured this City will pay approximately \$100,000 to resolve that claim and it will be through a continuation of the pilot. In other words it will be on the real estate taxes, there will not be a recovery of any monies from the occupational tax fund. It's a benefit to the City. Its 250 jobs in this community of a higher paying position. So this is a benefit to our community; they work well with us. You can't say enough good things about this company. Faith Portman made motion to approve. Bernie Brown 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 6-0.

City Attorney Wantland had second reading and public hearing of Ordinance 014-(number to be assigned) an Ordinance adopting the City of Shepherdsville, Bullitt County, Kentucky, annual Budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, by estimating revenues and resources and appropriating funds for the operation of City Government. Mayor Ellis opened the floor for any comments. Faith Portman: I have some questions. In the budget; I know the letter you gave to all of us you put in there about a fire house and equipment. Is that in this budget for a fire house and what kind of equipment? Mayor Ellis: A lease payment on a fire truck. Faith Portman: A new fire truck? Mayor Ellis: Yes. Clinton Kline: And on the house? Mayor Ellis: The fire house payment would be in there also. Faith Portman: What would that be estimated at for a fire house? Mayor Ellis: What did you come up with on the fire house? Chief Troutman: The plans that we've come up with just talking to a couple builders that I know, they are estimating just the building itself a little under \$500,000; that's not the property or the ground work. That's just for the building itself. Jose' Cubero: How long will the loan on that going to be? Mayor Ellis: The loan on that will be 10 or 15 years max. Ten years preferable, lower interest rate. Faith Portman: The 2% raise is still in here? Because I want the public to know that I asked for a flat rate because I feel that everybody should get the same amount no matter where they are at or what they do. Due to the fact that you're a high paid person you get quick a bit where a lower paid person gets nothing. So that's what I asked at one workshop and I want people to understand why I'm asking these questions. How many new hires on in this budget? Mayor Ellis: None. Faith Portman: That's not what Bob told you is it? Bernie Brown: What's that? Faith Portman: How many new hires did Bob tell you was in this budget? Bernie Brown: I understood him to say two. Clinton Kline: I understood the same thing when I asked his about it. Bernie Brown: But then I did call Bob back later and asked him and he said only one. Faith Portman: So one new hire. Mayor Ellis: I don't know where he would have gotten two; there would be just one if you do one for IT. Bernie Brown: I understand a decision hasn't really been made yet whether to hire in an IT person or continue contracting it out. Mayor Ellis: No. It's just in the budget if you decide to do it then its there; if you decide not to do it then not. Faith Portman: There's already an IT Tech in the budget-\$35,000. Mayor Ellis: Correct, that's for Louisville Geek that we have used but it may be in the long run where we can hire somebody to do it instead of continuing to use Louisville Geek. Bernie Brown: When do you anticipate that decision being made? Mayor Ellis: It will be a while before we ever do anything with that. It's just in there as a safe haven. Faith Portman: Okay on the budget I noticed

