

**CITY OF SHEPHERDSVILLE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, June 14, 2016**

Pastor Nathan Young, Mercy Hill Baptist Church gave the invocation  
Pledge of Allegiance was recited  
Mayor Brian James called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

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

Mayor James asked for a moment of silence in recognition to one of the great pillars in Shepherdsville history, Mr. Nicholas Simon.

Mayor James asked for a motion to dispense with reading of the minutes from the 5/10/2016 Regular Meeting. Dana Bischoff James made motion to dispense with reading. Gloria Taft 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 3-0-2 absent-1 not voting (LH).

Mayor James asked for a motion to approve minutes as written from the 5/10/2016 Regular Meeting. Gloria Taft made motion to approve 5/10/2016 minutes as written. Ashley Bratcher 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 3-0-2 absent-1 not voting.

Mayor James asked for a motion to dispense with reading of the minutes from the 5/12/2016 Special Meeting. Dana Bischoff James made motion to dispense with reading. Ashley Bratcher 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 3-0-2 absent-1 not voting (LH).

Mayor James asked for a motion to approve minutes as written from the 5/12/2016 Special Meeting. Gloria Taft made motion to approve 5/12/2016 minutes as written. Ashley Bratcher 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 3-0-2 absent-1 not voting.

Mayor James asked for a motion to dispense with reading of the minutes from the 5/13/2016 Special Meeting. Dana Bischoff James made motion to dispense with reading. Ashley Bratcher 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 3-0-2 absent-1 not voting (LH).

Mayor James asked for a motion to approve minutes as written from the 5/13/2016 Special Meeting. Dana Bischoff James made motion to approve 5/13/2016 minutes as written. Gloria Taft 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 3-0-2 absent-1 not voting.

Mayor James asked for a motion to dispense with reading of the minutes from the first 5/16/2016 Special Meeting. Ashley Bratcher made motion to dispense with reading. Dana Bischoff James 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 3-0-2 absent-1 not voting (LH).

Mayor James asked for a motion to approve minutes as written from the 5/16/2016 first Special Meeting. Gloria Taft made motion to approve 5/16/2016 minutes as written. Ashley Bratcher 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 3-0-2 absent-1 not voting.

Mayor James asked for a motion to dispense with reading of the minutes from the second 5/16/2016 Special Meeting. Dana Bischoff James made motion to dispense with reading. Ashley Bratcher 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 3-0-2 absent-1 not voting (LH).

Mayor James asked for a motion to approve minutes as written from the 5/16/2016 second Special Meeting. Ashley Bratcher made motion to approve 5/16/2016 minutes as written. Gloria Taft 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 3-0-2 absent-1 not voting.

Mayor James asked for a motion to dispense with reading of the minutes from the 6/7/2016 Special Meeting. Dana Bischoff James made motion to dispense with reading. Ashley Bratcher 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 3-0-2 absent-1 not voting (LH).

Mayor James asked for a motion to approve minutes as written from the 6/7/2016 Special Meeting. Ashley Bratcher made motion to approve 6/7/2016 minutes as written. Gloria Taft 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 3-0-2 absent-1 not voting.

