

**CITY OF SHEPHERDSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2017**

Officer Tim Wade, Shepherdsville Police Department delivered the invocation
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Council members present: Gloria Taft, Mike Hibbard Sr., Lisa Carter, Stacey Cline and Bonnie Enlow

Mayor Hockenbury called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Hockenbury announced that the podium was going to be moved to the side for better view when we face the audience soon. The cost is \$1880.

Mayor Hockenbury announced there would be a reception in honor of Police Chief Doug Puckett's retirement on Tuesday, January 31st at 2:00 p.m.; and a Swearing in Ceremony for Police Chief Rick McCubbin on Wednesday, February 1st at 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Hockenbury asked for a motion to dispense with reading of the minutes from the 1/10/2017 Regular Meeting. Lisa Carter made motion. Stacey Cline 2nd. Motion carried 5-0-1 absent.

Mayor Hockenbury asked for a motion to approve the minutes as written from the 1/10/2017 Regular Meeting. Gloria Taft made motion. Stacey Cline 2nd. Motion carried 5-0-1 absent.

Old Business:

Mayor Hockenbury stated we are not ready to discuss the request by Room in the Inn to use the Community Center right now.

Mayor Hockenbury: City Attorney Walt Sholar to have second reading by Summary of Ordinance 016-(number to be assigned) establishing a Code Enforcement Board to abate nuisance, provide remedies, impose fines and generally enforce Ordinances concerning enforcement of existing and future City Ordinances concerning the conditions of property within the Corporate Boundaries. Are we ready for the second reading? I need a motion to take it off the table. Gloria Taft made motion to bring it off the table. Lisa Carter 2nd; I actually want to leave it off the table just for the fact we just got this on Friday to look at and I'd like for Donna to be present to vote on this particular Ordinance with us. Mayor Hockenbury asked if Gloria wanted to rescind her motion. Gloria Taft: According to Roberts Rules of Order if it stays on the table it's dead so if we're going to bring it back up it's going to have to fall in to New Business which is fine with me I just wanted to make that clarification. I rescind my motion. City Attorney Walt Sholar: Sergeant Patchin, Detective Minton and I were going to get together last week to talk about all of this and I believe it was the day after there was a critical incident and Sergeant Patchin had to be out most of the night so that meeting got postponed. Myra have you all rescheduled that yet? Myra Minton: Monday the 30th. City Attorney Sholar: We're going to sit down and go over the Code Enforcement at that meeting. Mayor Hockenbury: Will that have to be read as a first reading if it goes on to New Business? City Attorney Wantland: Yes. Mayor Hockenbury: So we'll bring it back up for a first reading.

City Attorney Sholar had second reading of Ordinance 017-(number to be assigned) establishing the regular meeting night and place of meetings of the City Council. Bonnie Enlow made motion to approve Stacey Cline. 2nd. Motion carried 5-0-1 absent.

New Business:

Kim-Embry-Hill addressed the Council on services provided by the Multi-Purpose Community Action Agency. Thank you for having me. I've got some information to share with the City Council and Judge Roberts is here as a Board Member in case you have other questions and also to talk about how the County