that the budget was proposed at a 1.5% occupational tax; isn't it a bit flawed to do that for 12 months when that sunsets in January? How can we go ahead and do it for 12 months when we should only be doing it for six and then go from there? How can you put in 1.5% when it may not be there in January? None of us can guarantee it's going to be there. Clinton Kline: Under current law it will not be there unless the law is changed. Mayor Ellis: If you look he's backed money off \$500,000 out of that budget too. And he showed that to both of you the other day when you were in here. Clinton Kline: No he didn't. He told Bernie and me, Mr. Ryan's exact words were, when I tried to figure it that way I lost 17% of my income; those were his words. I sat three different ways of estimating and did not come up with the 4.252 million in occupational taxes. I do not think it will regress that severely but I still think this budget is flawed by about \$200,000-\$300,000 in occupational tax revenue. Faith Portman: I don't know how we can do this without another budget showing without 1.5% or only for six months. You can amend the budget come January. We should have done six months with 1.5% and the other six months say 1%; that's my opinion. Bernie Brown: If the budget is predicated on 1.5% in reality right today it's 1.5% for six months and then it reverts back to 1%. In our discussion with Bob the other day something I was concerned about he said when you're doing a budget you lay out all your needs and wants and then you say well how are we going to pay for it. Well I can't operate my personal business that way. I have to look at the pot of money first and then see how I'm going to distribute and appropriate it. I might find I have to do without this or reduce here but apparently that's the way this budget was put together. And back when we had the budget workshops the only thing we saw was the expenditures. Jose' Cubero: We saw revenue. Bernie Brown: We didn't have the final revenue. Jose' Cubero: We had a revenue number in front of us. Clinton Kline: I had to leave early from a couple of them but I attended every one of them and I never had a revenue number. Jose' Cubero: You couldn't allocate expenses without having a revenue number to start with because you had to balance it. We did all these workshops weeks ago and what we put on there; what we did was and this is important about this; the number that you see today after May is 7.4; 7.2 was the number that's actually allocated for next year's revenues. I'm not sure exactly how Bob communicated to you; we have another month in this fiscal year that's going to put us at about 7.7; about half million more. You're absolutely right, the Ordinance does, depending on what this Council does before it finishes, it has to be done before this Council ends. I think that's still a debate as far as the occupational tax. We all have our opinions about that but if it's still in dialogue and we have a number that is a half million less, we still have to adjust on the revenues we bring in. No matter what we put out there they only number that counts is the number we have out there. But when we did all these workshops you had revenue numbers and you had expenditures. We went line by line through each department. People were trying to notice is something looked way out of whack, we had all these questions, and then all of a sudden we wait until the month that we're going to actually have the first and second readings and then we're going to have all these concerns. You obviously asked for us to have workshops and we did. We had each of these folks here that we rely on these department heads to give us numbers. When we left those workshops we agreed that those expenditures were right; so if we agree that the expenditure numbers are right and we were okay with them; then we concurred that the revenue number was right. And you had a number to work from. Gloria Taft: I sent out an email to everybody on June 5<sup>th</sup> asking if there were any other questions about anything on the budget trying to open the floor up for dialogue to see if there is anything else that needed to be done or changed; I got no response from anyone. So to bring it up now at the very last minute is odd. Faith Portman: We're having the meeting at the very last minute Gloria. The meeting is at the last minute when we had these workshops in March and April we were told that we would be voting on this by May. In May. We should have already voted on this instead of waiting until the last minute. I told everybody at that budget workshop that I was not agreeing to a 2% raise ever again. I would only agree to a flat rate. Now I didn't have to comment on an email to you about that because I made myself perfectly clear that night. Gloria Taft: So why didn't you bring this up in May since you have this 1.5%. I'm just wondering why you wait until the last minute to have any dialogue. Faith Portman: I didn't wait until the last minute; the budget reading was the last minute. Gloria Taft: You could have had this discussion in May instead of waiting until right now. Faith Portman: I had this discussion in May at the workshop my dear. In April I told you all at that meeting I would not vote on a 2% raise. Gloria Taft: We're not talking about 2% raise you're now talking about the 1.5%. Faith Portman: Well and I won't vote on a 1.5%; we weren't told at the time that was in there. Gloria Taft: Yes because it's right here on the documentation. Dana Bischoff James made motion to accept this budget as is. Gloria Taft 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion tied

3-3; Mayor Ellis broke tie with a yes vote stating he is going to vote for his budget that he presented. Motion carried 4-3.

City Attorney Wantland had second reading and public hearing of Ordinance 014-(number to be assigned) an Ordinance adopting the City of Shepherdsville, Bullitt County, Kentucky, Sewer Operation and Maintenance Budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, by estimating revenues and resources and appropriating funds for the operation of the Sewer Department. Mayor Ellis opened the floor for discussion. There being none Clinton Kline made motion to approve. Bernie Brown 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 5-1-0.

#### **New Business:**

Mayor Ellis called Scott Fleming to the podium to give a report on the tractor and 21' boom. Scott Fleming: Dana had asked us to do a little bit more work looking around seeing who could service locally; based on the State bid contract, the tractor itself is one price; that's coming out of Wright Implement out of Bowling Green. The attachment was really the big question; Tiger is the manufacturer of the boom and Wright is the only company that handles that. We did reach out to local dealers to see who could service any of this equipment; we can send it to anybody around here to have things fixed, other than the boom itself. The boom itself has to go back to Wright. As far as the price on the tractor, that actually jumped \$699 from the first quote we got to the quote I got today. But they are adjusting the price of the boom to compensate that. Jose' Cubero: What's the total on that again? Scott Fleming: The tractor itself is \$66,930.71; the boom is \$34,214.62. Jose' Cubero: This was actually budgeted in this fiscal year. Scott Fleming: Yes. Jose' Cubero: What's the time from now to then to get that done by the end of this month? Scott Fleming: Yes. They've got it, it's on hand. They are just waiting on us to pull the trigger. Jose' Cubero made motion to get it done this week. Clinton Kline 2<sup>nd</sup>. Bernie Brown: Something I want to just say. That equipment could be very very dangerous I'm sure. I think it's very, I'm not trying to get in to your business, but we certainly don't want anybody getting hurt with it. Scott Fleming: I understand. Faith Portman: Training is included in that correct? Scott Fleming: Yes ma'am. Jose' Cubero: Where is it done at? Scott Fleming: Actually they will come to us. I talked to a gentleman by the name of Richard Chapman and he's offered to come up and walk us through everything. Motion carried 5-1-0.