#### **Announcements:**

Mayor James stated we need to set a day and time for a public meeting to discuss the recent traffic study completed by Qk4. Steve Emily with Qk4 stated they would like to hold the public meeting to get public input on June 30<sup>th</sup> at City Hall from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Mayor James stated we need to set a day and time to meet with Bryan Slade with Eco-Tech to discuss the arrearage and how to collect it. We have received a letter from Eco-Tech in regards to us not acting more speedily with collecting the arrearages and it's a concern that they have is that we just don't care which I don't think is the case; I think it's more of our hands are kind of tied and we don't have the perfect answer for that. I'm supposed to meet with Mr. Slade Thursday but whenever the Council would be available to set up a meeting and anyone is welcome to join it also. After some discussion it was decided to hold a Special Meeting on June 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 to do a second reading on a rezoning and afterward we will meet with Mr. Slade from Eco-Tech and hopefully get that worked out. Gloria Taft: Just so the rest of the Council knows Larry, Bernie and I met with the Sheriff's Department and spoke to them about adding the garbage bills to the tax rolls to stop the nonpayment and Bernie, myself and Tammy met with Louisville Water about having the garbage bills added to the water/sewer bill and their answer was they will not be anywhere near ready for at least 9 months. So in talking to the two entities that have been brought up previously to stop nonpayment the only option of those two would be the Sheriff's Department and adding it to the taxes. Larry Hatfield: That's going to cost us 4%. Gloria Taft: 4.25% will be added to each and every property bill. That costs a person about \$7.50 a year. Dana Bischoff James: Would there be a way for people to pay in advance if they would like to? Gloria Taft: That's covered under the tax bill. Larry Hatfield: The only thing about that is a lot of people don't pay their taxes. And if they don't pay them you have no way of collecting. Gloria Taft: Right; there were 174 people that didn't pay their taxes last year as of April 16<sup>th</sup> versus I believe 300+ that are not paying their garage bill. Mayor James: If someone doesn't pay their property tax then a lien will be placed on that property until the property tax is paid; so if they sell it comes out. City Attorney Wantland: Garbage is not a tax and the Sheriff's office does not prepare the tax bills; the County Court Clerk prepares the tax bills. The Sheriff basically sends out what they get from PVA, the County Court Clerk to the Sheriff's office. There are all kinds of legal problems about putting service related items on a tax bill. Larry Hatfield: So we have two choices one is wait for Louisville Water or number two we put it in the next bid that the bidder is going to be responsible and that's going to raise everybody's rates. City Attorney Wantland: Until we get Louisville Water involved I think that is what's going to happen. Larry Hatfield: Has anybody contacted any other cities to see what they do? We can't be the only City doing this? Mayor James: We are the only City doing it the way we are. Gloria Taft: The four cities I talked to; one City is big enough to do their own, the other three cities it's included in the taxes. They have a flat rate of ad valorem taxes and they pay the garbage service out of their revenue. One City started this 15 years ago; they include it as a line item in their budget and we just pay it. And that would be about \$435,000 for a year to cover the almost 3700 homes that we have. We're just talking residential we're not even talking commercial. City Attorney Wantland: I can do the math real quick, you're talking about \$.14 a hundred ad valorem rate and you're going to add about 25% to that bill almost immediately to collect the enough ad valorem taxes to pay that. Daryl Lee: I have a problem; why do you want to penalize the ones that do pay for the few that don't want to pay? Mayor James: We don't. I think that's the delicate situation. Daryl Lee: But if you're in business you have to assume some responsibility yourself and they don't need to come to you to bail them out. But if you are running a business you have to assume some responsibility I think for collecting your own money and that should be written in the bid when you bid it out that you are responsible for your payments. Mayor James: Something that they have in there that they do with anyone else that they deal with is that if you don't pay your bill they stop collecting your garbage but because of City Ordinance they pick up the

garbage no matter what even if you haven't paid your bill. That's the problem that they have run into and that's their biggest concern. Daryl Lee: But when you add it on to your tax bill you've got a lot of people who rent, the landlord basically should be responsible but they are not so how are you going to address the issue to the person maybe sells property half way through the year. Gloria Taft: The same way that they do the taxes now. It's escrowed and broken up day by day from previous owner to previous owner. Daryl Lee: I think you're creating more problems for yourself. Gloria Taft: We're simply trying to fix an issue so that the next company that comes in doesn't want to charge each and every one of our residents \$30 a month instead of \$10 a month. Daryl Lee: If they have to raise the rates sometimes maybe they have to do it for the ones that don't pay but I just think you are creating your own problem. Mayor James: We're trying to take care of the problem and when you add it on to the ad valorem tax then it becomes a percentage and the more valuable your home is the more you have to pay for garbage collection also. That's another problem with that. City Attorney Wantland: I think Mr. Lee is making a good point; one thing that needs to be done in our next bidding process is that the owner of the property will be responsible for the garbage bill regardless whether it's rented or not. It's going to be placed on the owner when we bid it out by Ordinance. It will be the responsibility of the garbage franchisee to make sure that it is billing the owner of the property not the tenant because that's where part of this is going because absentee landlords are very happy to collect the rent but they are not too keen on picking up the garbage bill after their tenant moves out.

