

**CITY OF SHEPHERDSVILLE  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, December 30, 2014**

Mayor Ellis called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

City Attorney Wantland had second reading of Ordinance 014-(number to be assigned) Amending Ordinance 003-575, 005-668 and 011-078 relating to the imposition and administration of an Occupational License requirement, and payment of an Occupational License Tax by persons and business entities conducting businesses, occupations and professions within the City of Shepherdsville, KY at the rate of Occupational Tax to 1-1/2% removing any termination date. Mayor Ellis: We didn't have a Sign In Speaker sheet out but if you wish to speak I'll ask you to hold up your hand and I'll call you up as we go.

**Gary Board:** I hope the Council will let this terminate at the end of this year and if the new City Council next year thinks there is a need to look at this again let it be done then. The County residents just got hit with another 4% increase on their School Tax; everybody says it only adds up to this much but after a while these little amounts add up to a whole lot. So I would urge the Council to let this terminate and if need be look in to it next year. Thank you.

**Dan Cline:** Councilmembers, Mr. Mayor, Mr. Wantland, Mrs. Weidekamp, my name is Dan Cline, I'm the President of the Bullitt County Chamber of Commerce and I'm here to read a letter written by the Bullitt County Economic Development Authority Executive Director John Snider who is away in Mexico marrying his daughter off. His letter reads "Over the past several years the City of Shepherdsville has profited greatly from economic growth of Bullitt County. Cedar Grove has been the main benefactor with around ten million square feet of new space being constructed. In addition we can look out the window of City Hall and see over 1 million five hundred thousand square feet of space which has been added. All of this has happened with little or no additional cost to the City. The City of Shepherdsville has been very fortunate and it is the envy in the State of Kentucky and most of the economic development professionals around the Country. Much of this new growth has helped to put Shepherdsville on a sound financial footing. It is now time for the Mayor and City Council to look at the future and make sure that we provide the environment for growth to continue. If we tax properly and spend judiciously we will not need to raise property taxes and other personal property taxes now or in the future. A good percentage of the revenue of the City is generated by the 1.5% occupational tax; much of which is not paid by the residents of Bullitt County. This amount and percentage of the City's budget is increasing as several incentive packages fall off. For much of the history of Bullitt County it exported its jobs to Louisville where higher occupational tax is paid by its citizens. For example if you live in Shepherdsville and work in Louisville, you pay Louisville 1.45% occupational tax. And if you live and work in Louisville you pay 2.2%; Jeffersonville pays an additional 1%; if you live in Hardin County and work in Cedar Grove you pay Shepherdsville 1.5%. Today Shepherdsville imports labor from surrounding counties. The future can be bright for Shepherdsville if it starts planning to assist growth over the next four to five years through development of capital improvements to facilitate growth. We expect a minimum of four to five million square feet to be built at the Cedar Grove exit if the proper infrastructure is put in place over the next three years. Capital improvements paid for by the occupational tax will assist in this growth. Shepherdsville will need to be a major contributor to a new road system out of Cedar Grove with a new Interstate Interchange allowing for additional traffic. This area is very dangerous because of one way in and out and the overload of the current road. Bullitt County Economic Development Authority has been working diligently over the past year to assist in developing plans and has been working with the Governor on a solution. The industrial clients have Cedar Grove as well as the citizens of Heritage Hill area require a secondary way out of the 480 area. This will require a significant contribution from the City of Shepherdsville. In additional plans are being discussed on how to fix access in the Love's area to make it safer for cars and trucks entering Interstate 65 northbound. As the dollar value of property continues to increase at the Cedar Grove exit, a new fire station will be required to fulfill the needs of the area. This has

been talked about for a period of time. We need to think seriously about more recreational activities in the southern portion of the County to provide amenities to which many companies have become accustomed. The Bullitt County Economic Development Authority is not an organization that advocates taxes. It must be remembered that this is not a new tax but an extension of the existing tax. After reviewing the current financial condition of the City of Shepherdsville and looking in to what we know will be needed to make the City grow and attractive to businesses we believe that the 1.5% occupational tax must stay on. It would be our suggestion that the dollars today are necessary to fund current and major future capital improvements in the County if it does not remain a portion of the budget then it's possible an increase of property tax will be required to balance the minimum budget and keep City services as they exist. Future growth of new business taxes should be allocated to new projects such as a new fire station and its equipment. Parks and Recreation and the money required funding a new road system in and around 480. Some have discussed the reduction of the tax from 1.5% to 1%; the reduction of this tax will not provide any advantage to the recruitment of new business or the keeping of existing business. A reduction to 1% will lengthen the time to pay off capital expenditures and reduce the opportunity to provide those projects which will enhance our Community. It is always a tough decision to keep a tax when you can take it off; we understand that, we are looking at the future growth of the County. We believe 1.5% occupational tax should remain to stabilize the existing budget and allow growth needs of the future. Sincerely, John R. Snider, Executive Director." Again, I'm the President of Bullitt County Chamber of Commerce and we unanimously support John Snider's position and wish for the occupational tax of 1.5% to remain.