also supports us. You'll see in front of you I've given you some information on the services that are provided here in the County and more specifically I tried to break it down by City. Page two is basically an overview of the services we provide much more in a narrative form so that you can review when you get a chance; it's really just an overview of what we provide and what we bring to the Community. We're a 501c3 Organization, non-profit and we're out trying to raise awareness about our Agency and what we provide to the Community and try to make people understand that we are actually a charitable organization and not government because a lot of times people are under the mistaken impression because we have a lot of grants, some State some Federal, that we are a government entity but we're not. We're a 501c3 and the services we provide we have a Senior Center and a Family Service Center that is located at 214 Frank E. Simon and we provide services for seniors and low income families out of that office. That building actually belongs to the County and they lease it to us for a very reasonable fee every year. What we offer there is senior programs for mostly seniors that are unable to drive anymore. This is their one main chance to get out and have socialization. We do programs such as health promotion, educational programs, advocacy, counseling and of course crafts and different things to try and keep them engaged and enjoying life; we're trying to help our seniors age in place and part of what we do is try to improve their lives. As I said, the services we provide; we also provide a hot meal Monday thru Friday and as you'll see in Shepherdsville we've got 46 clients that come in regularly to receive meals and we also provide home delivery meals which often comes under the heading of Meals on Wheels but that's actually us that goes that. We've got 25 clients in Shepherdsville that we serve and if you'll notice at the bottom the total for Bullitt County. The total meals served at the Senior Center last year for Shepherdsville clients was 2373 and the home delivered meals was 5130. During last fiscal year which is July 1, 2015 thru June 30, 2016 we basically served 261 seniors that live in Shepherdsville. Also one of the programs that we provide is we do commodity boxes which are actually food boxes because seniors are often living on limited income so these food boxes are targeted toward low income seniors; last fiscal year there were 1200 boxes that were given to Senior Citizens of Shepherdsville residents and probably one of our largest low income programs is the low income heating and energy assistance program which is going on now; more commonly known as LIHEAP where we help people with their utility bills. Of course you have to be income eligible in order to qualify for those programs; last year we served 661 residents from Shepherdsville. The reason that I'm here is that many of the grants that we have does not really cover the full cost of us providing these services; especially the senior programs in particular. We have had to seek out other funding. I have an employee that's been at the agency for 30 years and I think we've been doing this for well over 20-25 years here in Bullitt County but each year it gets just a little tougher because the money that we get for the senior programs comes from the Older Americans Act and the money basically comes from the Federal Government to the Department of Aging and Independent Living then it goes to KIPDA and KIPDA gives it out to providers that actually provide the services. So you can only imagine as it drifts down through all those different agencies by the time it gets to us there is not much left. We were told over and over again this money is not meant to provide the full services because of course I usually try to get the best grant for us that we possibly can and it's very difficult to get enough to cover our costs so we're always seeking money trying to help us. The County does help support us; they put money in the budget but as I said since the money is not increasing and in fact seems to be eroding due to inflation and also in the upcoming fiscal year because of the budget cuts across the state for this program as with many other programs the money is actually going to be less next year. So in order to provide those senior services we get around \$27,000 from KIPDA to do the senior programs in Bullitt County. That's the actual senior center itself we get reimbursed by Meal and that's why Joyce Arms is here with me, she's my finance manager so she can answer questions about specifically what we've received and how it's not enough. I'm just here to ask the City of Shepherdsville to maybe consider due to the number of citizens that we provide services for to consider helping us with our mission because if we don't serve these people we really don't believe that anyone will because as I said there is really no money in it. We're doing this because it's been our mission to serve seniors and low income families and it's just getting to the point where we just don't know how much longer we can afford to continue to do it when you operate at a loss each year. Just because you're a non-profit doesn't mean you don't need to break even. You need to at least be able to break even each year in order to continue your services. I was wondering if maybe the Council has any questions for us. Stacey Cline: How many people that are in this amount live in the City of Shepherdsville? Joyce Arms: If you look at your sheet we've got it broken down; Lebanon Junction, Louisville, Mt. Washington and Shepherdsville, that is the total for