### **Old Business:**

Mayor James asked for public comment of the LGEA and Municipal Road Aid 2016-2017 budget. Larry Hatfield: I think the public needs to know that municipal aid is \$244,075, municipal mineral is \$12,135 and the general fund is kicking in \$268,145 for a total of \$524,335. There was no other Council comments or public comment.

City Attorney Wantland had second reading and public comment on Ordinance 016-(number to be assigned) adopting the City of Shepherdsville, Bullitt County, Kentucky annual budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017 by estimating revenues and resources and appropriating funds for the operation of City Government. Mayor James asked for Council and public comment. Gloria Taft: Chief Puckett the line item 7000 we are taking on a five year note to purchase six new vehicles? Chief Puckett: That's correct. Ashley Bratcher: I wanted to add I am for this budget however I wish we would have done a percentage for raises instead of a flat rate. I think morale would be different if it was a percentage over a flat rate. Dana Bischoff James: I would reiterate that as well. There being no other comment Dana Bischoff James made motion to accept. Ashley Bratcher 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 3 in favor-0 against-2 absent-1 not voting.

City Attorney Wantland had second reading and public comment on Ordinance 016-(number to be assigned) adopting the City of Shepherdsville, Bullitt County, Kentucky Sewer Operation and Maintenance budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2016-June 30, 2017 by estimating revenues and resources and appropriating funds for the operation of the Sewer Department. Mayor James asked for Council and public comment. Larry Hatfield: Scott what is the Blue Lick line in on appropriations? Scott Fleming: That is in capital expenses and debt retirement. There being no other comment Dana Bischoff James made motion to accept. Gloria Taft 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 3 in favor-0 against-2 absent-1 not voting.

City Attorney Wantland had second reading of Ordinance 016-(number to be assigned) that adds a line item to the annual budget for reserves for emergencies and disasters. Larry Hatfield: Did you all put \$100,000 in there? Gloria Taft: The budget line for next year yes that was \$100,000 at Bernie's request. Ordinance fails for lack of motion.

Further discussion on issuing sewer adjustments for filling up swimming pools. Larry Hatfield: Do we know how much cost we are looking at? City Clerk: I may be ten a year and I don't think any go over 30,000 gallons. I have very few any more that call and ask for it. Larry Hatfield: I think that was an Ordinance when I was Mayor and I think the reason we did that was because we knew how many gallons a pool holds. I just as soon leave it alone. Dana Bischoff James: My thing is if we can't make it fair for everyone it needs to be discontinued. I would like to see us revisit on the side of creating something where it fair on all sides; I don't know what that could be at this time but I don't like helping one group of people and not helping others. So

my recommendation is to discontinue this at this time. Gloria Taft: I have really no feelings one way or the other. I think if someone can show that they are filling up their swimming pool; it's hard to say how much water you are using when you are gardening. If we're helping ten people it's not a lot of money one way or the other except to the person filling up their pool. Ashley Bratcher: I'm kind of noncommittal on that one. Dana Bischoff James: How do we know? City Clerk Richmond explained the process. Gloria Taft made motion to leave it the way it is. Ashley Bratcher 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 3 in favor-0 opposed-2 absent-1 not voting.

City Attorney Wantland had second reading and public comment on Ordinance 016-(number to be assigned) rezoning property owned by David E. Ryan, .57 of an acre, more or less, located at 472 N Buckman St listed in the PVA office on map #036-SE0-08-002 from R-3 Residential to B-2 Central Business. Eric Farris: I represent the applicants in this matter. It was before the Planning Commission which gave a favorable recommendation to this lot which is located on N Buckman Street at the corner where Adam Shepherd meets. This tract was essentially the only one between West Blue Lick and the Post Office that wasn't already zoned B-2 so this would bring it into compliance with all the remaining tracts along N Buckman Street. The evidence in the record I think supports it and we ask for your favorable approval. There was no other comment. Dana Bischoff James made motion to accept. Ashley Bratcher 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 3 in favor-0 opposed-2 absent-1 not voting.

City Attorney Wantland had second reading of Ordinance 016-(number to be assigned) providing for the closure pursuant to KRS 82.405 of a right of way known at 2.12 acre roadway (Buffalo Run Road). Mayor James asked for Council or public comment. Gloria Taft: This is the language that is acceptable to all attorneys that are involved? Eric Farris: We had people that we didn't expect grading our papers on this; Mr. Wantland's wording I thought was acceptable but we needed to change it to meet Title Requirements for the Velocity 65 project. I appreciate the rewording to take out the ingress and egress and add the vacate wording. There being no other comment Dana Bischoff James made motion to accept. Gloria Taft 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 3 in favor-0 opposed-2 absent-1 not voting.

#### **New Business:**

Mayor James: We need to set a hearing date for J.C. and Betty Howlett on violations of property located at 632 Old Preston Highway. Myra Minton approached the Council: I had put in each of your boxes a copy of the pictures and the letter that I had sent to Mr. Howlett and his wife in regards to the property. He has not done anything to improve the property this time. Larry Hatfield: Have you checked on what you and I talked about? We went to court on this once before and I think the City lost. Myra Minton: Mr. Howlett has transferred ownership since then; he has not been the original owner of that property the entire time. In 2009 he became the owner of the property again. Larry Hatfield: I believe, I wasn't on the Council but I believe it went to Court so I urge you to check that. We owe him a hearing so let me know when and I'll try my best to be here. Mayor James: I'd say we owe him a hearing regardless. We need to set a hearing date. After discussion the meeting was set for 5:00 on June 28<sup>th</sup>.

City Attorney Wantland had first reading by Summary of Ordinance 016-(number to be assigned) relating to the establishment and location of fire hydrants, fire lanes, and access roads on private and public property. Dana Bischoff James made motion to read by Summary. Ashley Bratcher 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 3 in favor-0 against-2 absent-1 not voting. Larry Hatfield: Why was this brought up? Major Ted Calvert: Basically the Ordinance is the same as Bullitt County's. There is one thing that we really needed to change in the City of Shepherdsville and it's where they talk about if you build a new commercial building if it's over 2000 square feet the Bullitt County Ordinance says that you have to have a fire hydrant within 500 feet of the property line and another one 1000 feet from the property line. The problem with that is if you get a commercial building to build one and their property line is out by the fire hydrant but they are building this building 2000-3000 feet back we run out of hose and take two or three trucks to get to it because we cannot make them put a fire hydrant in because the Bullitt County Ordinance says by the property line. The only thing we changed was we made it a commercial building over 2000 square feet it needs to be 500 feet from the building and another one 1000 feet from the building. Larry Hatfield: And you all have talked with Louisville Water about this? Major Ted Calvert: Everything in this is Louisville Water Company. None of this affects

Louisville Water Company. It also has an exception if for some reason they build a building that is out of realm the Fire Chief can okay it to be additional spacing. He has that authority. Larry Hatfield: We can do this on private property? Major Calvert: You have your residential in here just like Bullitt County does; to build a new house I think you have to have so many on the lot before this even comes in to play. Nothing in this Ordinance except for changing to the City part and what I just said is the exact same thing as Bullitt County's Ordinance. Chief Troutman: This is to address more of the commercial property we have in the City. It's to make it safer for the public and our firefighters is what it's for. The second reading will be June 28<sup>th</sup>.

City Attorney Wantland had first reading of Ordinance 016-(number to be assigned) a request by Steve & Dana Estes to rezone .77 of an acre more or less adjacent to Buffalo Run, listed in the PVA office on map #046-000-00-013 from Agricultural to IL Light Industrial. We will have a special meeting for the second reading and public comment on Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00.

City Attorney Wantland read Resolution 2016-10 approving Certified City of Ethics proposal. Gloria Taft: This was done on my request to get the City's Ethics policy closer to what KLC says it should be. It gets us closer to keeping up to date on everything; Gloria made motion to accept this Resolution. Dana Bischoff James 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 3 in favor-0 against-2 absent-1 not voting.