City Attorney Wantland stated the next item is the Memorandum of Agreement between the Bullitt County Sanitation District, the City of Shepherdsville, the City of Mt. Washington; Bullitt County Fiscal Court, Oldham County Environment Authority, Oldham County Fiscal Court, Louisville and Jefferson County Metropolitan Sewer District concerning the funding of Salt River Regional Wastewater Study. While we're talking about that I'd like to get Mr. Fleming's information that he has on this to the Council before we do anything. Scott Fleming: What you've got is the EPA, Division of Water are basically; it's getting real stringent on your permits and communities like Jefferson County, Oldham County, they are running out of room developing and spreading out; it's going to be hard to add more and more treatment plants. What this feasibility does is it take the whole group collectively, we'll pay an engineer to come in and see the feasibility and the advantages of embracing regionalization. Now before everybody freaks out, this is not MSD coming in here and taking over. It's nothing like that. This is just a study to find out what our best options are in the future. We're not talking five years, ten years, you're talking 20, 30 years down the road but we need to set the footprint for that now. Jose' Cubero: If they are talking about regional, are they trying to do it because of the concerns in Jefferson County and Oldham County; they are looking at outside areas? Who's in control? Scott Fleming: Yes. There is a group in control, it's not MSD, it's not Shepherdsville, it's a collective group, we're all voluntarily come in to this and working together to figure out. Jose' Cubero: I have no problem with that concept. Scott Fleming: It's just looking at the advantages of regionalization. Clinton Kline: This says the cost could be \$80,000-\$100,000 and MSD will pay \$50,000 and the rest will be divided. Scott Fleming: We've already had some work groups and during these sessions it's come up that some of these other communities that don't have the resources that we have the \$5000 was a common number that everybody could come up with. So to keep it even across the board that's what everybody agreed to. Jose' Cubero: That's obviously got to be budgeted. That's an expenditure and those are in our territory. Scott Fleming: We're the key wheel in the cog. Bernie Brown: There is some concern that some people have is that this opens the door for MSD to get into Bullitt County and Shepherdsville. Scott Fleming: That is a

misconception right there. Bernie Brown: Yeah, but it's a real one. Scott Fleming: It is but that is not what's going on here. What this is Shepherdsville basically doing its due diligence and planning for the future. After this study is done it may come to light that it's not feasible, it's not affordable and we'll not be a part of that. And as far as MSD coming here and taking over they can't just come in and take over. There has to be a Commission formed and MSD would not be the head of that Commission. Jose' Cubero: How many players we have in this? Scott Fleming: I believe we've got 7. Faith Portman: So we can assure the Community that MSD can't come in. Scott Fleming: No ma'am. Faith Portman: Because once it hits the paper we will get phone calls. Scott Fleming: There was actually something in the paper today through Mt. Washington and that's the same thing. Bernie Brown: Have any of these entities signed this agreement yet? Scott Fleming: Yes. Bernie Brown: Who? Scott Fleming: Mt. Washington which if you read the paper today, they voted to do it. I believe Oldham County and the Oldham County Water Authority which I think is actually Viola have signed. Bernie Brown: Have any of you all heard about this? The first I heard about it was the other day when I got this copy of the memorandum? Mayor Ellis: I know Scott went to them a week ago and came back and said put it out to the Council and see what they say. It doesn't hurt you, it doesn't help you. Its \$5,000 to see if they need to do it or not. Scott Fleming: Chuck and I are involved. It's not just somebody else leading the way and what this does it gives us a seat at the table so things aren't planned around us without us knowing. Faith Portman made motion to sign memorandum. Clinton Kline 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 5-1-0.

