

**CITY OF SHEPHERDSVILLE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, February 9, 2016**

Pastor Randy Pace, Family Worship Center gave the invocation  
Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Presiding Officer Gloria Taft called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

As some of you may already know; I'm going to read a letter dated February 9, 2016 to the Council a letter of resignation "Effective at 4:00 p.m. this date I officially resign my duties as Mayor of the City of Shepherdsville. I wish you and the employees of the City nothing but the best. Sincerely, R. Scott Ellis III". The resignation of the Mayor of the City of Shepherdsville has been received. City Attorney Wantland: For purposes of the resignation it became effective at the calling of this meeting.

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

Presiding Officer Taft asked for a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the 1/12/2016 Regular Meeting. Larry Hatfield made motion to dispense with reading. Ashley Bratcher 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 5-0-1 absent.

Presiding Officer Taft asked for a motion to approve minutes as written from the 1/12/2016 Regular Meeting. Ashley Bratcher made motion to approve 1/12/2016 minutes as written. Dana Bischoff James 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 4-1 abstain (LH)-1 absent.

**Old Business:**

City Attorney Wantland had second reading and public comment of Ordinance 016-(number to be assigned) concerning request from No Wood Investments, LLC to rezone 0.85 acres (+,-) from R-2 Residential to B-1 Highway Business located at the Northwest corner of Highway 44 East and Hoot Owl Camp Road and listed as parcel #045-C00-010-001. Comprehensive Plan: Commercial. It received a favorable recommendation from Planning & Zoning. Tammy Baker was present on behalf of the applicant. Tammy Baker: Here tonight representing No Wood Investments, LLC. As Attorney Wantland stated we're asking to rezone a parcel that is 0.85 acres. We're asking to go from R-2 to B-1. This parcel sits on the north side of Highway 44 to the corner of 44 and Hoot Owl Camp Road. The Comprehensive Plan was just adopted for Bullitt County on June 12, 2015 at that time the land use designation for this property was designated as Commercial and that's what we're asking for. We just want to be in compliance with the Comprehensive Plan. There are no plans for the property; there is no buyer lined up; we just want to be in compliance with the Comprehensive Plan. There is other commercial in the area; heating and air, auto repair, car wash, dentist offices, so we feel it is appropriate and the Planning Commission did vote unanimously to send a favorable recommendation. Motion made by Bernie Brown to accept. Larry Hatfield 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 5-0-1 absent.

**New Business:**

City Attorney Wantland had first reading of Ordinance 016-(number to be assigned) providing for recognition of Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 80 as the collective bargaining agent for the Shepherdsville Police Personnel. Second reading will be February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

City Attorney Wantland read Resolution 2016-01 authorizing the Agreement with the Commonwealth of Kentucky and City of Shepherdsville providing for the acquisition and construction of the Right of Way known as the Alpha Way Project. Presiding Officer Taft: No prepayment penalty; we can pay it off any time that the City deems necessary or the funds are available. Bernie Brown: What is the last's progress on that road? Presiding Officer Taft: Myself and Qk4 and Red Wing and the EDA sat with the Corp of Engineers last Wednesday to iron out a few lumps in the road I guess if you will, on the permitting process. Bernie Brown: What's the last's on the fiber optics that goes where the road is supposed to go? Presiding Officer Taft: We've been authorized to basically start at each end of the road and work our way to the middle and

AT&T will be either moving the fiber optics deeper or encasing them to where the road can pass over them. Bernie Brown: Have they agreed to do that in writing? Presiding Officer Taft: In writing, the meeting in tomorrow getting a final update from AT&T. So tomorrow we very well may have in writing. The figure of \$500,000 was a flippant remark but it was a remark that really should have been thrown out there at all because no one has any good figures yet. Bernie Brown: What would be the problem with waiting to take action on this until after tomorrow night's meeting? Presiding Officer Taft: We don't have another City Council meeting for two weeks and we are simply securing the funds and if the road doesn't go through if we run into something for unforeseen reason the funds are never borrowed; the funds are never taken; it's just a matter of we're moving forward. The Corp of Engineers is updating the application with some different wording and they see absolutely no problem with our timeframe as we have set it out. Bernie Brown: I think the good news about the interchange is that Governor Bevin included that in the Budget. Presiding Officer Taft: We are in the House and Senate and Governor's budget. Bernie Brown: I don't know about the rest of you but that was a big relief for that to happen. Presiding Officer Taft: It was a big hallelujah at my house. I need a motion to move this forward. Dana Bischoff James made motion to accept. Gloria Taft 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 3-2 opposed (LH, BB)-1 absent.

**Daryl Lee:** No report. In Florida

**Duane Price:** No report. Meeting is this Thursday.

#### **Sign In Speakers:**

**Barry Baugh:** 1823 Highway 44 West. I want to thank the City Council for the opportunity to speak tonight and also the great job they are doing. I am also thankful that Mayor Scott Ellis finally made the right decision to step down as Mayor of Shepherdsville. Also I think that it is time for all citizens all over the Country to stand up and raise their heads up and walk tall and start getting involved in government, city, state, federal; all government and make sure that government is run right and vote to get the right people in office to make sure that things are done correctly. I don't think it's right for a City, State, Federal employee to use their powers to do certain things. I really think that every one of you all ever since I've met you have done a great job. City Attorney Wantland I want to thank you for everything you've done and helped me with. How long do you think it will be before you have a new Mayor in office? Presiding Officer Taft: According the KRS the City Council has at the maximum 30 days from this meeting to do something; if we cannot elect a new mayor at that point Governor Bevin would be placing someone. Barry Baugh: Then would the City of Shepherdsville be under the control of the State? Presiding Officer Taft: I don't think so. Barry Baugh: If you don't get a new Mayor and the State has to appoint a Mayor or take over City government. Presiding Officer Taft: The Governor would appoint a new Mayor at that point.

**Denise Arnold & Faith Portman:** I am here to see if the Council can help; I am looking into seeing about getting a White Flag for Bullitt County and I'm just checking out all of my revenues what to go through but I wanted to see if there is anything that the City could do for us to get a White Flag program going in the County. Faith Portman: We did speak to Joe a couple weeks ago about this. City Attorney Wantland: I would like the Council and the Police and Fire Chiefs to meet with the White Flag program and determine whether or not the Community Center would be available. Faith Portman: Right now there is no White Flag program, that's what we need help with. City Attorney Wantland: I understand but you also need a facility and you want to get started and we also want if we're going to attract people to the Community we want the Community to feel safe about the invitation. We would like to have the resources available to make sure the safety of the homeless and safety of the Community. For the people that are here tonight these two young women have done tremendous amount of work with the disadvantaged in our Community and they have stepped up again now trying to add even more to protect people who have disadvantages. The Community Center might be an opportunity that on a night like tonight that it's not being used that we can shelter people from the cold and get them off the streets. I think it's a worthwhile program; we would rather have them in the Community Center; people need to understand there are homeless in our Community. Recently we raised a building on Hester Street and the adjoining property owner recently passed and she was an elderly

woman and that home dilapidated as it was was being used to house people literally coming in off the railroad tracks. We would rather have people in shelters than living in empty houses. Faith Portman: Right now we're servicing around 20 people but there is more; there is a lot more that won't come in to the shelters. But with the White Flag we are hoping that we can get them to come in. And to let you all know Denise has talked to the American Red Cross and they have cots that they are going to lend us for those nights. Presiding Officer Taft: Have you spoken with the Police Chief yet? Faith Portman: Not yet no. We are trying to get our first steps here. Presiding Officer Taft: I think it would be a good first step to make sure that our Police forces active and aware of the situation; a communication line so that he knows when it's going to be happening, when the White Flag is going to be coming out; making sure that we have enough Police force on duty in case there is an incident at the facility. You're going to have to have security there; you know all this. Faith Portman: We're also hoping to get the County involved too. We feel like the County should be a part of this also, not just the City; although it's basically here in the City of Shepherdsville, I can tell you that. We're the central location. Presiding Officer Taft: We're the City sitting on the Interstate. Faith Portman: Most of our homeless that we do service are locals that we service; there are people off the Interstate that don't come to us. Denise Arnold: We don't get a lot of contact from them but the one program they have in the County; that is the Room in the Inn doesn't particularly service everyone. If someone becomes homeless this afternoon they can't go stay at that church. You have to sign up with their program and go to the different churches each night; and this would service pretty much anybody. And it's just during the extreme temperatures. I do have the Homeless Coalition handbook that they have and shared with me. Who all did you say Mr. Wantland to meet with? The Council, Police and Fire Chief.

**Frank Cramer:** I'm here to address a situation I addressed at Fiscal Court the other day and it's in relation to Mr. Wantland. I found out that he represents both the City Council and that he also represents South East Bullitt Fire Department. City Attorney Wantland: I do not represent the Fire Department. I represent the Fire District. Frank Cramer: I brought this up at Fiscal Court and I prefaced my statement when I talked to them with I have been informed and if I'm incorrect please let me know. They said you did. So they misinformed me in that regard because if you had been I was going to say the same thing there that I wanted to say here before you; if you were representing both I felt it was a conflict of interest. City Attorney Wantland: You are entitled to your opinion. I advise the City, I advise the District, everybody is aware of my employment. Frank Cramer: So you have by advising the District, you give no advice to South East Bullitt Fire? City Attorney Wantland: Department, I do not. Frank Cramer: Any of their representatives on the Committees of the District where you represent them? Do they have representatives at that District level? City Attorney Wantland: They do not. The District is separate completely from the Department. I'm looking at people I became very much acquainted with because the District and the Department for a long period of time had a tax on the people in Shepherdsville. That tax has been removed. The people in Shepherdsville no longer pay taxes to the Fire District. The District was well aware of the work I did in that litigation and wanted me to come on board to help them straighten out some other problems with the District and the Department. Before I took that employment I advised the City what I intended to do. Everyone understands if there is any kind of conflict between the District and the City I will represent the City. Frank Cramer: But then you have nothing to do with South East Bullitt Fire Department and they have no representation. City Attorney Wantland: They don't want any dealings with me either so it makes it mutual. Frank Cramer: I can understand that since you introduced me to Mr. Thibodeaux prior to the fire ... City Attorney Wantland: I've known Mr. Thibodeaux forever; he's a very good friend. He's a good man and I represented him forever. I will tell you that. He's a great guy, I think a lot of people here know him and he's just a good man. He was instrumental in talking to me to helping that District. Frank Cramer: The other question that I have I was here before and you all went in to Executive Session. You took the vote on it and then you all left and went behind closed doors. You didn't announce the topic that you all were going to be discussing back there. And under the law when you go in to Executive Session or Closed Session you are required to let us know before you all convene back there what the topic is. Presiding Officer Taft: Was that the January 12<sup>th</sup> meeting? Do you know? Frank Cramer: One of the meetings I was here you all did go in to closed door session and according to KRS 61.82(3) ... Presiding Officer Taft: I need to know which meeting you referring to; I understand the KRS. Frank Cramer: I'm just talking about in general; I was at that meeting it would have been either December or January. I don't remember the date. And I'm going to address this to Fiscal Court because Fiscal Court had a meeting the other day and they went into closed session and didn't

tell us what the topic was. City Attorney Wantland: You take that up with Fiscal Court. Frank Cramer: I'm talking about here. City Attorney Wantland: We need to look at our minutes if you can't find the minutes then we can look at something else but I think our minutes will show that we went in for either land acquisition or personnel. Presiding Officer Taft: And we will strive to do exactly what you've requested in the future to make sure we announce clearly what we've going back in to Executive Session for.

