

**CITY OF SHEPHERDSVILLE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, January 26, 2015**

Pastor Randy Pace, Family Worship Center gave the invocation  
Pledge of Allegiance was recited  
Mayor Ellis called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

Council members present: Larry Hatfield, Ashley Bratcher, Dana Bischoff James, Bernie Brown, Gloria Taft and Randy Hammond.

Mayor Ellis asked for a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the 1/12/2015 regular meeting. Dana Bischoff James made motion to dispense with reading. Bernie Brown 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 6-0.

Mayor Ellis asked for a motion to approve minutes as written from the 1/12/2015 regular meeting. Gloria Taft made motion to approve 1/12/2015 minutes as written. Dana Bischoff James 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 6-0.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

Mayor Ellis called Rob Campbell to the podium to update the Council on meeting with City Staff on bonding process, etc. Rob Campbell: Kenny couldn't make it he had something he had to tend to with his family; and I'll be brief. What the intention is tonight is to fill you all in on progress we're making towards basically cleaning up the process for plan reviews and approval as it relates to bonding is how we started in to this issue but as we've gotten in to in we've uncovered some other issues that can be addressed while we're doing it. What I thought I would do tonight is fill you in on what the process is that we're going through and where we stand on that and where we intend to go from here. With that what we've done to date is a review with City Staff's help of the existing Ordinances as they pertain to plan review with respect to streets, drainage, erosion control, and general plan submittals; whether it be commercial, industrial, residential type development. We've completed that initial review and out of that we've identified basically the infrastructure that you need to keep this process on track exists and there are some holes that over time some items have not been completed and we're identifying those together as a group with the City Staff and figuring out how that intermingles with what the County is doing. So we're also meeting with the County Planning and Zoning Board and with Rudy and Roanne and communicating clearly with each other about whether you're doing this and I'm doing that so we're all on the same page. We've had the initial meeting with the County; we've done the initial document review; we've had our first meeting with the City Staff after that where we talked about here's what we've finding; Brenda are you doing this, Tammy are you doing that and Qk4 are you doing this when you do the plan review; we're having that discussion. We've also had a review this week with Bernie too we wanted to make sure we're communicating with the Council and eventually with the Community as we get to a point where we have something that's gelling that we can share. The next step that we're going to do is produce a series of flowcharts and checklists that will be a draft run at how we will handle plan reviews in the future which will pretty closely follow what's on the books today. We're going to try to utilize as much as we can of what's already there instead of recreating the wheel. The next step after that if we get to a point where we've met with City Staff and shared then again with you guys after we come to a point that we think we're getting on track we need to have the community input through the Council; give people a chance to see what's going on. Obviously other developers and engineers that it will be affected by the process need a chance to look at it too so they can at least see where it's going. The other thing too that factors into this is your City workers have been working towards meeting regulations that exist that have to be met; specifically with MS4 is a good example. Arthur is handling that for the City and we're interacting with him too obviously we've got to be on the same page and that's taking place too. They've made good progress there and we want to make sure we incorporate the work they are doing with the work we're doing. We're making good progress; we don't have a hard document to share with you but it's important enough that you all know what we're doing so that if you have concerns you can share it with us, Tammy, Brenda, Margaret, who we are meeting with and we just want to make sure to keep it wide open