City Attorney Wantland had first reading of Ordinance 014-(number to be assigned) amending prior Ordinances concerning maintenance of neighborhoods and properties, imposing responsibility for the maintenance of real property within the limits of the City. Mayor Ellis stated the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and discussion would be July 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Daryl Lee:** You will be receiving three rezoning cases; two by Dwayne Brumley at the corner of Highway 44 East and Boardwalk, he wants to rezone from B-1 to R-3 Residential. One is 3.42 acres and the other is 0.7 of an acre. Also, at 438 Old Preston Highway, it's currently zoned Agriculture; he wants to rezone it to B-1; it's Dwight Humphrey. I think you have rezone part of his property some time back where Robert Ice office was; this is right next to it.

**Duane Price:** There was one applicant but it was tabled until the next meeting.

### **Sign in Speakers:**

**Tony Thompson:** Mayor, Council Members I'm here to speak to you about an event that we're going to be having next weekend. Next weekend is coming quickly upon us. We've done something this year that's never been done before, we are taking the Bullitt Blast which is always Bullitt County's 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration and it's being merged with the Shepherdsville City Fair. So it's going to be two event rolled into one. It's going to start on July 3<sup>rd</sup> and run through July 6<sup>th</sup>; that's Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. It's going to be held at Shepherdsville City Park. It's going to have a little bit of everything. On the map because people are always asking, this kind of gives you an idea of where things are going to be located at in the Park. It doesn't give you an exact location but it gives you an idea where everything is going to be located. Six o'clock on Thursday the Fair is going to open. The Civil War people are going to be coming in and the Civil War people are coming from all over the nation. This isn't just local; we've got them coming in from Mississippi, Alabama, from all over the place. So we've got outside people coming in to put on the Civil War. We're going to have twice as many horses as we had last year; we're going to have twice as many cannons as we had last year. It's going to be about twice if not more the size of the Civil War Re-enactment that we had last year. They are not going to be there on Thursday. They are coming in from all over the place and a lot of these people work so they are actually going to start setting up camp Friday morning. On Thursday the Carnival will be there. We've got a bigger Carnival this year. The exhibitors, food booths and wine gardens; we're going to have carriage rides, so if you want to take your significant other out on a carriage ride we've got that going on; a petting zoo and pony rides. Bomb Shell Cowboy will be playing Thursday night. If you haven't heard of her she was on the Voice. She was one of the contestants on the Voice and she's a graduate from Bullitt Central. They are a really popular up and coming Country band. Friday is the bid day, that's the 4<sup>th</sup>. Starting at 8:00 that morning we've got a YMCA 5K run/walk that this even is going to