**George Miller:** I just have a couple questions and clarification. I haven't seen the Ordinance, Joe I was listening to you read it. Did I understand that it is on gross business receipts? City Attorney Wantland: No. George Miller: What's it on as far as business. City Attorney Wantland: The only discussion about receipts is the allocation of people who have businesses in more than one geographical area. George Miller: Like I said I haven't read it. City Attorney Wantland: It's the same as last year and the year before. The only thing that has been changed and deleted is the sunset provision. George Miller: Ok. Are there any projections on how much the whole 1.5% would bring in next year? Dana Bischoff James: We have the numbers from last year; last year is was \$4.8 million. That's according to the Audit. George Miller: So it's not on business profits or anything like that? Dana Bischoff James: It's on employees. George Miller: It's the same as the old one except it's being extended right? City Attorney Wantland: Yes. George Miller. Okay I've got the old one. Thank you very much.

**Denise Arnold:** Nazarene Daycare Center and I'm representing the employees that we have and myself. Personally I'm opposed to not letting the tax sunset. Four years ago when you all decided to go from the 1% to the 1.5% was that not due to the City being in so much trouble to help get you all out of that debt? Bernie Brown: Yes it was. Denise Arnold: Okay. The last few meetings that I've been too and correct me if I'm wrong, I understood that the City is doing so well, it has paid off over \$1 million in your all's debt, you've established an emergency fund, and we're doing well now. Mayor Ellis: The reason that it's doing that is because of the half percent occupational. You have a lot of businesses and it was pointed out today that still receive a 1% kick back. They do not pay anything to this Community. You have a lot of businesses that won't fall off until 2022 that are on that list. Denise Arnold: So the reason for that was and to get us back where we needed to be and the City is doing good and paid off a lot of debt, has an emergency fund that they haven't had before, and you all voted that it would sunset tomorrow. Is that right? Clinton Kline: You are correct this Council voted to let this sunset and we're here at a Special Meeting when in a few hours this Council will be no more to do this again. Denise Arnold: So I mean if you all are doing well like that and the City has decided to take an extra 1% from the Insurance Tax; why did you all take that extra percentage and what's it going for? City Attorney Wantland: I can answer that question very quickly. What that money is being used for is the City has really spent a lot of money trying to make people bring their properties in to some form of State Building Code compliance, some Ordinance compliance. Denise Arnold: Do you know how much more the City will be getting off of that extra 1% of having a total of 5%? City Attorney Wantland: About \$40,000 a year. Denise Arnold: Is that just from the extra 1% or the total 5%? City Attorney Wantland: The extra 1%. Denise Arnold: What is the reasoning that you all want to keep this tax instead of letting it go back to the 1% where it was supposed to go starting after tomorrow night? City Attorney Wantland: The Council will address that separately in a little bit. Denise Arnold: OK. Faith Portman: Are you asking us in

general? Denise Arnold: I guess as a Council and Mayor; there's got to be a reason that you've called a Special Meeting to want to keep it and not let it sunset. I mean before there was a reason. They had the meeting and set this extra tax to pay off that debt. And if it's supposed to sunset then what is your reason to keep this going? Dana Bischoff James: Last night we spoke. FEMA, number one. I don't want to see our people walk away from their homes and the City become desolate. Right now on Beech Grove Road the number of people who I've spoken to that is going to walk away because their homes are now in flood zones and their insurance premiums are going through the roof; we need mitigation funding to be able to combat FEMA, that's first and foremost. Second, anybody set in traffic? We're working on our infrastructure. We can't sit and be idle and let the State fix it. We've got to be proactive. Also we can sit up here as a Council and say let's go ahead and sunset in 2018; that would make us cowards if we made that decision because at that point we're shrugging off something new problems, we're stifling the growth of a Council that's going to be coming on in those years and not sitting them up for success. Denise Arnold: I think everyone except Ms. Portman, I'm not counting you Mr. Wantland, is registered a Republican. You ran as Republicans and a Republican platform is not usually a tax and spend and that's what I'm seeing. There was a reason before we haven't really technically beside what you just said of why and that is disappointing to me. Dana Bischoff James: Just because I am a Republican I don't believe in 8000 people paying for the services that 50,000+ people receive. Let's say that 10% of the people should not be funding the services. If we have 50,000 people that come in to this City to work that don't live here that don't pay the taxes for property, that's not fair for those who work and live here to fund that. Clinton Kline: So you want to tax all these people coming to work here for services not infrastructure. Dana Bischoff James: Both. They are using our roads, our services. If you look at the surrounding areas we have Hillview, 1.5%; Frankfort in Franklin County you've got to add them together, they are 2.95%. Denise Arnold: I'm worried just about here not everywhere else. It's here that we need to worry about. I know everybody else has those different rates but how many of the Council has been contacted by any of your constituents asking you to not raise this or lower it. Bernie Brown: I have. Gloria Taft: Both raise and lower, I've been contacted and I've been contacting people out in the area. I've talked to people from Amazon, Kroger, Dairy Queen, Speedway, Big Lots, and Chegg. Most of them say it doesn't matter. What we need are decent roads; a decent Police force; that's what I'm hearing from the public. Denise Arnold: Have you heard anybody contact you? Clinton Kline: Absolutely. They are for it to sunset. Faith Portman: Same thing. And I actually went to Kroger one day and polled people about it asking them how they felt about it. Denise Arnold: Okay then just my opinion, you are elected to represent the people and do what the people want not what you see should be; then I think you need to rethink what your decision may be tonight as to whether you let it sunset or not as to what the people want. City Attorney Wantland: Mrs. Arnold, the people who are particularly affected by the floodplain provisions, what are they going to do? Denise Arnold: I don't know; if it would have been addressed when it should have been instead of ... City Attorney Wantland: It was addressed when it should have been. Denise Arnold: Not in 2011. City Attorney Wantland: When FEMA came out with their provisions and people need to understand as I understand things most communities believe it or not, they put an additional tax on sewer bills. That's how they take care of FEMA, flowage easements, surface waters. Fayette County pays \$5.00 per month per customer. Jefferson County pays a fee, 7% surcharge on water/sewer bill. We're dealing with FEMA we're going to need thousands upon thousands of dollars. Denise Arnold: I know FEMA does not affect me and I'm sorry who it does affect; City Attorney Wantland: The people who invested their lives and their money in this community, we're going to throw them under the bus. Denise Arnold: No. I think our officials shouldn't have thrown everybody under the bus when they knew about it in 2011. Arthur Jones: The documentation from 2011, FEMA came back and repealed that. They wrote back and said sorry we made a mistake.

**Gary Board:** Excuse me for being back up here again but I'm hearing about infrastructure on 480, can City money be used on a State road? Mayor Ellis: We're not doing 480. There is a plan for a connector road that will go from 480 to right now Chapeze Lane, I'm not happy with going to Chapeze Lane, I want to go past Chapeze Lane all the way to 245 and there will be a connector road. If you're having a heart attack, and there is an accident at Buffalo Run Road, do you know how long it's going to take to get an ambulance to you going around through Mt. Washington and back over, 45 minutes. From the time you have your heart attack to the time you get to the hospital is a golden hour for survival and we've already ate 45 minutes of that because there is an accident at Buffalo Run Road. Gary Board: Well why can we not have an

ambulance service out in that area. Mayor Ellis: That's a County issue, not a City thing. I can't do anything about an ambulance service out that way. Gary Board: I thought the Chapeze Lane was not going to happen because of the closeness to the Rest Area for an interchange. Mayor Ellis: If you put it up more so in between where the Rest Area and 480 is you're going to be more so away from it. You're not going to put the on and off ramps right there on Chapeze; you're going to actually bring a connector road that goes over to 61. The Industrial Park roads will actually feed in to that road also. I met with Representative Belcher yesterday and we talking about this and I told her I love the thought of the road going to Chapeze but I want that road to go out to 245 and I eventually want to see it go from 44 all the way out to 245. That road is not going to be cheap and the Commonwealth of Kentucky can't fund the whole road. And we all know how it is right now; if you have an accident on 65 everyone jumps over to 61. God forbid if you have an accident on both roads. If you have an accident on both of them you're not going north or south out of this City. Gary Board: I know right now with the construction on 65 it's a standstill no matter which way you try to go. Mayor Ellis: Absolutely it is. You come to a lot of meetings Gary and I know that you were here when this Council voted to spend \$50,000 for a study for a \$3.5 million project that would help to alleviate flooding on the West Blue Lick Road area by the interceptor line that would go over to the River. That's a \$3.5 million project. We know in times that we've met with the Corps of Engineers on different mitigation plans for the FEMA problem the Corps will only do matching funds. So if it's a \$3 million project, they are only going to find you \$1.5 million. Where is the other \$1.5 million coming from? This City has paid off a lot of debt and that's something I'm proud of; and I would like to keep this City out of debt to where we won't have to go to the bank. We have two sewer lines that we're getting ready to fix. One in the east next to Bullitt Central; one over on West Blue Lick Road; \$750,000-\$800,000 and the City is going to pay cash for them. We've not going to the bank. We're not giving Mr. Dan Cline 2.5% interest. I love Dan to death, he's a great guy but I'm not going to give him 2.5% of taxpayer dollars if I can pay cash for those projects. That's why it's important with the .5%. Gary Board: With the money coming in from the .5% would it even come close to putting a road in over to 61 from the business park? Mayor Ellis: It would be one of those things if it's a \$12 million project you're going to be looking at \$2 million over six years.

**Steve Larimore:** I live on Michelle Drive in Heritage Hill. I'm proud of what the Council has done. I think it's great; paying off debt, looking forward and that's my problem. We take the tax off where we going? What can we do if we take the .5% off? That's the question I have to ask you guys. You guys know I show up here every meeting. We talk about we've got to mitigate the issue with FEMA; we know that we've still got \$30 million in debt with the sewer fund; we know that the roads are totally unacceptable. Talk to anybody anywhere about what the problem is with bringing more industry, more jobs to Bullitt County; re Shepherdsville is infrastructure. We just annexed property all the way out to 245; that's growth. But the growth will not come unless the infrastructure is in place before we have it there. I'm not concerned with what happens in the next year or next two years. What I'm concerned about is what happens in the next 10-15 years. The one thing that we talked about here in the Council about three years ago was a long range plan. What are we going to do? If you don't have any money you can plan all you want too and you're not going to do anything about making things better. We can go back to the wonderful sleepy town of 1970 and be the little place out in Bullitt County that just kind of sits there; never moves ahead, nothing happens or we can turn ourselves in to an attractive area where people want to come and live; where people want to come and have their business; and live a quality life. My concern is that if we don't have the funds then the ideas that come up; the idea of paying the \$800,000 to fix the sewer problems we have today, four years ago we would have been looking at Mr. Hardy and Mr. Cline with our hand out to get those things done. I applaud you for what you've done. My question to you is if you vote to let this sunset Steve Larimore looks at is as you're voting to let Shepherdsville stay stagnant for a while. Faith Portman: Did you make a promise four years ago Steve Larimore? Steve Larimore: No I didn't make a promise to anybody. Faith Portman: Well I did. I made a promise and I'm a woman of my word and if I tell you I make a promise that I'll let it sunset then that's my word. Steve Larimore: You can vote whatever way you want to Miss Faith but I'll tell you what keeping your word is not nearly as important as doing the right thing. I'll just ask you to think about that. Faith Portman: I am doing the right thing; I'm keeping my honor. Steve Larimore: I think the right thing is taking care of the City. Faith Portman: Well that's our differences.

**State Representative Linda Belcher:** I don't live in Shepherdsville and I'm not here to try and have one side or the other side that's not my purpose. The only thing I can do is report to you what I know. I did meet with the Mayor; have had talks with the government people in Frankfort and I'm meeting on Monday with the Governor's Chief of Staff. One of the things he's going to ask me is is Shepherdsville willing to put in some money to build the road because the State is not going to be able to do it by themselves. So I just wanted you to know what you are being told is the absolute truth. I don't know yet we're going to have to negotiate and talk but Shepherdsville is going to have to help if we get that road. And it's up to you to decide how important that road is.