communication so there are no surprises. We don't want to show up with an Ordinance that everybody looks at and says what's this? Dana Bischoff James: Are there any meetings that we should be attending? Rob Campbell: Obviously I know the angle we've taken is they are always wide open, of course we have to be careful not to get a quorum but I would say if this is fair, see if you agree with me, any meeting we have if you all want us to keep you in the loop we welcome. There is no reason for you all not to attend. I think in terms of sharing with the development community and the community in large I think we want to have something that we can explain before we share with everybody else and I don't think we're quite there yet. But we're getting there quickly and obviously before you all vote on an Ordinance you want that too. Bernie Brown: Rob you mentioned an Ordinance; do you see, there is a lot of Ordinances; I saw the stack that Kenny had that he's been reviewing; you think a lot of those can be repealed and have fewer Ordinances that cover things? Rob Campbell: Right; that a great question and I'm glad you said it; as part of the process I think we want to have that exact discussion with you all because moving forward we don't want to put ourselves in the situation where you are continuing to have to amend things but at the same time we don't want a hodge podge of Ordinances with a few amendments. Our initial take is like we were talking about the other day, probably one Ordinance that encapsulates the processes would be so clean. It would be a lot better than having; right now we've got a dozen Ordinances to reference. That's our gut feeling about where we are at right now but we're not there yet and that's a discussion that needs to take place. Bernie Brown: But we're going that direction? Rob Campbell: I think so. Bernie Brown: For the rest of the Council I can tell you that I was very pleased with what I heard and saw the other day when we met. You think this has definitely been a need to review all this and try to get it organized better and get it working with the County a lot better? Rob Campbell: Absolutely and I think nobody feels that way more than the City Staff that have been having to deal with it too. So I totally agree with that. Bernie Brown: We have to protect the citizens and the taxpayers. I'm real pleased to see it going the way it is. Rob Campbell: I'm open for any questions at any time along the way but based on your comment we'll make sure you guys know when we're meeting next and obviously the handouts will get to you if you can't make each meeting. That way you can look through that and if you've got questions you can ask.

Mayor Ellis stated there is an old flag pole at the old City Hall on Frank E. Simon and a firefighter came in asking about it. I told him the only thing that could happen is the Council could surplus it and if they want to sell it; we sell it on gov.deals or name a price to sell it to him or however you want to handle that. It is at the pleasure of the Council. Bernie Brown: I think there is a legal way it has to be done. City Attorney Wantland: It should be surplussed. Mayor Ellis: It has to be surplussed. Larry Hatfield: We have to put it out for bid don't we, or auction? Mayor Ellis: That's where gov.deals comes in. Bernie Brown: What is wrong with where it is or move it over to the park? Mayor Ellis: We have several in the park now that they keep stealing flags from every time we put one up. We can move it over there or we can leave it where it's at. He had a question about it and I said the only thing we can do is take it to the Council; if we choose not to do anything with it that's okay too. Larry Hatfield: The only problem I have I don't want to surplus it to give it to somebody. If we surplus it and auction it I'm okay with that. Mayor Ellis: It's up to the Council entirely; you leave it where it's at; you motion to surplus it and put it on gov.deals. Larry Hatfield made motion to surplus and bid. Dana Bischoff James 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 6-0.

Lt. Col. Patchin to discuss bids received for I.T. Projects and I.T. Maintenance for the City. LTC Patchin: Mr. Mayor if it's alright I'd like to go through the history for the Council Members that are new to bring them current to where we are. Some time ago the City decided that we have I.T. infrastructure issues. We've made great strides in addressing those issues and one of the issues that keep coming up is our I.T. Maintenance. The previous Council created a job description for this position however they asked that it be bid out so we see that we're not spending more than we need to. That's what you have in front of you is the result of that. If you're not familiar with what the City has; the City has multiple servers upstairs that basically run every component of this City as well as in the closet off to my left. The City Clerk received one sealed bid and that is from our current provider. The numbers are; it's expensive, as far as I.T. work goes but you have it in front of you. Larry Hatfield: Who is doing it now? LTC Patchin: Louisville Geek is the I.T. vendor right now. Right now currently every department has a separate contract with them for six hours a month at \$695.00/month. We routinely exceed the six hours. One of the goals with the bidding was to put basically a block of hours; 50 hours a month Citywide in all departments including Sewer to try to lower that amount.