raise a lot of money for a lot of different groups. The YMCA is raising funds through their 5K walk. We're going to have a Kentucky Pageant which is part of the Pageant Festival Series. The winner, we will have a Mrs. Shepherdsville that will go on the Lexington and compete as Mrs. Shepherdsville at the State level. That is going to be held at the River's Edge location right next to the river where the old furniture store used to be. That's going to be going on all day long. This is the same person that just put on one at the Hillview City Fair and we had huge compliments on that. A lot of people really enjoyed that. She puts on a show as part of her pageant. Civil War Military Camp is going to open at 9:00 in the morning; there is going to be a Car Show with the Louisville Led starting at 1:00. They are going until 4:00. The whole Fair, exhibitors and everything is going to open at 1:00 on Friday. Normally everything opened at 4:00. We're going to open everything at 1:00 so we can fit everything in. The rides and games won't open until 4:00 though because there are just not enough people out there yet to support them. The Bullitt County Vocalists, they were just at the Bullitt County Fair, they have a contest and the previous year's winners will be performing on the 4<sup>th</sup>; this year's winners will be performing on Saturday the 5<sup>th</sup>. That gives them a showcase after they've won their contest that gives them now a place to perform. We're still going to have the .25 cent ice cream that's sponsored by Paroquet Springs. That will happen from 4:00-9:00. It will be under about 3 or 4 tents that they are putting up out there so you'll have some shade, a place to sit, a table to sit at. The Women's Club is having a watermelon eating contest this year. Dance With Steve and Donna which is a local organization here is going to be doing clogging and square dancing. After that we're going to have a Civil War Tactical Display. I did not know what a tactical display was. When I talked to Tony Slayter who does the Civil War what he says is that's when they go out there and everybody runs around and shots at each other. It's not planned or anything. They don't know who is going to win; they just start shooting at each other. They are doing that at 8:30. Junction Creek will come on at 9:00, another local band. Around 9:30 we'll have some dignitaries get up there and speak. Then we're going to have something a little different, we're going to have a Night Fire to kick off the fireworks. So they will be out there shooting their muskets and cannons in the dark. If you saw that last year it's pretty neat. If you've never been around one of these cannons when they go off, it will rattle your motors. It will shake the ground. Be prepared because it will jerk you! After the Night Fire we've still got the fireworks. Louisville actually canceled their fireworks show this year; I think they are still going to have a small show this year; but the Waterfront Festival canceled their fireworks show this year so the Bullitt Blast Shepherdsville City Fair is the biggest game in town this year; the closest, biggest fireworks show that's going to be around here. It's close to a \$20,000 fireworks show just the fireworks alone. We close around midnight and Saturday we open up again; it's all listed here. Pretty much everything will close down Saturday night at midnight. On Sunday the Civil War camps will still be going on though. You can go out there Sunday morning, some of the things that are kind of neat, we're going to have a Civil War Church Service at 9:30 that morning. We're going to have a Civil War Memorial Service over in the cemetery where they are actual Civil War soldiers buried there so they'll have the Memorial Service, they'll do a 21 gun salute using their muskets. They will have another battle that day they they'll close at about 4:00. Dana Bischoff James: I have two questions, safety and parking. Tony Thompson: Those are two things that we have worked very very very hard on. The fireworks are going to be shot off in a different location this year. They are going to be shot off from the waste treatment plant. Troy Beam and the Tourism Commission have actually been out there; they've worked on the permits. They've worked on everything. There is a safety circle that they have to abide by to shot all that off. Dana Bischoff James: They are not firing objects at each? Tony Thompson: They don't fire objects. They are not actually even allowed to point their guns at each other. If you ever go out there and they are doing the battle they never fire their guns toward each other they always fire into the air. They are pointing in the right direction but there are no objects that come out of these guns and if somebody points a gun at somebody they are taken off the field. They are all Civil War muskets. They are all Civil War cannons but they also don't shot anything off. The only thing you see come out of there is gunpowder. Get there early. We have met I don't know how many times on traffic control and parking. Chief Puckett: Also on the parking we're going to have signs up. The big ones you get from the State, there will be one on 61 and 44 to show people where to park. Parking is actually going to be in the Bluegrass Saddle Club which is a non-profit which is right next to the Park. Something that everybody needs to know this year; the entrance will be through Frank E. Simon Park off 44. A lot of the entrances and some of the roads I believe are going to be closed down on the other side because there is going to be pedestrian traffic walking through there so we're not going to allow any vehicular traffic through there at all. The Main Entrance is going to be off of Highway 44 through the Frank

E. Simon Park. \$3 to park in the Bluegrass Saddle Club parking area. That's private land and a deal we worked with them and we are not touching that money. The Bluegrass Saddle Club which is a non-profit gets half that money and the Sheriff's Explorers that actually do the parking, it's a fund raiser for them to get the other half of the money. So that's how we get the parking paid for. Free parking will be available in the soccer fields leading up on Frank E. Simon Park. There will also be parking available at the Bullitt County Youth Football League parking lot; the Court House and all the other places around town. I'm expecting 8,000-10,000 people out there. The Mayor is expecting 20,000 out there. I hope that the Mayor wins that. We have worked with the Police Department; met many times for traffic control, safety, where we're going to park them at and how we're going to handle the people. Tourism is sponsoring the fireworks; Paroquet Springs is in on that and also doing the ice cream. The wineries are going to be there as part of the event. A lot of groups like PIP are going to be out there doing a fund raiser, CASA is going to be out there doing a fund raiser, Bullitt Lick Middle School is doing a fund raiser that you all will probably be a part of. You'll be put into a dunking booth by the way so don't be surprised if somebody grabs you when you get out there and says you're getting in the booth. We tried to involve as many local groups as possible. And we want as many community non-profits, charities, to keep coming in. I've already talked to the ministerial groups about next year where we can have maybe a kid's fest type tent set up and all the churches would be involved in that. I also know some of the businesses around there are going to set up little booths through downtown Shepherdsville. As this thing grows and gets bigger it's going to be a major event. We've given the Bullitt County Arts Council a certain section and it's a fund raiser for them. You can do whatever you want here. It's a fund raiser for you. We're trying to involve as many people like that plus we've got commercial booths.