**Bernie Brown:** You know I've sat here and listened to a lot of good things that need to be done in the City; the letter that Mr. Cline read from the EDA contains a lot of good things that we need to be looking at. I have no argument with that. From my perspective that letter does not address a core issue; the heart of the issue that I see. We promised in 2011 that this was a temporary tax it would sunset on January 1, 2015. I said at a meeting right here 21 months ago I believe, March of 2013, let it sunset as we promised and then if there is genuine need and there are there are a lot of genuine needs for additional money revenue but then let's discuss that. Let's make some plans. Let's let the people know what it's for. We made a promise. You made a promise Mayor. And I believe in keeping promises. And I say let this sunset like we promised and then let's talk about it. I would be receptive to discussing what projects; I realize transportation, the road system, the infrastructure around here is in dire need of some help. But let's keep our promise and then let's sit down and do some planning. And yes if additional revenue is needed and it will be then we can talk about it. But let the people know. Dana Bischoff James: What is your plan for mitigating FEMA? Where are we going to pull those funds? Bernie Brown: Let me tell you we made a promise and I'm going to keep my promise I'm going to tell you that. We didn't know anything about FEMA in 2011. We were struggling to keep this City from defaulting and you know that Mayor. Dana Bischoff James: But you should never make a promise if you can't keep it. Never give somebody your word if you can't keep it and if you make an error accept it and apologize but I'm not willing to see our homes and our residents and our youth people lose their homes. Bernie Brown: Let me ask you, what's wrong with letting this sunset like we said come January 1<sup>st</sup> and then talking about discussing what other revenue is needed. Dana Bischoff James: Arthur when should we be working on the FEMA projects? When do we need to move with these mitigation plans. Do we wait to have the funds there? Do we let people worry about their homes being okay? I'm not okay with watching families lose their homes or walk away because they can't afford flood insurance. Bernie Brown: Dana I know you didn't make the promise but you know what I would really expect and ask that some of you including the Chamber of Commerce and the EDA to show a little bit of respect for the promise that we made. Jose' Cubero: Four years ago what you ran into financially was unacceptable by the people that were in charge so to go through what you had to go through those first two years I've always said that everybody that was on the Council that was tough. For the last two years we made the commitment to take care of that money; put a system in place and I made this comment before, we're not going back; we're not going back to the way we use to do business in this town. We need to make sure that the money we spent, we invested. We have not spent money. 44 don't have sidewalks; 2000 and almost 15 we don't have sidewalks on a growing City like this. I understand there are things that we can do to make it more appealing. I'm talking about infrastructure; we're talking about our growth; the things that we've all been talking about. A fire station and service, the kind of things that we keep things low. We talked to Chief about the rates that we have. We have those rates because we have the equipment and the staff. If you want to get ready for what's going to happen you're not going to recognize Shepherdsville. Unfortunately we're not Bardstown; we sit right on 65; we sit right on it so we go right with it where there's opportunity for the folks that live here to get some benefits with social and retail services that we haven't had. We depend on Louisville; there's no reason for us to depend on Louisville; there's no way. This community is strong enough to stand on its own. To have the kind of services that it deserves and the people that they elect should get that from the money that they invest. You know what I don't like taxes any more than anybody else but I want to make sure that the people I give my money too I want to see that it is spent well. \$1.5 million in two years; we paid off debt. I sit and listen to all of this; you know if governments were run like businesses we'd fire most governments. They spend money like useless. But in two years we've shown that we know how to spend money and the people coming on that's the same challenge for the rest of them coming on plus the ones that are still here. It's as simple as that. I'm hoping that at least what happened to us four years ago at least tells everybody that

we're going to start watching; what was that one comment we made from one of the guest that were out there when we first took over "we're watching you". You watched us for two years; what did we do? Invested the money the right way and we expect the next Council to be the same way. It's no more simple than that. But there is a growth that can happen to this City and the people in this City have got a good Fire Department and they've got a good Police Department and we've got a Public Works that's getting there and a Sewer Department that's doing really damn well. All that has got to stay but there is an investment; Steve's right, there is an investment you make, you have to take a proactive approach; we're not a sleepy little town. People like Shepherdsville. We're looked at when it comes to different things that want to come here they look at Shepherdsville; Why because of our close proximity to the airport; all the different type of businesses that we support being in Shepherdsville. So why don't we keep that in mind. That's a benefit for everybody. Unfortunately when we started this occupational tax we tried to do something mathematically I'm not sure where the numbers were coming out I know when we talked about this early on we proposed maybe reducing the personal property tax as a way of maybe offsetting some of that for the 15% of the folks that were living and working in the City. I don't know if that number is right but let's look at that. Let's look at something to reward the people not punish the people that live in the City; that's one thing we could do. But this is not a permanent tax. We would like to see some of these deals that we've made with some of these businesses when they fall off they will pay the full amount; then guess what, we don't need that 1.5 but at least for a while let's invest the money the way we have. We haven't invested money in this City like we use to; we haven't done that. Now we're doing it. And that's the only expectation and standard for this City.

Dana Bischoff James made motion to accept. Mayor Ellis asked for any further discussion from the Council. Gloria Taft: I talked to a guy in Louisville who spent three hours trying to get home because of the bad infrastructure and the bad roads and I'm going to clean up what he emailed me but he said he would not come back to our little plain down anytime soon because of our roads. We have to do something about FEMA because if we don't none of our homes and none of our businesses are going to have any value whatsoever. We will be a ghost town and nobody wants that. The only way to stop FEMA is to raise money ahead of time to help fight them; to mitigate them; to pay for the appeals that we have to put forth. The .5% on \$200 weekly income is \$1.00 in tax. \$1.00 to continue to not borrowing money; to not put our City further in debt because we've been fighting for two and four years to get out of debt. I commend Bernie and Faith and I know it's tough because you did give your word to our constituents. But you have to look at the future and not wait three months and give an accounting nightmare to the businesses out there saying okay for the first three months go back to 1% or no we've changed our mind now we want to go back to 1.5%. That's not even fair to the businesses; it's an accounting nightmare. We're paying off old debt; we have to improve our roads; we've heard from our Representative that says Frankfort is expecting Shepherdsville to come up with money for roads. They are not going to pay for everything. And I feel it's backwards thinking to let it sunset and then turn around and reinstate it and we don't have the lowest rate in Kentucky so it's not driving away businesses and we do not have an additional occupational tax on gross profits like some cities do. If we lower our occupational tax on the individuals and turn around what would the businesses think if we raised an occupational tax on gross profits? That would be another decimate slap in the face to our City. We need to be careful and think about where we are going to be in two and four and ten years.

Bernie Brown: I fully agree that we need to be planning for the future. I have no problem with that. But I do have a problem with breaking a promise.

Clinton Kline: Back during when we wrote this budget there were plenty of places that dollars didn't have to be budget and the truly conservative Republicans sitting up here are in our closed door meetings and our open door meetings we tried to bring in those dollars and they were spent to the max and we're sitting here December 30<sup>th</sup> having this conversation.

Mayor Ellis: I have a motion to accept; Jose' Cubero 2<sup>nd</sup> to accept the Ordinance and allow the sunset to be removed and continue with the 1.5%. Vote: 3 in favor; 3 opposed. Mayor Ellis: that leaves me to break the tie. While I know there are a lot of issues out there and I've heard a lot of people talk about things tonight but I have to look at the future of this Community and I'm voting yes that we allow the sunset to drop off and the 1.5% stands. Motion carried 4-3.

Bernie Brown: You broke your promise Mayor. It's no wonder that so many people have little respect and trust in the people they elect to represent them in government.

Larry Hatfield: I figured this was going to happen. Joe I want an Ordinance drew up; I will email the first day of the year when I'm officially in office to do away with the .5%. I want to vote on it and if you don't want to do the Ordinance I'll hire an attorney to do it for the City.

City Attorney Wantland stated for the next item he would like to have a motion to publish this item by Summary. Gloria Taft made motion to publish by Summary. Dana Bischoff James 2<sup>nd</sup>. Faith Portman: Why do you all want it published? City Attorney Wantland: We have to put it in the newspaper. Clinton Kline: Why don't we read the Summary tonight. City Attorney Wantland: You have to read the whole Ordinance but you can publish a Summary. Mayor Ellis asked for vote: 3 in favor to publish by Summary; 3 in favor to publish whole Ordinance. Mayor broke tie with Yes vote to publish whole Ordinance. (Bernie Brown left at this time.) City Attorney Wantland had second reading of Ordinance 014-(number to be assigned) approving a Lease Agreement with Republic Bank & Trust Company to finance the acquisition of five police interceptor vehicles, in a maximum principal amount not to exceed \$218,260. Faith Portman made motion to approve and to publish by Summary. Clinton Kline: This will alleviate the need for any new police cars for the next two Fiscal Years. Right? The one we are in now and the next one. So this is all that will be needed? Chief Doug Puckett: The one we're in now and the next one. Yes. And they will be paid for out of the tow lot revenue. Clinton Kline: I'd like to 2<sup>nd</sup> Faith's motion to approve and include to publish by Summary. Motion carried 5-0-1 absent.

Clinton Kline made motion to adjourn. Jose' Cubero 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 5-0-1 absent. Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

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R. Scott Ellis III, Mayor

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Brenda Weidekamp, Deputy City Clerk