**Daryl Lee & Duane Price:** Sometime back I talked to you concerning the raising of fees that the County had done. You all turned that proposal down. Since that time I have asked Tammy to get a copy of all permits that were written in the City of Shepherdsville since April or March. She has went through most of them and it's apparent that the zoning office is charging by the square footage and if you look at the sheet as you come down to the commercial and industrial, they've got a minimum of which actually should be a maximum if you look at the old schedule that we had. They have got this square footage; I don't think you all ever approved charging by the square footage. There are some other issues that have been involved. I had a discussion with Mr. Richardson concerning this and bottom line is he said that he's going to continue to do it. I know Larry this might put you in a bad position working for the County, however you are a City Council person and what we're talking about you are not directly involved in on the zoning end of it; I'm sure you won't be voting but I know you'll have an open mind. What I am going to ask the Council to do is first send a letter to the County Judge, copy to the County Attorney, all the Magistrates; this is something I've discussed with Mr. Mitchell and a copy to Mr. Brian Richardson asking him to refund all the money that he has overcharged the people. I'm your Representative and I'm here to try to protect the City of Shepherdsville. I've been involved in this for almost 30 years and I think Mr. Wantland can elaborate how the zoning office is set up to accommodate all the cities and each City has a right to introduce a Text Amendment it goes around the circle; if it's declined by any legislative body it's not in effect; just that simple. And I also asked Mr. Richardson what would you do if the City of Shepherdsville introduced a Text Amendment reducing everything that a person gets to \$10-\$15 and he said I would hope they wouldn't do that. I discussed that with the County Attorney and he advises yes you do have the right to do it. So if it makes the loop whatever you propose you can do. Hopefully that letter will try to get this resolved; if it doesn't I think that you may have to possibly resort to other actions because I think you as an elected official owe it to the people of Shepherdsville; you certainly owe it to the businesses that come here to give a fair shake. I don't know if Mr. Price has anything to say. **Duane Price:** No you covered it pretty well. I just think we need to put this to rest. It's been going on since March 14<sup>th</sup>. It's been address 3 or 4 times to the Council and instead of it winding down it's getting bigger and bigger. It's become a power struggle on who has the right to say what. If the cities have the right to voice their opinion when they decide they want to raise fees and the Text Amendment came down to you all and you turned it down I thought that was the end of it but apparently it's not. It seems like Brian has trouble learning or knowing where his authority is at. He doesn't have the authority to tell Shepherdsville how it's going to be. That's what we need to let him know. That's blunt but that's what needs to happen. **Daryl Lee:** One other thing I would like to add; I didn't know that you all didn't charge for sign permits in the City. If you even look at this but they, and I'm just going to quote, the attorney that handled the Starbucks the sign permit that they received and all the permits was approximately \$16,000. You didn't get a dime off that. You don't get any money for inspections, plan reviews, so basically you might want to rethink several issues but right now I think the most pressing one is you need to send a