**Nick Moore:** I am part of Boy Scout Troop 868 located at the Shepherdsville Community Center. I'm addressing the City Council today because I have an Eagle Scout project proposal that I wish to present. My overall goal for this project is to be able to have one or two American Flag deposit boxes placed in the City. Ideally I would like one of them placed in front of City Hall and the other one to be placed in front of the Library; however I'm open to other frequently traversed locations as may deem appropriate. According to the United States Census Bureau the number of Veterans from 2009-2013 living in Kentucky was a little over 300,000. Specifically about 6,000 of these Veterans lived in Bullitt County during the same time period. These Veterans are part of a larger community of service oriented professionals such as firefighters, police officers, public servants and private citizens who express their patriotism through personal Flag display. Flag retirement boxes provide the Community with a proper place to dispose worn and torn Flags. They also provide an avenue to render deserved respect to the Flags and for those who have protected what it represents. Thus far I have received approval from the Boy Scout Troop 868 Committee as well as from Bullitt County Judge Executive Melanie Roberts. I stand before you today seeking your approval as well as to ask your guidance as to whether I will need to get permission from any other governing bodies. My plan is to then gain approval from the Boy Scout Lincoln Heritage Council once approval has been gained from all parties I will determine an action plan that will include a method for obtaining supplies, coordinating individuals for the project installation, including a safety action plan, assignments and schedule for emptying of the Flag retirement boxes and ultimately plan for proper Flag retirement of the Flags. In relation to the final two steps of emptying the Flag boxes and the Flag retirement itself my immediate plan would be that I would be the assigned person to check the boxes and arrange for proper Flag disposal. However I realize there ultimately needs to be a contingency plan so that another individual, entity or organization could be assigned and my first step in establishing this contingency plan would be to contact the local American Legion Post #157 and request their help. I am open to other suggestion as well. In conclusion I hope that you determine my Eagle Scout project proposal to be a worthy cause; I have pictures with me of previously erected Flag boxes so that you may see or have a better idea of what the project proposal intends. Furthermore I appreciate your time and consideration in this matter. Bernie Brown: Made motion that the Council approves the installation of these boxes. Ashley Bratcher 2<sup>nd</sup>. Presiding Officer Taft: One comment, I'd like Scott Fleming to stand so that Mr. Moore can see you; give him your phone number for communication if you would work with Scott Fleming on placement and when you are going to be picking up and where they should be placed I believe you'll find Scott to be a great asset in helping you get this project completed. Motion carried 5-0-1 absent.

**Mike Murdoch,** Bullitt County Sheriff Office: I just wanted to come on behalf of our Agency, number one for the Community to know but also for you all with the Council to know that; and actually I was planning on doing this prior to 4:00 p.m.'s information but I just want to remind everybody although the media obviously they have an important job to do; our Agency as the investigative Agency inside this case that happened has a job to do obviously and sometimes it comes across as maybe the Sheriff's office was after Mr. Ellis and that's just not the case. It was our job to do what we did. I just want to remind the Community that our Agency works very well with this Council including Mr. Ellis previously and our Agency is also very proud of what you all have done in the Community for Shepherdsville in the last few years and what's gone on and we also appreciate the professionalism of both the Police Department, Fire Department, and everyone else as we have been involved in this case. I'm just very thankful for you all and wanted to make sure that everyone in the Community knows that we all work together and we're very thankful for what you all do.

Presiding Officer Taft: That all the sign in speakers. At this time I would like to recognize Mr. John Wooldridge and Mr. Kevin Mooney. Thank you for being here. Thank you for the support you give our City and our County. What you do is greatly appreciated.

**Controller Bob Ryan:** I have in hand the Audit Report. The CPA firm will present it at the next meeting and I will make sure everyone has a copy. And it's a good report.