Larry Hatfield: I think we're paying \$75.00 at the County. But we're doing a block amount of dollars that they come in and work and anything over that they charge \$75.00/hour. LTC Patchin: This is a block hours based on what they've submitted it looks like it's at \$109.00/hour. The bid was published in the *Pioneer News* and this is what we received. Bernie Brown: Do you just have one sealed bid? LTC Patchin: Yes. Larry Hatfield: So we've already bid it? LTC Patchin: Yes, at the direction of the previous Council. Larry Hatfield: Okay. So we only got one bid? LTC Patchin: Yes sir. One sealed bid. We received one bid that was after the deadline and it was not a sealed bid. Dana Bischoff James: How long is this good for? LTC Patchin: It's a yearly bid. The bid itself? That's not a question I can answer. In the current budget after talking with Bob Ryan, each department allocated or budgeted \$35,000. So every department has budgeted money for this whether we hire someone full time which I can tell you what that number is or whether we do a contract. The City is in a position where we need to do something. Six hours a month by department isn't working for us. We routinely are receiving billing from Louisville Geek in excess of our contract hours and the last bill I saw just on the Police side for one month was over \$3000.00 in excess of our \$695.00. City Attorney Wantland: Col. what's the work for? What are the difficulties or what are the challenges that we are having? LTC Patchin: Most of the difficulties that the City experience and the Police Department experience; the difficulties in the systems themselves have been resolved. The issues now are the continual maintenance and addressing issues as they arise. Also fore shadowing what we need to be doing in the future to keep our systems up and running to where they don't fail where we don't have an additional failure. City Attorney Wantland: Security is beginning to be more and more of an issue. LTC Patchin: In the public it is; our systems are pretty secure already. City Attorney Wantland: I'm just saying that's getting to be cyber hacking, whatever it is that's getting to be a problem. Bernie Brown: Do you see a greater need for more time to be spent on the I.T.; let's say for the next six months or a year; does it lessen any after; you've gotten some new equipment and new computers; you have some new programs that are going to have to be taken care of; once those are done, would there be less hours involved in maintaining or not? LTC Patchin: Well let me answer it this way because I don't want to say yes or no to you because; let me explain it to you this way, we went to Louisville Geek and we asked them based on what the City is doing now and what we're receiving from them now, what do they project our needs to be as we move forward. The maintenance itself is separate from the projects. So this is what they project their monthly time to be spent here at the City. Now granted if we find that we're using less than 50 hours a month that can be adjusted down; we can also adjust up. Larry Hatfield: That would be one of my questions, what if we don't use them 50 hours. LTC Patchin: We can adjust down. Larry Hatfield: Compared with what I checked on at the County that is awfully high but I don't know the difference between our system and the County's system but I know the Sheriff and all; they are not using anywhere near that. I'm not a computer guy either. LTC Patchin: I'm not either. I know enough to get myself in trouble. Will is decline; maybe to answer your question. But the projects that the Sewer Department, when we met with all the departments to determine what they projects and needs are in the future, those projects are separately listed in your packet; those are separate from the maintenance and this is what they project their maintenance to be on those devices after they are implemented. And you'll notice just on the maintenance the Sewer Department is calling for almost 20 hours a month in maintenance and that's because of Cityworks software. That's also being integrated into Public Works as well. As you flip through that they first quote you see is the maintenance; that just yearly maintenance; everything else past that are projects that the different departments have identified as their needs as we move in to the future. If they needed equipment, hardware, software, etc. that was a project versus a maintenance issue. Dana Bischoff James: Just for clarification, this is locking us in to 50 hours per month at \$109.00/hour. Is that correct? LTC Patchin: If the Council decides to do that, yes. Locking you in but Louisville Geek has told us that we can always move down if we're not using the hours. I wouldn't tell you after the first month we need to move down; I would take several months of that first. Larry Hatfield: That will at least give us an idea of how much we are using. LTC Patchin: If you look at that total number that also includes advanced server managed services and antivirus as well as the advanced workstation managed services and antivirus. Larry Hatfield: Can we terminate the contract at any time if we're not satisfied? City Attorney Wantland: You can put that in the arrangements, yes. Larry Hatfield: Should we? LTC Patchin: I don't believe we should ever be locked into anything. Ashley Bratcher: How long has the City been with this Company? LTC Patchin: 3-1/2 years probably. I will tell you the \$109.00/hour I think; that's just a shock to the system; the other quotes that I have seen from other places; not necessarily quoting this, they are running right around the same amount. It's anywhere between \$100-\$120 an hour is