letter over first. City Attorney Wantland: I think the City has every right to legislate what goes on within the corporate boundaries of the City and that included what we charge for a building permit and if the City did not adopt the Text Amendment as requested by the Planning Commission that is what the City has adopted. Larry Hatfield: How can we tell the County to repay money that we didn't collect? Daryl Lee: You did collect it. Larry Hatfield: No we did not. City Attorney Wantland: The County collected it. Daryl Lee: The County collected it. City Attorney Wantland: I think what Daryl is saying is to refund the money to the people who paid the money for a refund. I think very quickly that the County may soon be sued at some kind of class action by individual people because I think they are doing the same process in other legislative bodies throughout the County; they are charging fees that have not been approved by the legislative body in which really governs that. It's not only Shepherdsville it's also Mt. Washington and that's primarily where the growth is. I don't think Mt. Washington accepted the Text Amendment as tendered by the Planning Commission either. Larry Hatfield: I agree with you but I don't see where we can force them to do it. City Attorney Wantland: I think that's true. All were asking is they do what is required by law. If the County decides they are not going to operate within the law that's the County's position. Mayor James: If we send them a letter and we ask them to reevaluate their position. City Attorney Wantland: I don't think there is any question the County is getting ready to go down the road and there is going to be; some of the builders are paying big money. Dana Bischoff James: We should be looking out for our citizens and protecting our people while we're elected. We need to help those who are a part of our City. Gloria Taft: We voted and told them we were not going to accept their increases then we need to force them to stop charging our citizens their increase; it's not our increase. Larry Hatfield: We may need to take a look at our Ordinance before we go any further on this. The reason I say is you might want to take a look at what you're charging for electrical. It's outrageous. Daryl Lee: That has nothing to do with this Larry. I'm telling you that a business or a commercial business goes to the zoning office to get their compliance the most that under what you all have adopted; if I'm building a house I should pay \$100, that's all not square footage, that's it. Larry Hatfield: What if you're building a house and it's electrical? Daryl Lee: Everybody pays electrical. Larry Hatfield: No. If you read that when I was building houses I had to give them what my electrical was going to be and I was charged a percentage or something that is pretty astronomical. I called Brenda last week because I did not think we were doing that and I urge us to look into this. Gloria Taft: That still doesn't have anything to do with this; it would be a separate issue and yes we need to look in to it. Larry Hatfield: My office is in with them and of course I've already give me opinion but I want to think about this a little bit more. I'm not for the increase I want to make that perfectly clear. Daryl Lee. All I'm talking about is the increase Larry, not anything else. I'm talking about them charging square footage which escalates; I'm not talking about a fee or any inspections because that's a separate issue. All I'm talking about is when they walk into that office what they are charged for permit fees. City Attorney Wantland: I've heard rumors, again I didn't write the checks but I've heard that some of the compliances have been \$500 as opposed to \$100. Daryl Lee: They are pretty high and I think Tammy has had a chance to look at it. Duane Price: One was a 1300% increase; that's when all this got started. Daryl Lee: He is not to charge by square footage. It's a flat fee. That's all we're asking you to go back to.

**Duane Price:** The building behind you; the signage, anything that comes in here is going to have signage on the back of the building and we gave them an unconditional permit that. What we're trying to do like we do for Kroger, everybody tries to outdo each other so we're trying to keep them at the same size. It will look real good when they get done. Like Daryl said we take care of the City.

**Daryl Lee:** You all have your own subdivision regulations. So does Mt. Washington. The County's regulations are completely outdated. This is a rough draft, I'd like for you to look at it. If there are things you like fine if there are things you don't like fine. You can let me know. I have not had the chance to look at it; it may be good; it may be bad. You may want to stay away from it. While I'm up here and I've already talked to Gloria, there are some weeds on North Maple that needs to be addressed.

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

Gary Peckham: I've been a citizen here in Shepherdsville about 23 years and I've seen a lot of growth and a lot of progress going on and originally I'm from California and I've seen crime increase any time a City starts building more. Every time I go somewhere in Shepherdsville there is always a police officer in a car

somewhere patrolling the areas. I don't think the Police Department or even the Chief of Police is getting enough credit for what they do. You need to give them more compliments, you need to give them what they need because time is coming crime will come and you are going to need a strong defense and I believe your Chief of Police can provide that for you guys. So he needs more credit from you please.