Presiding Officer Taft: I have been requested by a City employee that we go into Executive Session to address a personnel issue. Bernie Brown: I have something; I see Rob Campbell and Scott Fleming; I wonder if you all could come up and give us a quick report on the progress or status of the sidewalk traffic study and also drainage issues. Rob can you tell us; you're about to start the study on traffic on Conestoga Parkway. Rob Campbell: That's correct; we're going to be putting down the counters here in the next week and a half so citizens will be seeing the tubes going out across the road. We're going to count the key intersections; first step of the traffic study, after that we'll create the model and run the simulations and then we'll have an opportunity for public input based on the findings and to get input from the Community regarding what they would like to see and see how that matches up with what we're getting out of the simulations and then ultimately that will result in a recommendation for a traffic master plan. Of course we want to address the pedestrian traffic too. Bernie Brown: I think we very urgently need sidewalks on Conestoga Parkway. It's a very dangerous situation right now. Rob Campbell: What we've promised is after we get the traffic count information we're looking at about a three month process from the time we create the model run simulations, have the input, take the input and put out the report. Bernie Brown: So by late spring early summer you should have your study ready. Rob Campbell: Yes sir. Scott Fleming: As far as the drainage projects go we have developed a process where we can rank each one of the projects in town. There are roughly 10-15 areas that we know we need some work done right now and we are in the process of ranking those along with the big Blue Lick project that a couple of you guys have been privy to. We hope to eventually have funding for that. Bernie Brown: I think Arthur had been involved in that originally, of course he's no longer available but who is going to pick up the engineering part of that now? Scott Fleming: We'll be utilizing Qk4. Bernie Brown: Is there anything that you need from the Council to get started on some of the drainage issues? Scott Fleming: We already have some projects that we'll take care of in house; the smaller stuff with the crew we have now. But as we develop that list if we don't have funding for certain projects of course we'll be coming to you requesting that. Bernie Brown: I know I've heard quite a bit in the past about Stevens Drive and the problem there with drainage. Scott Fleming: Yes sir and the one particular area on Stevens Drive we already have a plan for that and we'll be addressing that in the spring.

**Larry Hatfield:** I would just like to see the Council not get in a big hurry to run out here and appoint someone Mayor until we've had time to discuss it and I would like for you all to be thinking about an investigation on the letter that we received from the employee.

**Ashley Bratcher:** I just want to tell the citizens to stick with us; we're doing everything we can to fight for you all and we're going to do what's right. We're going to get somebody in here that will do the City right this time.

**Dana Bischoff James:** I just want to say thank you for the many prayers that we've had. That's what has sustained us and helped us come to information and get what is needed to make positive and correct choices and to have the leadership to move this City forward in the direction that it should be going.

**Gloria Taft:** I've already given part of the Alpha Way report. I signed as Committee Chair the application for Section 401 which is the individual water quality certification and that has been turned in to the Army Corp of Engineers. We are having our next meeting here tomorrow at 4:00. It is an open meeting. The last meeting we updated the Committee on the Love's interchange and Alpha Way approach road. We discussed the Corp of Engineers permitting. Albert was trying to set up a meeting in Frankfort; that meeting did not occur in Frankfort it occurred in Louisville last Wednesday. We are still working on the AT&T fiber optic and they were trying to get a conference call with AT&T and the State. We spoke with WMB and they gave up their bi-weekly update. Everything is going along as planned. We are still at our original target dates. We have the transportation projects application checklist from the Corp of Engineers that we are currently working on. Red Wing which is the engineering firm used by Browning; not the engineering firm but they do the applications for the water and they deal with the State. All is moving along quite well. We

just secured the funding. I brought the articles; we're in the Governor's budget which was good news. So that project is on task and moving quite well.

**Presiding Officer Taft:** I have been asked to go into Executive Session on a personnel issue; on a litigation issue and on a property acquisition issue. **City Attorney Wantland:** As part of that motion we will need Mr. Campbell perhaps on the property acquisition and City personnel as to personnel problem and the Council will speak to me about litigation. **Presiding Officer Taft:** As some point I will need to ask Mr. Bob Ryan to join the Council in Executive Session as well.

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

Ashley Bratcher made motion to return to Regular Session. Larry Hatfield 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 5-0-1 absent. **City Attorney Wantland:** Madam Chair discussion were had in Executive Session concerning property acquisition with Mr. Campbell; Mr. Campbell has concurred with the City Attorney on what steps we need to take concerning this acquisition and he will report back at a later date. Personnel was discussed with personnel with consensus of the Council the present policy will continue until further notice. An update on litigation was given to the Council concerning two lawsuits that have recently been filed concerning property that was recently annexed on Chapeze Lane by the City. That was the issues taken up. There was a discussion concerning another personnel matter; I think Councilman Brown will address the Council concerning that at this time. **Bernie Brown:** The Public Works Department was authorized to employ two part time employees and they proposed that if they had one full time person it would be a savings in money. That's one benefit; another benefit is a full time person will stay with us and be continuing after training and would be helpful. If you need a motion for that I will make a motion that we approve hiring one full time person replacing two part time seasonal employees. **Tom Barr:** I think under Executive Session on personnel you're not supposed to talk about general policy, general budgeting, anything like that. Just note my objection that this matter was discussed. **Presiding Officer Taft:** Objection is noted. Thank you. **Ashley Bratcher 2<sup>nd</sup> motion.** Motion carried 4-1-1absent.

**Presiding Officer Taft:** At this time I have been asked about and I'd like to open the floor to Council about voting for a new Mayor. **Bernie Brown:** My suggestion is that we don't do anything tonight on that issue. **Larry Hatfield:** That's my suggestion. If you all want to set a Special Meeting Monday or Tuesday; give us time, let the dust settle and think about this thing then while all the public is here I think it would be good to do to where we just don't go out there and throw it up and give the news media 24 hours and nobody know about it. **Bernie Brown:** I think it would be too hastily to do anything right now. I'll put in a motion that we do not take action on that tonight. And I don't have a problem if you want to schedule a Special Meeting in about a week. **Larry Hatfield 2<sup>nd</sup>.** **Ashely Bratcher:** I'm not opposed to waiting but I also don't want the public to feel like we are dragging it out any longer. I do feel like we need to end the circus because right now it's been a mockery and we need to make something happen immediately. Like I said I'm not opposed to doing a Special Meeting in a week but I'm also not opposed to making a vote on it tonight either. **Dana Bischoff James:** The City needs leadership. That's my only comment. **Gloria Taft:** I'm not opposed to scheduling a Special Meeting; this doesn't need to drag out at any length. **Bernie Brown;** I don't want to prolong it any more than we have to but I only found out 4:30-5:00 this afternoon. **Gloria Taft:** I found out at 5:10. **Larry Hatfield:** That's me I haven't even thought about it. **Bernie Brown:** I would like to have more time to think about it. I think it's a serious issue and I think we don't want to act to hastily. **City Attorney Wantland:** We have a motion and a second to wait on taking any action tonight but schedule a Special Meeting within a week. **Gloria Taft:** What do you think about Friday the 12<sup>th</sup>? Motion failed 2 in favor (LH, BB); 3 opposed (GT, AB, DBJ); 1 absent (RH).

**Ashley Bratcher:** I make a motion that we proceed to vote. **Presiding Officer Taft:** I have a motion to proceed tonight to have a vote for Mayor. I will 2<sup>nd</sup> that motion. Any discussion from the Council at this time about voting for a Mayor tonight? **Bernie Brown:** Same comment as before I think it's acting to soon without giving enough consideration. **Ashley Bratcher:** In my opinion this has been an issue that; how many months ago we asked the Mayor to resign? Now that he finally has I feel like we should have started to get our ducks in