what we've seen. I will tell you that we have been pleased with Louisville Geek. I don't think we have a department that is upset with them or has been displeased with their performance. Larry Hatfield: The only thing I like about it is at least it will give us an opportunity to see just how much we need this. Dana Bischoff James: What happens if we go over the 50? What does the rate go to? LTC Patchin: It's still \$109.00/hour. I'm not advising you exactly what to do here today. I think that's something for you and Bob to discuss; I will tell you that there is a desperate need in the City; we have to address I.T. whether that's hiring our own person or contracting with someone else we need to make a decision and move forward with I.T. because we have I.T. issues. Dana Bischoff James: The prior Council did discuss hiring someone. LTC Patchin: Yes. We project with wages, FICA, retirement, insurance, unemployment, training recertification; we project \$100,837.04/year. Dana Bischoff James: Since you took lead of this project I know it's been a citywide; what do you see as pros and cons versus contracting versus having in house. LTC Patchin: The pros of contracting is exactly I think what Mr. Hatfield pointed out; if we're not happy with them it's easier to walk away. One of the pros to having your own person is we're paying Louisville Geek \$71,000 a year for 50 hours and for \$100,000 we can have someone 160 hours a month. The downside there is you need to buy all the startup equipment that person would need. Dana Bischoff James: So this would probably be a better deal. LTC Patchin: If you want the Dan Patchin opinion, I think we're probably better off contracting at this point. We might find that after Public Works goes live and things settle down with the Sewer and their software integration; we might find that we're not using 50 hours and we're going to go down to 25 or 30 hours a month. I think there are a lot of unknowns at this point. Bernie Brown: I think it would be better to do it on a contractual basis. Do you all want to think about it? Dana Bischoff James: I think I agree with that as well. Having a person sounds great but whenever you bring up the startup of tools, equipment, software, that's too much up front and maybe we look at that for future budgets but I agree; contract by far. Bernie Brown: Something needs to be done soon though? LTC Patchin: I don't want to put the Council in a position where you think something has to be done right this second; but we also don't need to be waiting until months down the line to do this either. If we're going to do something; if you don't want to do anything today I would encourage you to maybe be ready to do something next meeting; if you want time to think. And if you want time to look at those projects a little bit more. If you look at those projects, one of them is the City's website. That project there I think it was \$8200 and basically what that is doing is taking all the department's websites, putting everything under one website for the City of Shepherdsville and they provide training as well as all of the necessary information so employees can be updating the website instead of Louisville Geek updating the website. I think that was an issue with the previous Council is the deficiencies in the City's website. So if you want time to look at those projects. Randy Hammond: Are we required by the State to have more than one bid for a project this size? Mayor Ellis: All we have to do is put it out for bid and if you get one or three or 200 but it was put out for bid. LTC Patchin: We talk about the maintenance and projects almost like they are interchangeable and they are not. Just because you decide to do the maintenance doesn't mean you're deciding to move forward with those projects either. Dana Bischoff James: If we have questions should we contact Louisville Geek directly or yourself? LTC Patchin: If you want to talk to Louisville Geek just let me know so I can let them know you are going to call. If they don't know your name they probably won't speak to you.

**Daryl Lee:** No report.

**Duane Price:** Walmart needs some variances to increase the signage.

**Sign in Speakers:**

**Larry Clark:** I live at 210 Stevens Drive. At the last meeting I made an accusation that you, Scott, falsified some information. I want to apologize for that and no you did not do that and I wish you would accept my apology. Mayor Ellis: Absolutely.

**Gary Board:** With Walmart getting ready to open here in the next couple months where is our stop lights at Adam Shepherd and Conestoga which I thought was going to come before they opened? Mayor Ellis: By the way the grand opening for Walmart is March 25<sup>th</sup>. They are about 13 weeks out and they were ordered the week before Christmas; so they are about 13-14 weeks out on those but they have been ordered.

**Randy Pace:** Thank you for the opportunity to speak sir. I'm working with a coalition of people in our County, in our City and various other groups that we deal with out here there is a lot of animosity; there are a lot of problems; there are a lot of relationships that needs to be restored. I was impressed with Mr. Larry Clark that came up to apologize and to get things started that kind of opened the door for me. What I would like to do is just give you a special invitation as a City Council and not only the people in front but also all the people in the room here on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of February which is a Thursday; there is a group of people that are having a meeting at the Paroquet Springs Conference Centre. The Conference Centre has donated their big room so we've got approximately 800+ seats available to us. The title is going to be A Day of Healing Through Prayer and Reconciliation and our desire is to heal relationships because as a group you need to have a working relationship with one another. You need to be able to talk civilly; you need to be able to disagree in an agreeable manner; that goes for our Fiscal Court, our Fire Departments, that goes for our people all over the County. The Chamber of Commerce, the Ministerial Association, the Paroquet Conference Centre, the Tourism Commission, the Economic Development Authority and other groups that are coming on board with this but we are looking to have a time where we come together as a community and we work on restoration of relationships. It will be on Thursday the 12<sup>th</sup> day of February; it will start at 6:00 in the afternoon; it will be over at 7:00. It's going to be a one hour meeting; we're going to hold it on schedule. We are hoping for is that we can catch people coming in from work; let them give us an hour; we'll get them out in an hour, we'll send them on down the road to their supper or whatever they are headed too. I would like to give you a special invitation because our City needs cooperation. We need people that are going to be statesmen instead of secular people that are fighting for whatever secular group you are fighting for. I appreciate your time and I would love to see you all there.

**Steve Froelicher:** Regarding the permitting process we'd like to thank the City of Shepherdsville for taking the lead on getting that whole thing straightened out. I think we all believe our County is going to be better off, the City if going to be better off and we certainly appreciate you all through your efforts and getting Qk4 involved and getting all that rolling. Much appreciation and thank you to you all.

**Dan Cline:** I just want to touch on a little bit of what Mr. Pace has said with the invitation. Myself and some other business leaders have been getting together the past 6-8 weeks really in a quest for more togetherness and things that we can do for our community not being necessarily a Chamber member or a tourism event or any specific event other than a humanitarian event. We wanted to do public relations and talking about things we could do to make our community better not just with elected officials but just with neighbors. We kind of came to the conclusion that we could form the framework of what we had in mind but we really needed some spiritual guidance and I know I'm not the most spiritual guy so I called on Randy Pace and I wanted to thank him publicly Randy for all your work that you've put in to this program and we're looking forward to what we're going to see there; we've got all three high school's choirs involved; so we're bringing the kids together to have some singing before the program, during the program and after the program; this is not a political things, this is completely a separation of church and State; this is a neighbor thing. We're all at fault one way or another; none of us here is without sin; and all of us here can improve on the way we deal with each other professionally, personally, spiritually, me included. I'll be the first one to raise my hand in that regard. But that said I love this City, I love where I live, I love saying that I'm from Shepherdsville, and I enjoy working with each and every one of you on different causes and working with everyone in this room given the opportunity and I just wanted to reiterate what Randy Pace has said with the invitation. We'd like to get as many people out there as we can. This will be going out in the paper and we'll be talking about it again as it forms and comes together but we sure would like to have that room full of people so this is an invitation for you to come and an invitation for you to invite your families and your friends and your neighbors that we can all come together in a community and row in the boat the same direction for the betterment of where you live and what we represent. All you up here are fine fine people; I've spoken with each of you individually, I've got a lot of respect for what you do; the guts it takes to sit behind those microphones especially you Mr. Mayor; what you go through, what you have to put up with and what you listen to and how you respond; it's admirable, what all of you do. I as a citizen of Shepherdsville appreciate it. So everyone behind me I wish I could turn around and look at you but you probably couldn't hear my voice as well but invite your family, friends and your neighbors, February 12<sup>th</sup> and

let's all come together and make 2015 a banner year for Shepherdsville residents, Bullitt County as a whole and just be a God fearing loving people.

**Sheree Williams:** I'm going to speak for both of us; we actually come today to ask for the City to honor an agreement that was done back in October of 2009 for the sewer project. We I think were one of the very last people to sign because we did not benefit from having the sewer project in terms of having sewers because our property is such that it was too far from our house to actually have us afford to connect to the sewers. So one of the things that we really cared about was having our road which runs from Woodrow Lane; we live at the end of Woodrow Lane over near Jim Beam; all the way to our house graveled. That was one of our primary things. We worked with the consulting engineer because we were very specific about the fact that we wanted the graveling to be done at the completion of the project. By that time we lived there for a number of years and you know there is a lot of mud. So what happened was before the project was completed we could no longer drive from our house up to the neighborhood because it was so muddy and there is only one way; we go down our drive through a creek and then up a hill; that's the only access to our property. So they brought gravel in in the middle of the project because we couldn't get to and from our house. So in the meantime, I realize this is a long time ago but we've had a lot of health issues, my mother in law lived with us until she passed away, I took care of her; so it's taken forever for us to get back to this. We had a number of letters and we got a letter back in December 2011 from the Mayor saying that he had checked with Bobby Powell and that Bobby Powell said we graveled during the project and so all we owe is this gravel for up near our garage. But the problem is that's not what was written in our agreement; we had it clearly stated that it would be re-graveled following construction on the property because we wanted it to be at the end so it would be a good job and we wouldn't have things half done. So here we are at this point coming back now and we just want the City to honor that because we did get in the letter back in 2011 that Bobby Powell said we still owe them some gravel up at the house but in actuality what we are owed is the gravel from Woodrow all the way to our garage according to the agreement that's filed in the County records. Dana Bischoff James: Do we need to send Scott Fleming out? Scott Fleming: Yes I can check it out. Larry Hatfield: Where is Woodrow Lane at? Sheree Williams: If you go down 245 and turn left on to Chapeze and then turn on to Lovers Leap which is the first right, then you turn left on to Woodrow and you go to a dead end and our driveway starts there at the end of Woodrow and goes around a hairpin down a hill through the creek and back up. Mayor Ellis: We will have Scott go look at it and he can come back and we can vote on it on the 9<sup>th</sup>. City Attorney Wantland: Come back on February 9<sup>th</sup> and we should have a report from Mr. Fleming.

#### **Department Reports:**

**City Controller Bob Ryan:** If I can do just a follow up comment on Louisville Geek. After I had been here for a while and I saw some of the bills coming through I thought this is just out of control and I got permission to bring in another computer person to do an audit of what Louisville Geek was doing. He said they were doing a great job. This was a guy who had an opportunity to come in and say negative things about another person and hopefully get the job; but no they did an audit of the system and what was in place and came away and said your system needs help but Louisville Geek is doing a good job. So I just thought I would put that out there for what it's worth. You got a bunch of Financial Statements in your box and for the new members of the Council; that is not typical of what you will receive in the future. A lot of trees died last week but my thought was you came in to office January 1<sup>st</sup> and you're going to be making a lot of decisions for the rest of the Fiscal Year and you're going to be involved in the budgeting process so my thought is before you go forward you need to know what happened in the past. So I gave you a detailed income statement on all the Departments for the last six months that you can read and you will see what was spent, who it was spent with and why it was spent. It will give you a good basis for going forward into the year that we're in now making financial decisions for the next six months and also for the budget process. So know when you go to your box next month you're not going to receive 2-3 inch stacks of paper. It was a one time shot. Having said that I'm going to hand out some more paper. What this is I just thought again keeping you in the know this is a one month Financial Statement on the tow lot. The tow lot is supposed to be self-sustaining on that payment that it was with Republic. What is in here is the December income and expense for the tow lot and the amortization schedule for the lease that the Police Department has signed for these new cars. In December there was a four month extraordinary expenditure there for a

tow truck. That's a one time shot. But this should give you some comfort in the fact that yes the tow lot will be able to make these monthly payments out of the income that it earns and will not put any other type of financial burden on taxpayer funds or City funds. That's why I gave you that. At the last Council meeting I brought up about the fact that some funds had to be transferred out of the Sewer Surplus that was required by the previous Council. You were given a schedule on that. I guess some decision needs to be made on transferring those remaining funds out of the operating account at People Banks of Bullitt County into the restricted Construction Fund. Dana Bischoff James made motion to transfer funds. Gloria Taft 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 6-0.

#### **Council Reports:**

**Larry Hatfield:** Where are we at in bidding Highway 44 East? Rob Campbell: We've got four parcels that we need to acquire and that will control that bid actually. Larry Hatfield: So we're going to leave the line in the road. Rob Campbell: About 70% of the job will be installed right where it is today. There is a piece that gets out into 44 and it will be just nasty to put in back there so we're moving that just outside the right of way because the other utilities are taking up all the other spots. Larry Hatfield: We are looking at that manhole across the river where them lines gravity feed into that? Rob Campbell: Yes. Larry Hatfield: It's not moved? Rob Campbell: No.

**Dana Bischoff James:** I will not personally be able to attend this and I think I saw State Representative Linda Belcher; I'm pretty certain you're the leader on the project I just thought we would put it out; the Homeless Committee is meeting February 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. It sounds like the community is trying to come together, we're doing great things. I will say that I had some positive conversations within the past couple weeks and I think the boxing gloves have come off from this end up here so hopefully we'll be working in positive directions all around. There is definitely a need in this area for a Homeless Shelter. Linda Belcher: Faith Portman is working with me on this. Faith Portman: I have a little bit of an agenda from the last meeting that I'll copy for everyone so you'll know what we're working on. I'll be Chairing that meeting because Linda will be in Frankfort. Dana Bischoff James: Just another positive thing as I was driving on 44 heading towards Mt. Washington I came over the bypass and I saw a sign that said Mercy Hill Baptist Church has adopted that highway. That's just really exciting to see Shepherdsville being cleaned up and to see an entity that is taking ownership of an area so I hope to get with a couple other people; we keep talking about beautifying Bullitt County or Shepherdsville in general so hopefully we can see some other organizations step forward and take ownership of our City because the more togetherness we have the more reconciliation the better that we're going to have. Also welcome Baby Bratcher as well. Do we have any updates on FEMA? Anything new? Arthur Jones: We have submitted our appeals to FEMA; we did everything we could to put that in to their court. They've received all of that; they have verified they have all the information. At this point, I've got an inside contact with them and they said currently they are under some heavy discussions with Corporate down in Atlanta and they are trying to find out how they are going to address our appeals. Bernie Brown: How many appeals did you send in? Arthur Jones: We submitted four appeals and they are supposed to answer each one of them individually. It's in the works. Dana Bischoff James: Do you have any time line? Arthur Jones: They said generally they will address appeals between 30 and 45 days after reception; however at this point, they received it right at the holiday season so they are getting a late start on it. I can't say when they will address it for sure but they are trying to work on that right now. Mayor Ellis: If you would just keep us updated on it.

**Bernie Brown:** I need either some concurrence or direction from the Council. You know if we all made up a list of priorities I'm sure we'd all have multiple items but on a list I have I think is very important I think we need to do some strategic planning. What do we want the City to look like a year from now, 5 years from now, 10 years from now? It would cover a lot of different things. I have a few ideas in mind but I'd like to at least I want the Council to think about it. I think it's very important for the Council to concur and be in agreement with whatever is done. But I'd like to see some people get involved and let's do some real strategic planning. I don't think it's going to cost a lot of money. I think we can get some volunteer effort from some experts and people with various backgrounds and fields of expertise and if you all want to think about it and let me know I'd appreciate it but I have some things in mind I'd like to pursue. And if you want me too I'll go ahead and start pursuing them and then get with you in a couple weeks. Mayor Ellis:

Absolutely. Bernie Brown: And any ideas that anybody has please let me know. I know we hear a lot about moving the City forward and we all want that; every one of us want to do that, but what I think is lacking is a plan. How are we going to get there and I just think it would be very good for us to come up with a plan and start working towards achieving specific things. Then eventually some of those plans might need to be incorporated in to the budget so the budget reflects those. Dana Bischoff James: Can I piggyback on that? We spoke for quite a while; something as we're coming up on budgeting and budget workshops something I would like to challenge each department head on as you're forming your budget this year I would like for us to start a 10 year plan budget as well; not that it's going to be set in stone but just something that we can have a strategic plan not just on paper but so that we can start looking towards implementing them and really move forward and I agree wholeheartedly. Mayor Ellis: Bob sent out a letter to all the Department Heads today asking for budget numbers to start coming in to him by February 23<sup>rd</sup>; that way we can get a jump on it a lot quicker and also another thing he asked for is Capital Project plans for each department over the next five years. What do they see they are going to need over the next five years? As we get those in to us they will be going out to the Council also to look over. Bernie Brown: Do any of you Council people have any suggestions right now? Are you in agreement? Dana Bischoff James: Yes I'm in agreement. Gloria Taft: You know there is a lot of beautification that needs to happen; our infrastructure, our roads need drastic attention; and the only way to figure it out is to sit down across the table from one another and bring in different people and hash it out. Bernie Brown: I think this would mesh in real good with a lot of the efforts that Bill Duffy and Steve Froelicher have been doing on transportation. I would like to see something of a plan that we all agree on; we want public input too. This is not our plan it's the community's plan. But I think we have a responsibility and need to take a lead and start doing something. So if you all are in agreement with that I'll pursue a few things and at least get you updated at the next meeting. **Dan Cline:** Just to let you know the Chamber of Commerce put together a strategic plan two weeks ago. We hadn't had one before and we brought in a certified strategic planner; you'll love her price because she didn't charge us a dime. She was free. It was great what she did. I'll be more than happy to reach out to her for you and get you that information. Bernie Brown: I'm not advocating we go spending a lot of money; I think a plan can be developed with very small amount of money. But I know some people I think would be interested in volunteering.

**Gloria Taft:** I spent 3-1/2 days in Lexington at KLC's Academy for Elected Officials. I did this two years ago and I went back to learn what I couldn't learn or what I couldn't remember from back then. Very enlightening. Very informative. I made a lot of good contacts; people I think will be able to not just help me but give good ideas to our City because if they've already done it why should we go through the hard course if we can piggyback off somebody else and I enjoyed it. It was a long three days but it was well worth it. I will be getting with Counsel on some of the new ideas and some of the new KRS's that have come out that will affect us eventually. I also got an email about the Beech Grove Road bypass; the project is progressing however not all the necessary right of ways have cleared and instead of the March 2015 bidding process we have now been pushed out again until May of 2015 and once the actual construction starts it's expected to take 9-11 months to complete weather permitting. The State again has run into a couple hiccups and they are still trying to deal with the homeowners who are over there and we've been pushed out two more months.

**Bernie Brown:** I had mentioned probably a couple months ago about wanting to see about updating and maybe amending or revising the Ethics Ordinance; I'm going to try and get with Mr. Wantland this week and hopefully we'll have something here in the very near future to get that updated.

Dana Bischoff James made motion to adjourn. Randy Hammond 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

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R. Scott Ellis III, Mayor

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