**Gloria Taft:** I want to give a report on the Alpha Way Project. We are waiting on our permit to be signed from Corp of Engineers; the paperwork was completed last Friday the supervisor that needs to sign it got back from vacation yesterday. As of last night the permit had not been signed to my knowledge. We met here Monday morning with the businesses on Buffalo Run because in the design phase and where the bridge was placed the connector road from Buffalo Run to Alpha Way had to be dropped. The problem with leaving Buffalo Run not connected to Alpha Way is the State is mandating that Buffalo Run become a right in right out turn only. That is in hopes that no other person will be killed there. In making that right in right out only that stops patrons of the businesses down Buffalo Run from getting back on to I65. So we sat down with I believe everybody that could have anything to say about this and we worked on a design on the west side that KYTC will approve to connect Buffalo Run, the cul-de-sac there by the coffee shop to Alpha Way. It's a short distance; it does not cross any drainage ditches and it does not address anything on the east side at this time because the east side is going to cross more than one drainage ditch; it's going to require additional permits and the drawings we have KYTC will not accept the way they are drawn. The reason KYTC has a say because Alpha Way once its completed will be turned over to the State for maintenance and snow removal and for them to take care of it. What I would like to do at this time is I would like to ask the Council for permission for the Road Committee to proceed in getting a design drawing on this section from the cul-de-sac to Alpha Way to make sure that the patrons or the businesses on Buffalo Run can get in and out. We can do that as an addendum according to the engineers and it is a small fix. I have drawings here if anybody would like to look at them. But without doing it I don't know how we are going to get people in and out of Buffalo Run. The lady from the College was there; every 75 minutes she has up to 1000 students in and out and until the development out there is complete in two years the access road will not be built that goes across from the College to Alpha Way. So we need another connector road to get people moving so that they can turn left and the light instead of trying to jump across 480 and have any more accidents. City Attorney Wantland: Do we have right of ways? Gloria Taft: I'm at the point now where I wanted to get permission from the Council to move forward with the Road Committee to make this addendum. Gloria Taft made motion to move forward getting prices for design and how much this small section will cost. Ashley Bratcher 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 3 in favor-0 opposed-2 absent-1 not voting. Gloria Taft: I would also thank the Public Works for a project well done on Harshfield Lane getting that drainage taken care of and that water moving instead of standing still.

**Mayor James:** I'd like to praise Councilwoman Taft for her diligent work on the Alpha Way Road Committee. She's been the Chair of that Committee and she works diligently on that.

**Dana Bischoff James:** I just want to piggyback one thing on Miss Gloria Taft I do see several of our business owners who are here; we did meet with the other company and I just want them to rest assured that they are exceedingly willing to work with you all. The only other thing is that it's Flag Day and I want to encourage you to do a little history and research on the Flag. Just the meaning behind it there are many people who have served and fought for this nation and I just want to thank anybody who is currently serving, who has served or even the children who will serve to continue to fight for our freedom.

**Larry Hatfield:** I just want to take a couple minutes to tell you all I was deeply saddened when I got a phone call about Nick Simon. I was very very young about 30-31 years old and I decided I was going to run for City Council. I had been a wastewater plant operator and I got the bright idea one day that let's go to Louisville Water and shut down our water plant. Well when I said that of course politics all kicked in. People were going to lose their jobs, and it was the worse idea they had ever heard of and it was going to cost a lot of money. I'll never forget to make a long story short nobody lost their job but I picked the phone up one day and I called Nick Simon and I said Nick I have some people really supporting this and I think it would be the best thing that ever happened to this City because of clean water, pressure for fire departments and everything else. And back in them days \$10,000 was a whole lot of money. We did not have a budget

nothing like it is today. So anyway Nick gets hold of Mr. Simon and they call me back and say they will be there. We all went in to the old City Hall and I was sitting as a Councilman then and I could see Nick and I could see Frank and the guys from Louisville Water and the politics kicked in, arguing back and forth and back and forth; I saw Nick reach over and he nudged Frank Simon and I could read his lips, I couldn't hear him but he said dad pay for it. About two seconds after that Frank Simon stood up and said Mayor and Council this design, what's it going to cost? I said Mr. Simon it's going to be probably \$8,000-\$10,000. He said I'll pay for it. I did not know they were going to do that but that family has contributed to the lives in this community in many many many thousands of dollars. I went to Nick when we were struggling here and Peoples Bank and Nick agreed within 15 minutes to loan this City \$300,000 at a very very small interest rate and Bill Hardy did the same thing. The Simon family I can remember them giving me \$5000 for a fire truck; it just goes on and on.

Dana Bischoff James made motion to Adjourn. Ashley Bratcher 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 3 in favor-0 opposed-2 absent-1 not voting. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

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Brian James, Mayor

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Tammy Richmond, City Clerk