**Bill Duffy & Steve Froelicher:** That's a tough act to follow. I don't have much exciting news to talk about. Thank you Mayor and Members of the Council I'm here tonight to talk on behalf of our organization which is Concerned Families of Bullitt County. Maybe you all have heard about that, maybe you haven't. Steve and I are actively involved in that and one of our projects stemmed out of a conversation we had with Dr. Steven Henry regarding his efforts to preserve and establish a nature trail going along Floyds Fork to Salt River. Ultimately his dream was to have a nature trail that would go from the entrance of Floyds Fork in Bullitt County all the way to Bernheim Forest and he has been actively working on securing land on Floyds Fork and we offered our assistance and perhaps extending that from over Salt River to Bernheim. Steve and I went to the Bullitt County Parks Board, made a presentation; they unanimously supported a hike and bike trail which would go from Salt River or Floyds Fork, at some point, over to Bernheim. Our efforts at that point were to try to secure a feasibility study to see if this was even possible. So we went to Fiscal Court and received \$15,000 to get the University of Kentucky, their Agricultural Landscape Design people to come down here. They have four graduate students who are working on this along with a Professor and they are looking at a study area to determine where is the best place for our route. So we're in the very very beginnings of this whole thing. The newspaper had a story on this and as a result of that several people contacted us and said are you all aware of the City's plans to have a pedestrian bridge. We said no we don't know anything about it; maybe it's not even in the works but what we're here tonight to do is tell you if it is in the works can we work together to have this established. It doesn't seem logical to have two different pedestrian bridges going over Salt River. That's my only pitch. I'm going to let Steve talk a little bit out the trail and I promise we'll be done within five minutes. Steve Froelicher: Thank you for having us. As Bill said we're looking at really connecting the Floyds Fork watershed all the way down to Bernheim and we've talked to an awful lot of people all over the County and there is a lot of enthusiasm. We've gone down to Bernheim, we've talked to the folks at Jim Beam, the neighborhoods to the north along Floyds Fork and everybody in between agrees it would be a really neat if we could get a trail like this through the County that hooks up to the Jefferson County Park Loop which is really kind of a jewel to the north and Bernheim Forest which is a regional treasure. And hook those two things together hopefully through the City of Shepherdsville. So what we did was we talked to a bunch of people including Dr. Henry and what we've done is we've established a study area which basically is a large area of the Floyds Fork to the north and Bernheim Forest to the south. Then if you look at the topographical maps this is basically the study area that we have set forth for the University of Kentucky to define at least six routes for us along the study areas. So what they are going to produce for us are very high resolution very large maps that are topographical and satellite and we've gotten the shape files for the property lines from the PVA and we're working with Planning and Zoning as well to construct very good maps. The next step after we get these

maps is to go talk to people and see if they would be willing to help with getting a trail through their property. One of the things we've made crystal clear to people is in any way is anybody going to be pressured to do it. It will be a handshake; it will be people that want to do it; there is not going to be any pressure on anybody it's going to all be a handshake deal if we can pull it off. The objective is that everybody along the way will be happy with it. There are a lot of points of interest on the maps that have to do with the bourbon industry and also with the wine producing industry and I also mentioned Bernheim. That is what we're up to right now and when we heard that there might be a possibility the City of Shepherdsville looking at this we wanted to find out who we can work with because we want to bring those folks in to work with Dr. Henry and all the neighborhoods to the north, Bernheim to the south and see if we can get something that would really be a regional treasure going right through this area. Is there any questions? Mayor Ellis: I think it's a good idea. I'd like to see the City participate in it. Steve Froelicher: Is there anybody, of course you don't have to answer now, but is there anybody we can bring in to work with us on it? Dana Bischoff James: Contact us and let us know what you need. Steve Froelicher: Basically we just wanted to get in step with you guys. We've already got a lot of work going on with the County and all the citizens and groups. Mayor Ellis: Any time we want to have a meeting we can have it right here. Faith Portman: Did you say Troy Beam is involved in this? Steve Froelicher: Troy knows about it. We've been working with Alex Wimsatt and Troy and just a bunch of people. One of the things that we did was before we really teed it up with UK or Fiscal Court is we contacted a bunch of people to see if this is something the County or City would like to do and we've got nothing but yeah we'd like to take a look at this. Gary McGruder is aware of it. We haven't contacted Mr. Simon yet and Mr. Flynn doesn't know about it yet. Anyway this is what we're doing and we love to work with you guys on it. Mayor Ellis: We look forward to working with you because one of the things that I hear when I meet with the Plant Managers over in the Industrial Park is we need more healthy living initiatives here. One of the things that I'm going to be bringing back to the Council here before long is a joint venture and I think LouAnn will actually be here the first meeting in July, a joint venture between the County, City and the YMCA for an indoor aquatic center. There are several different plans out there that the City wants to be a part of for the betterment of the community. Steve Froelicher: That would be great. One of the routes that we had goes right through the Industrial Park and one of the benefits we saw was employee recreation. It would be another benefit for employees to be able to bike down to Bernheim before or after work. I'd like to take the handout back up because Dr. Henry's Future Land Trust and this is another entity; we're not really officially working with Future Land Trust right now but we're working with Dr. Henry who sits on that Board and he wanted to make it clear that we are working with him and not Future Land Trust so if you all want I can get you copies of this revised. Mayor Ellis: The City has over in the Industrial Park two ponds that are being cleaned up and mowed; they have walking areas through there that are being cleaned up and ready to go; we can tie them in to it too I'm sure. Bernie Brown: Steve and Bill Duffy have been volunteering a lot of time and putting a lot of effort and I want to thank them for what they've done and are doing. It's going to be a real benefit to Bullitt County. Thank you gentlemen for doing what you're doing.