a row back when we asked him to resign previously. I feel like this was going to come down to it; we needed to be prepared for it. Gloria Taft: I concur with Ashley; a few months ago a vote was taken and a vote was taken to read a Resolution asking for his resignation months ago. Now that has taken place we need to move forward as a Council and make sure that this City has a head figure leading the way. It's been a long time and there has been a lot of controversy and we need to put this behind us so that we can move forward and not be continuing the problem. Larry Hatfield: I want the public to know that I am strongly opposed to this matter this quick. It's the highest office of the City and we need to take time and one seven days is not going to hurt anything. Ashley Bratcher: Just because we have a vote tonight does not mean we will all agree on the same person. There could be five different individuals that are voted on tonight. We don't know who we are going to vote for but I do feel strongly that something needs to happen. No offense to Councilwoman Taft but she can't sit in the Mayor's seat for the next 30 days. She has her job as a Council person; she can't act as Mayor either. I feel like we need leadership; I feel like we need guidance to move away from this. It's been long enough. Presiding Officer Taft: We have a motion and I second it; we have a motion to proceed with a vote for Mayor tonight. Bernie Brown: I want to say once again I think this is rushing it without giving it enough thought and you can talk about yes we did pass a Resolution months ago and word I've been getting all these months since then is that he wasn't going to resign. Dana Bischoff James: Mr. Brown with all due respect I have been asking you for months who you think in the City would be a good person to put in to that leadership position. Bernie Brown: I don't care. I will not participate in voting for a Mayor tonight. Presiding Officer Taft: I have a motion and a second to have a vote for Mayor tonight and I'm going to close the comments and call for a vote. 3 in favor (GT, AB, DBJ); 2 against (LH, BB); 1 absent. I'm going to call for a vote; the KRS states that we can nominate anyone over the age of 18 in good standing with the City that lives within the City limits. Ashley Bratcher: Does this position only hold until the election? City Attorney Wantland: It will be held until the County Court Clerk certifies the general election in November. Ashley Bratcher: So potentially this could change at the end of the year? City Attorney Wantland: It will change in November. Gloria Taft: The vote would be taken for anyone in November. I would like to nominate Brian James for election. Are there any other nominations from anyone on the Council? Bernie Brown: I'll nominate Larry Hatfield. He's been Mayor before. Larry Hatfield: I decline, with the death of my son. Presiding Officer Gloria Taft: Larry has declined. Are there any other nominations from the Council? I would like a motion to close nominations. Ashley Bratcher made motion to close nominations. Dana Bischoff James 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 in favor (AB, GT, DBJ); 0; 1 absent. Bernie Brown and Larry Hatfield stated they were not participating. City Attorney Wantland: Madam Clerk you distribute ballots; the instructions are you cannot vote for yourself. City Clerk Richmond distributed 5 ballots, one to each Council member. Presiding Officer Taft: If you would please now vote Council persons and put your vote in the envelope. Larry Hatfield: Let the record show I'm leaving the meeting. Presiding Officer Taft: What do we do now? City Attorney Wantland: You vote; you just don't have a quorum to close the meeting. City Clerk Richmond received sealed ballots. Presiding Officer Taft: I have been given information about the Presidential Caucus to make sure all the people know that on March 5<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bullitt County voting will be Bullitt Central High School; the Republican Caucus will be held at that time. There will be information up here if any Republican doesn't have it yet. I was given an official call to Caucus this evening that I haven't had time to read yet because I got it just before we went in to Executive Session. City Attorney Wantland: Madam Clerk did we ensure no one voted for themselves? City Clerk Richmond: I have; no one voted for themselves. City Attorney Wantland: What are the results of the tabulation? City Clerk Richmond: Brian James received 3 votes; Ashley Bratcher voted for Brian James, Dana Bischoff James voted for Brian James, Gloria Taft voted for Brian James. Bernie Brown abstained. City Attorney Wantland: It's 3 in favor; 1 abstention (BB) for Brian James. Brian James is voted in as Mayor of the City of Shepherdsville. Presiding Officer Taft called Brian James to the podium to take the Oath of Office. City Attorney Wantland administered the Oath of Office to Mayor James.

There being no quorum to adjourn the meeting the meeting recessed at 8:07 p.m.

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Gloria Taft, Presiding Officer

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Tammy Richmond, City Clerk