Shepherdsville. The bottom one is Bullitt County; that would be all members of Bullitt County. 60% of the total meals served at our Center are served to Shepherdsville residents; 54% of our home delivered meals are to Shepherdsville residents; 46% of the seniors that are attending our Center are from Shepherdsville; 65% of the boxes that were handed out last year were to citizens of Shepherdsville and 66% of the households that we help with the LIHEAP fund were residents of the City of Shepherdsville. Ms. Embry-Hill: We also offer weatherization services to low income families and we are seeking clients for that now so you have people that might need weatherization; what we try to do is lower their energy footprint to lower the cost of their heating bills so we do things like are ceiling, insulation, furnace tune up; those type things are actually not listed on here. We also help with Louisville Water bills in Bullitt County, we receive a grant from the Louisville Water foundation and people that are delinquent on their water bills we also received a grant over the past two years from them. Sometimes funders seek us out because they know the population we're working with so sometimes it just makes sense for them to try to work with us because they already know that we're seeing some of these clients that are in need of those types of services. Stacey Cline: Do some of those people also get Dare To Care? Ms. Embry-Hill: Yes, the senior commodity boxes are a partnership with Dare To Care but I know that you have a large food pantry that also works with Dare To Care. So, yes, Dare To Care are our clients too. Bonnie Enlow: Do they still provide services for sending someone out to homes for ones that need help at home? Ms. Embry-Hill: We do not do home care anymore. As a matter of fact it was something that was really part of our mission but when the grant became available a for-profit agency was selected for that grant because my unit costs were higher than the for-profit agency. We were losing so much money doing home care that I had to request a higher unit cost and our agency got shut out of it. Which was disappointing for all our clients at that time because they really did like our staff and I'm not sure how well Bullitt County is served with home care now. I know that we truly cared and I'm not saying that for-profit agencies don't care but they were using it as an expansion of trying to expand their income base. It was our main focus to serve low income and seniors that didn't have any help. Their focus was just adding another aspect to their income. We do not do that any longer; we've been out of that business since 2011. Stacey Cline: Do we need to call you. I'd like to look at it; we've got a lot of stuff; this is our first month being on the Council. Ms. Embry-Hill: That's fine. I've given you my contact information. Nichole Simmons is our Senior Site Manager, she's a Shepherdsville resident and she manages the senior center so anytime you want to meet with us I can get a couple people together and we can do that. You've been very generous with your time and I appreciate that. Mayor Hockenbury: Can you read for the public here that there is a GoFundMe page; if we would want to donate some of our personal money; they might want to out there. Ms. Embry-Hill: It's www.gofundme.com/mpcaa-org. Actually what you have here is an editorial that I sent to the *Pioneer News* and I'm hoping that it will be published soon. That information is there and I do have extra copies that we can give out. We have two other Board Members here with us for support, Tim & Pam French and Merrill Roberts. Melanie Roberts: Like Kim said we're just here trying to help our senior citizens out and you all know I come from a tax based agency, Bullitt County Fiscal Court, so if you can see any way possible to pitch in a few dollars we would really appreciate it, the seniors would appreciate it of course.

Daryl Lee: Not present.

Duane Price: I have what I gave to you. Mayor Hockenbury: There is a Panera Bread coming in beside Turnpike Liquors. (Shepherdsville, Dixie Highway Development #2 LLC was granted a variance to construct an entrance with a width of 32 ft. on Keystone Crossroad Drive. The required width is 25 ft.) Duane Price presented the drawing to me tonight; it's on Keystone Crossroad between Cattleman's and Turnpike Liquors. Duane Price: From the plan you see it's really nice; they are going to do a nice job on this one; there are 63 parking places and we approved a variance on a 70 ft. sign because they sit down in that hole; and the South Exit Ramp from I-65 the way it pulls in so hard is why we have to give the variances to make it work. They also enlarged the turn in for the semis when they have their supply trucks come in; we gave them a couple more feet. They have their permits done; the weather is holding them up on site work to start. It's another eatery here. Scott Fleming: We haven't seen any plans for site approval, plan approval, nothing on that. Duane Price: Dixie Highway Development is going to be the contractor. This is just now getting started. Mayor Hockenbury: So it's in the works process. We're concerned about the traffic flow if anybody else comes in that area. We need pre-set plan to follow because it's going to affect our traffic here and

we're all concerned. Duane Price: This is the very beginning stages. Mayor Hockenbury: Early enough that Scott we should get our site plans. Gloria Taft: Can we consider as this moves forward to remember that part of the Qk4 Traffic Study was connecting Keystone Crossroad over to Historical Trail. Duane Price: Let me show you this. Mayor Hockenbury: That might affect one of the options we had because we were going to have the road maybe go back through Ben Robards property there. Scott Fleming: That's why it's so important that we are able to do the plan approval. Gloria Taft: If this is something that we can work with Panera Bread to give them a secondary exit maybe the \$1.2 million cost that was quoted to the City can be lowered by asking Panera Bread to have a back exit and then the City would only have to make a small road and connect one to the other and then we alleviate a lot of traffic then we can put up the light that was discussed in that Traffic Study as well we're saving the City I'm going to guess \$800,000-\$900,000 if we could make that work in some way with the Traffic Study Committee. Duane Price: On your Traffic Study, was it going in front or behind Cattleman's? Scott Fleming: It would actually tie in to what would be the south side of Cattleman's. Gloria Taft: If we can sit down and have the conversation we may save the City a whole lot of money and get part of our traffic problems alleviated. Mayor Hockenbury: Rob and Steve have the plan about the traffic concerns for any new development that wants to come in here. Our engineers of course haven't looked at that yet but they have a contingency plan for this traffic because someone else has approached them in early stages and they were really concerned about how it would affect our traffic in Shepherdsville. That's one of our biggest concerns, traffic. Stacey Cline: Who is on the Traffic Committee? Duane Price: On something like this when they come in and apply to us; Walt could we have it set up where they meet with the City Engineer before they apply or what do we need to do? Gloria Taft: Faith and Donna are on that Committee. City Attorney Sholar: What they apply for with you all and what they have to apply for with the City are independent of one another. Duane Price: What I was worried about is they have their plan in mind and we give them what they ask for; we try to work with everybody but then you said they are independent of one another, they have their own plans and I would be worried that they go through a lot of leg work and then get rejected because of conflict of plans. I was wondering if what we might need do to work on to deal with that. City Attorney Sholar: What would probably be a good idea is speak with the lawyer who is representing the Planning Commission. The State of Kentucky advertised for a while a one stop shop where people came and got laid out to them here is what you have to go through to get your development or business going and they were informed in one place of all the things they had to do. If we don't have that currently we should but that's a decision for the Planning Commission, Fiscal Court and the City's Legislative body to determine but it is my understanding that as it stands right now they are going to have to comply with the City's regulations and get a permit from the City before they go forward. Duane Price: They know that. My concern was the road. I don't think Panera knows anything about the Traffic Study that was done. Rob Campbell: There is a process that is already in place; typically approval from the County wouldn't come without some communication to the City first so we've met with Rudy and Roanne; we've had discussions; we've got our processes we've been working on to further document that; something that will be posted on the website so that people coming to Shepherdsville to develop can look and see the process and know the interaction with the County and they are aware of that; but the reality is there is already a process in place and definitely approval shouldn't go out from the County until the City has a chance to review plans. Steve Emily: That process is on Shepherdsville's website. Duane Price: Another issue is there are two more lots, possibly three beside that and future developers will have to look into it before they approach anybody to build another building there because of the road study. Lisa Carter: The paper that they are showing us here is just an aerial view is there any way we can get a view of the building of what they are actually going to construct. We always seem to get the cheaper version of anything that comes to Shepherdsville? Duane Price: I'll get one. Lisa Carter: If you don't mind because I would like to put an Ordinance in place soon to restrict what comes in to the City that if it is going to be in the City limits of Shepherdsville that it be approved so that we don't get generic buildings down here. Duane Price: I don't know how what she is saying would work; how will we do that? City Attorney Sholar: It's been several years since I looked at the Bullitt County Zoning Regulations but my recollection when I was looking at it with some regularity was that the City of Shepherdsville had opted in that some site plans have to be approved by the City as well. And I think that's the case and Scott is indicating that it is so the City of Shepherdsville is going to get an opportunity to look at this specific site plan for just how many parking places and where they are going to plant bushes and what it's going to look like and it's either going to approve it or disapprove it and tell them they have to change some things before it moves forward. Lisa

Carter: We would really like to get a Beautification Committee going and really beautify Shepherdsville because it's long overdue. We've got all these buildings coming in and we really need to beautify Shepherdsville. Duane Price: And that's what you're saying. City Attorney Sholar: Not quite. What I'm saying is that as it stands right now and has stood for some time when there is a commercial development and when I say development a specific piece of property that is going to have a business locate there before their site plan which is required by Planning and Zoning to be approved the Board of Adjustments has to look at it first and they make recommendation of approval but the City of Shepherdsville has for some time had it in place that it then has to come to the City and the City has to approve it. So you all will be a Committee of the whole with regard to beautification in that regard. But that is a separate thing if the Mayor or City Council determines by Municipal Order to develop a Committee for general beautification of the City.

Sign In Speakers:

Paula Crawley: I wanted to let the City know that there is going to be a new agency; it's Housing First of Bullitt County and we're going to try to build a homeless shelter here in Shepherdsville. We're at the very beginning; we haven't even got all our Board of Directors yet. So far we've got \$500 that Linda Belcher's church donated. This Friday we're going to look at a site for a temporary shelter because Carl's Room at the Inn does a wonderful job with the people that they do; I had Jana Miller call me today for a lady that is 60 years old that needs a place to stay; she's applying for disability and her sister can't let her stay at her house any longer and she has no other family; she has no place to go and Carl's group can't accommodate her because she's not going to become self-sufficient soon so she just has no place to go. We want to have a place for people like that that they can go to. