

**CITY OF SHEPHERDSVILLE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, JULY 9, 2012**

Councilman Corky Miller gave the invocation  
Pledge of Allegiance was recited  
Mayor Ellis called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

In attendance were Council members Bernie Brown, Don Cundiff, Rob Flaherty, Larry Hatfield Corky Miller and Faith Portman.

The Mayor stated that due to understaffing, previous minutes were not prepared to be approved.

Old Business:

NONE

New Business:

The Mayor called Attorney Eric Farris to the podium to discuss the delay request they had for a rezoning in Heritage Hills. Mr. Farris stated that on behalf of his clients he had delivered a letter the previous Friday requesting a delay. He said they were asking for the delay to address concerns of the residents in that area. He then discussed different issues the residents had.

Corky Miller stated that these residents have been waiting on the results of this for a long time and he would like to make a motion to continue with the first reading on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of July and the second reading performed during a special meeting on the 30<sup>th</sup> of July if Valley View Farms didn't choose to completely withdraw their request for rezoning. Faith Portman 2<sup>nd</sup>. Several Council members felt the residents had waited long enough to find whether this rezoning would happen and it needed to be pushed forward. Mr. Farris explained their reasons for wanting to delay again and took questions from the Council. The Council requested Attorney Scott Wantland's legal advice on the matter. Mr. Wantland gave the options that were there on delaying or moving forward. Mr. Duffy, a resident of Heritage Hills then asked if he could speak to the Council. Mr. Duffy gave a complete run down on the delays they have endured thus far and stated that none of their complaints have been addressed by the developers so far and didn't think that a delay would get them addressed either. He then asked that the Council not allow any further delays on this matter. The Council then moved on to vote on the motion. Motion carried 5-1. Larry Hatfield voted no.

The Mayor then opened the issue of swearing in Leanne Goetzinger as the new City Controller. Don Cundiff asked if we had a job description. The Mayor stated that HR Unlimited was writing it up. Don Cundiff stated he was in favor of hiring her, but didn't know how it could be done without a job description. Larry Hatfield stated he didn't know how she could be hired without going through the Civil Service. The Mayor stated that because it was equivalent to a Department Head it didn't have to go through the Civil Service. Bernie Brown asked if the personnel policy was still in effect. The Mayor stated that it was. Larry Hatfield then stated that he didn't know that she would be a department head. The Mayor said she would be the department head over the treasury part of the City. Larry asked if she was going to work under anybody or if she was her own boss. The Mayor said she would work directly under him. Larry said that wasn't the way it was explained to him. He then said he thought she would be working under the City Clerk. The Mayor explained that Leanne would be over treasury and Tammy would be over administration. Mr. Brown asked if everyone was satisfied that that was following the Ordinance and the Statues. He said he thought the job description had to be done first. The Mayor stated that most of the job descriptions here weren't done. He said that's what HR Unlimited was working on. Larry and Bernie stated they were not against hiring Leanne. Mrs. Portman said she felt she has done a lot for us so far and she was in favor of hiring her. Mr.

Cundiff asked if they had actually created this position. The Mayor stated that yes this position was created in the budget. Bernie Brown again felt that to completely establish it that there had to be a job description too. He just wanted to make sure they were following the statutes. Mr. Brown then addressed everyone at the meeting saying that Leanne has been a breath of fresh air because in the last 6 weeks it was the first time they have been getting pretty accurate and complete financial information in the last 18 months and thanked her for that.

Faith Portman made a motion to confirm Leanne Goetzinger. Rob Flaherty 2nd. Motion carried 6-0

Attorney Scott Wantland swore Leanne Goetzinger in as the new City Controller.

Daryl Lee: Nothing to report.

Duane Price: Nothing to report.

Sign in Speakers:

Gary Board: Asked what was required to get open records. The Mayor explained the process.

Brenda Board: Inquired about closing the portion of Valley View Drive that is in the City. The Mayor stated you couldn't close private roads even if they are annexed. Mr. Flaherty explained the County and State guidelines on closing roads. He stated the City didn't have the authority to close a private driveway.

Morgan Hoskins: Stated that it didn't matter about the roads or the golf course it mattered about the Light Industrial. She said if we let it happen here it's going to keep going on and mess everything up. Morgan then stated that "We aren't a Community, We're a Family."

Frank Pittman: Stated he lived on Alfred Lane in the Heritage Hill Community. He said he appreciated the vote to expedite the rezoning issue. He reiterated the long process they have already endured. He stated that he sent letters to the people trying to rezone the property as well as made calls that have never been returned and have proven to the residents that they aren't concerned about their issues. He thanked the Council for their position and would see them at the next meeting.

Department Reports:

Chief Troutman: stated that they had gone to Pennsylvania to look at the fire truck and had purchased it. He said it was in even better shape than they had originally thought. He explained why the truck had had so much money put into it prior to being put up for sale. He said it was an even better buy than they thought it would be and were able to buy the truck for \$40,000.00 instead of \$45,000.00. He then requested the Fire Department use \$1000.00 out of the mitigation fund to send 10 firefighters to training. Bernie asked what the balance in the Mitigation account was. Layne told him the balance in there now was \$39,969.00.

Rob Flaherty made a motion to allow the money to be used out of the mitigation fund for training. Don Cundiff 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 6-0.

Chief Troutman then stated that they were bidding out the equipment they would be buying for the new truck so they could get a better deal and that he would bring it to the Council. The Council thanked Layne and told him he did a great job.

Larry asked Claude Middleton to try and get him a list in the next 6 months of all the City roads that had actually been taken over.

Council Reports:

Faith Portman: Thanked all the employees that worked the Bullitt Blast. She said that it was a huge success.

Larry Hatfield: Updated the rest of the Council on the Interceptor Line Project stating that they had started on the Brown property and that the line under the river was in now. He said everything was on schedule to be completed the time the Feds want it. He told the Council which pumping stations would be taken offline when it was finished.

Don Cundiff: Welcomed Leanne and said what she had done so far has been great and to keep up the good work.

Bernie Brown: Thanked Claude and the rest of his crew who cleaned up on Highway 44. He said it looked great.

The Mayor stated he would like to go into executive session to discuss two property issues.

Rob Flaherty thanked everyone for coming out.

Faith Portman made a motion to go into executive session at 8:17 p.m. Don Cundiff 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 6-0.

Don Cundiff made a motion to return to regular session at 8:34 p.m. Faith Portman 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion Carried 6-0.

The Mayor stated that the Council gave him direction on two properties in question and to report back when he had the final information on them.

Faith Portman made a motion to adjourn. Corky Miller 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

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R. Scott Ellis III, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Brenda Taylor, Acting City Clerk