

**CITY OF SHEPHERDSVILLE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2015**

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

Council members present: 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 meeting from the 10/27/2015 Regular Meeting. Randy Hammond made motion to dispense with reading. Dana Bischoff James 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 5-0-1 absent.

Mayor Ellis asked for a motion to approve minutes as written from the 10/27/2015 Regular Meeting. Gloria Taft made motion to approve 10/27/2015 minutes as written. Dana Bischoff James 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 5-0-1 absent.

Mayor Ellis announced City Hall would be closed Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> in observance of Veterans Day. To all the veterans in the crowd tonight thank you for your service; without you none of us would be able to sit up here and we appreciate you.

**Old Business:**

Mayor Ellis: At the last meeting we had the folks from Eco-Tech here to discuss the trash bills in the City. You should have a print out from Tammy from some cities she has called asking how they handle their trash collections and billing. I don't know if you want to discuss anything on how we're going to handle it, look over this paperwork and do some more research and see what you want to do and we'll talk about it at the next meeting. Dana Bischoff James: Tammy what do you feel is the best manner from speaking with the other cities? City Clerk Richmond: I didn't really get a feel. A lot of them, of course Mt. Washington has their own utility so they put their garbage bill on their water bill; A lot of the Cities pay for the garbage (several of the larger cities); I did send Myrtle with the Sheriff's Department an inquiry and she said it wouldn't be a problem to add our garbage to the tax bill if that is something we wanted to pursue. Louisville Water, we can send a letter to Dave Vogel and ask him what his thoughts are on getting the bills put on to the water bill. I don't know what he's going to tell us but we can reach out to him to see. As you can see they all do it a different way. Bernie Brown: Tammy if I may, a good year ago, maybe longer, Louisville Water said that they could do it later and maybe in a year because they were changing some of their computer systems. Have they addressed that more recently at all? City Clerk Richmond: They said they are having growing pains with their new system and that they are experiencing an overload of calls; they now have over 100 lines that are taking calls for all the problems they are having with their new billing system; at one point they even stopped doing cut-offs. She said now is not the best time to ask for our garbage bill to go on the water bill because of the experience they are having but still reach out to Dave Vogel to ask what the status was and is and when he thought it might be possible to pursue that further. But right now they are just having so many issues with the new system they implemented they said this is not good time to ask. Dana Bischoff James: And to do the taxes that won't happen until January 1<sup>st</sup>; so that's a full year. City Attorney Wantland: The other issue with putting it on taxes is the leaseholders. Dana Bischoff James: If we could go taxes that would give one year for the people who do rent to be able to inform their people that they need to incorporate this into your rent. City Attorney Wantland: That's a tough one. Mayor Ellis: That puts the City with the burden of footing the bill at first. We'll be paying the bill for the first few quarters and get our money back when the taxes come in. Dana Bischoff James: But we are also liable for the people who are not paying and it falls on the taxpayers shoulders because now the City and those who do pay are liable for those that don't pay their bills. Bernie Brown: One thing that the property owner could do if they are renting or leasing they could include in the lease agreement that they are responsible and held accountable for the garbage collection. Dana Bischoff James: And given a one year notice they should be able to make those

arrangements. So revisit this at the next meeting? City Clerk Richmond: In actuality the next billing for your taxes won't go out until next September. The person that the bill will go to will be who owns the property as of January 1<sup>st</sup>. We could try it and see how it works. Dana Bischoff James: And with the *Pioneer News* try and get the information out that one year from now this is potentially change. Mayor Ellis: We'll look over it and come back at the next meeting and figure out what we want to do.

City Attorney Wantland had first reading of Ordinance 015-(number to be assigned) concerning election of City Mayor and City Council adopting non-partisan elections, without primary in the City. Mayor Ellis: The second reading and any comments will be November 24<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Ellis: We have a parade permit for the Light Up Shepherdsville Parade on December 4<sup>th</sup>, 7:00-7:30 p.m. Details are on the second page. The City, Pioneer News and Conference Centre' are hosting this event. Dana Bischoff James made motion to approve. Gloria Taft 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 5-0-1.

**Daryl Lee:** No report.

**Duane Price:** No report.

### **Sign In Speakers:**

Alan Davis: I provided each one of you with a copy of a letter; in our development which is St. Andrews Crossing we have a section of one of our streets that is extremely dark. We've already had incidents of burglary and people in the neighborhood that really aren't supposed to be there and darkness doesn't help us for security or for safety. We did a review of the streets in the neighborhood and on Cole Ridge both north and south there is a street light every four lots; on St. Andrews Way there is an area of eight lots plus an access road so it's almost nine lots long with no light in the middle of it. We are making a request to have a street light put in the middle at approximately 198 St. Andrews Way to alleviate that dark spot and improve security and safety. I'll be more than happy to answer any questions. My wife who is the landscape committee chair our HOA did the research work with Salt River who said we need to come to you folks because you own the streetlights that are in our development and my understanding is that the cost of that light, to put it in is under \$300. Scott Fleming: Tom and I will take a look at it. Bernie Brown: Do you have a cost? Scott Fleming: We've not looked at it yet Bernie. Mr. David: Salt River advised I think it was \$278 to put the light in because I believe they install it then the City takes care of it from there. Dana Bischoff James: Is that something that is going to require a vote from us? Mayor Ellis: Yes you would have to vote on it. Dana Bischoff James: Can I make the motion not to exceed \$300. Mayor Ellis: My only concern would be what if it comes in over the \$300. It's something that still needs to be done. Dana Bischoff James: Can we make the motion that if it's under \$350 we go ahead. Scott Fleming: Can I get you to hold off and let us look at it this week and get back with you at the next meeting.

**Tom Chamberlain:** I own Lights Out Bar and Grill at 1579 Highway 44 East. I would like the Council to relook at the City Ordinance for Sunday Sales. The reason I'm saying this is I opened September 1<sup>st</sup>, everything has been wonderful; 58 people in the last two months have walked in to my restaurant between noon and two and walked back out and went to Jefferson County because they cannot enjoy a drink while the first sporting event that comes on at noon or 1:00. I know this has happened at other places here. When I pulled the Ordinances today I was a little unsure why the second Ordinance for the golf course can serve as soon as they open on Sunday morning; that's a seasonal place but a restaurant cannot. City Attorney Wantland: They pay for a different license. Mr. Chamberlain: Can that license be provided to a restaurant also? Mayor Ellis: You have a different license for golf courses and tourist attractions. Mr. Chamberlain: Can the Council relook at the current Ordinance for the Sunday Sales at 2:00. We are losing revenue to Jefferson County left and right; 58 people in two months have walked out of the City of Shepherdsville. Randy Hammond: I think we ought to look at it because ball games come on at 1:00. Mr. Chamberlain: I'm not asking to extend it past 10:00 because I close at 8:00. Ashley Bratcher: Is it a County Ordinance. Mayor Ellis: No. To do Sunday Sales has to go through the City the County has nothing to do with it. We held a mock election to get a pulse from the people whether or not they wanted it in the first place. Then we came up with a 2:00 timeframe. Ashley Bratcher: Jefferson County starts at 11:00 or 1:00? Mr. Chamberlain: They

are noon and Hillview is at 1:00. I'm not asking to reinvest the wheel just polish it up a little bit. Dana Bischoff James: Since this was initially initiated by the people on an election ballot we would have to do the same I guess. Mayor Ellis: Not an election ballot per se, it was a mock; we got a scan Tron machine and ballot. Dana Bischoff James: Can we implement that again to let the citizens have a vote. Mayor Ellis: Yeah. That ended up costing the City about \$2500 when we did it. Mr. Chamberlain: I'm asking for one hour is all I'm asking for. Mayor Ellis: I think the Council would just vote on it. Mr. Chamberlain: From noon to 2:00 or 1:00, the first game is at 1:00. I'll ask for noon but if I can get 1:00 I'll be happy with 1:00 but 2:00 is killing us. It's killing every restaurant that serves alcohol in the City; they are all leaving to go somewhere else and they are not coming back. Randy Hammond made motion to adjust the starting time to noon on Sundays. Mayor Ellis: I think we would have to have an actual Ordinance rewritten. So if you're asking to have the Ordinance rewritten and presented at the next meeting I'll ask Joe to prepare it and have it at the next meeting. Randy Hammond: That would be fine. City Attorney Wantland: Very much there is a myriad amount of details about selling alcohol in this State. And we have to look at it; I'm of the belief that on Sunday in Bullitt County and I may be wrong because they change things all the time it's 1:00. Jerry Pile: You can only sell in restaurants or a golf course. Different cities have different Ordinances. City Attorney Wantland: You check with me and we'll check with the ABC Board and have something for the next meeting. Mr. Chamberlain: I called the State ABC and the State is noon. But they said each City has their own Ordinance as to when they want to start and stop. And 10:00 is perfectly fine and midnight during the week is perfectly fine because I'm closed before those times anyway. It's really a family atmosphere if you've never been there but we have the availability to have a drink if you would like one and all I'm asking is at least one hour to 1:00.

Mayor Ellis: We all know that Claude retired on October 31<sup>st</sup>. I'd like to introduce Tom Lafollette; he is who I've appointed to take his place. Tom came over from the Sewer Plant; we've already started seeing some great things happening so we're proud to have him in this spot.

**Ashley Bratcher:** First I want to say thank you to all of the current, former and retired military. Officer Wade can you come up please? Do you have a copy of the Ordinance that you presented at the last meeting? Officer Wade: I have one copy. Ashley Bratcher: I just want it as a prop; Attorney Wantland do you think we can get you to review their Ordinance for collective bargaining and get you to write it the legal way? To present at the next meeting? City Attorney Wantland: I'd be happy to.

**Dana Bischoff James:** I was going to reiterate the same thing as Ashley, I really appreciate the military throughout our Country; in addition to the men and women who have served I want to thank the families because the women and children also make great sacrifices and so tomorrow if you have any opportunity say a special thank you to those who've served.

**Bernie Brown:** Along that same line we today enjoy a lot of blessings because of those that have gone before us. They have been many killed in action; many have sacrificed tremendously and I am very concerned today the way or veterans are being treated. I should say mistreated really. I think it's a shame and I too want to thank every veteran for everything that they have done. We have the liberties and freedoms that we have today because of great valiant men and women and I do thank you. Tammy I was wondering all 6 Council people signed a request to inspect some records. City Clerk Richmond: They are in my office. They've been ready for review since November 2<sup>nd</sup>. We also asked for an itemized list, do you have that. City Clerk Richmond: Bob is working on that. I asked him about it today; I will have that for you Thursday.

**Gloria Taft:** We're moving on the road; at the last meeting we selected the engineering firm to start the design process. They have already started doing that. They are in the process of drawing up the contracts for review by the City Attorney and Mayor. The road is moving forward; not a lot to report there. I want to thank all of our veterans. My father was a veteran, my daughter served in the Marine Corp and they don't get a lot of respect so if you see someone who served buy them a cup of coffee, let's put these people on a pedestal where they should be.

**Randy Hammond:** I would like to reiterate from everyone else thanks to all the veterans. I'd like to remind everybody that even when they make it home safe we lose about 22 a day to suicide so keep that in your hearts and prayers.

Bernie Brown requested to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel.

Dana Bischoff James made motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss personnel. Bernie Brown 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 5-0-1 absent.

Dana Bischoff James made motion to return to Regular Session. Gloria Taft 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 5-0-1 absent. Joe Wantland: We had a discussion concerning an incident with the City. There was certain City personnel that were involved. The Mayor has issued appropriate citations for the failures to provide their security for their positions and the Council has approved that and with that we're taking steps to make sure it doesn't happen again.

Mayor Ellis thanked Senator Seum for coming out tonight.

Dana Bischoff James made motion to adjourn. Randy Hammond 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 5-0-1 absent. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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R. Scott Ellis III, Mayor

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Tammy Richmond, City Clerk