#### **Department Reports:**

**Chief Layne Troutman:** I just want to reiterate something; when it came up about the fire station I just want to make sure that the public understands why we're asking for a fire station. I want to make sure that they understand that our Station 2 over on Frank E. Simon right now has mold issues in it. It's an old building, built in the 70s, it's a rat hole and our volunteers run out of it, it's only a mile from this Station so the reason we're asking for this other Station also in 2011 the City resolved the lawsuit between the Fire Districts with South East Bullitt and Nichols, Zoneton and Mt. Washington was resolved before that. When we did that we took in some area that we weren't covering at the time which was Heritage Hills, the Industrial Park so it does affect the ISO rates also which is your insurance rating. So we're trying to get another station that is a little bit further out on the south side of the City to give closer fire response to those areas; also it moves this station from downtown, it closes it down and it gets people out of the mold issues that we're having; and it puts it a little bit further out south which spreads us out. It's a little over 3 miles which almost puts everything in the City at that point in time within 3 miles of a fire station; so we would be closing a Station down, we'll just build a new station for that. I just want to make sure why we want this station, it's not a want, it's a need. Question from the audience: How would you fund that? Chief Troutman: It will be from taxes. We're not raising taxes we're just using what we already have. That's what's in the budget. Question from audience: Taxes will not be raised for that? Chief Troutman: No the budget that we have right now, the payments are

in there for that. We'd have to borrow to build it and make payments to pay for that station. It's not going to be a \$3 million firehouse like some departments around here do; it's a lot cheaper than that, we're going bare bones with it. We just want to get better protection for the community and the citizens in the City of Shepherdsville. That's why we want to build this station. Like I said it's not a want, it's a definite need and it could even lower some insurance rates by having that station out that far. We're at a Class 4 which is the best ISO Classification in the County, but we're trying to go to a Class 3. If we can get to a Class 3 it will affect the homeowners and the businesses which will make your insurance go down. Question from audience: Does your station here cover that area now? Chief Troutman: We cover that area right now plus our Station 2 downtown which is the old Station. Out of both of those stations we cover it now. From this Station you're reaching your furthest points on that side and out when you get further out on Preston Highway. Question from the audience: Do you have any ideas where you're going to locate this firehouse? Chief Troutman: There are a couple locations right there on Preston; the best that we've found so far right there in the area on Preston Highway and 480 because at that point it puts the entrance to Heritage Hills at 3 miles almost to the very back of the Industrial Park at 3 miles and the furthest point in the City on Beech Grove Road is at 3 miles. Then as people know there is the mention of maybe annexation, it puts from 61 in that area to 245 just a hair over 3 miles from that Station. So it would cover a wide area and that's why we want to go ahead and get it going and build that Station. I just wanted people to understand why we're doing it. Like I said it's not a want; it's a definite need.

**City Attorney Wantland:** Chief Troutman, we're having a fire engine repaired in Wisconsin, could you report to the Council at each meeting what the repairs are and the expense and where we are on that process? Chief Troutman: As of right now, since the 10<sup>th</sup>, I've sent emails on the 10<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and today with several phone calls in between to Seagrave; as of this time I've had no contact back from Seagrave nor has our insurance company. The insurance company did give permission to go ahead and start tearing the truck down to get a detailed estimate on what it would cost to fix it but as of this time we've not heard anything back from Seagrave. Clinton Kline: The insurance company gave permission to Seagrave? Chief Troutman: Yes. The Kentucky League of Cities, our insurance company gave Seagrave permission to go ahead and take the box off, go through the truck completely and see what the hard bone price it's going to cost to fix it. City Attorney Wantland: I just want the Council to be kept up at each meeting.

**Faith Portman:** If you go on Google and Google ISO ratings you will see he is correct. It will help the ISO ratings. Any time you add a firehouse, especially within a certain miles, isn't it? Chief Troutman: Right. If anyone has Social Media, especially Facebook, we have a Website on Facebook, Shepherdsville Fire Department, and we also have a Webpage: shepfire.com; we've been posting things with ISO in it to help educate the public to understand what all the ISO process is about. They've upgraded some stuff because the also standards that fire service goes by called NFPA and with those standards coming into play, they are starting to intermingle both the ISO and that together so we're starting to put stuff on those websites so people can get the information out. Understand what it is about; how it helps you, benefits you, things of that nature and if anyone ever has any questions, I'm at the firehouse usually from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00, 7:00, 8:00 sometimes 10:00, 11:00 at night. So anytime you want to come by or call I'll take your calls and answer anything I can.

#### **Council Reports:**

**Jose' Cubero:** I want to thank Chief Puckett and your group for coming and seeing us a little bit on Friday and a little bit on Saturday at the picnic. Appreciate you guys supporting us and taking care of us.

**Dana Bischoff James:** I just want to encourage everybody to ask questions if you don't understand something. All of our information is out there.

**Faith Portman:** Again I want to let the employees know that I did not vote against this because of a raise; I have not a problem with you all getting a raise. I just want a flat rate where it's fair to everyone because the last time it didn't seem to me that it was fair to everyone. That's my opinion. I didn't vote against it because of the firehouse. Basically I feel that the 1.5% left in there in not fair to the community and it's not right. I just want you all to know that. I also want to lay to rest some rumors that have been going around about me

saying that I'm going to get rid of the Fire Department and Police Department. Well I'm not and I don't know why anybody would believe that in the first place you can't do that and in the second place it would be crazy. I want people to know that I'm not doing that; I've always supported employees and I try to support our taxpayers as much as I can but I want the employees to know that the rumors are not true that are going around and if you have a question come to me please. Don't listen to us. Thank you.

**Clinton Kline:** If we have these two lakes over in the Industrial Park and are cleaning them up, I'd like either you or Scott Fleming to contact the Department of Fish and Wildlife and see about getting in the FINS program. Anybody that doesn't know, that is Fishing In Neighborhoods In The State. It stocks catchable size fish and Joe do you think it would be stepping on anybody's toes if you sent a registered letter to Seagrave or ask our insurance company to do it. It's been two weeks and we can't get any contact out of them. City Attorney Wantland: I'd be happy to contact Seagrave. I can do that. Clinton Kline: Okay, if they are not returning calls or emails. Would that step on your toes or do you just want information? Chief Troutman: Myself and Jim from the insurance company we're both just trying to find out if they've started actually tearing down the truck or not. That's pretty much all we've been trying to find out from them. Clinton Kline: Do they do like Ford and shut down for a week or two or do you know? Chief Troutman: No. The only thing I can think that might be going on, they did warn me that they had several contracts coming up to where they were going to be pretty busy trying to get trucks out because when they get contracts in from like New York, California, different places like that, when they are ordering 100 trucks from them at a time at \$500,000-\$600,000 a pop, they are going to tend to those. Faith Portman: Are you sending emails? Is that how you are communicating? Chief Troutman: Emails and phone calls. Faith Portman: They can return an email. Chief Troutman: I agree with that.

Clinton Kline made motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss personnel. Faith Portman 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 6-0.

Faith Portman made motion to return to Regular Session. Dana Bischoff James 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 6-0. City Attorney Wantland stated the Council met without any resolution of anything.

Clinton Kline made motion to adjourn. Jose' Cubero 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

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R. Scott Ellis III, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tammy Richmond, City Clerk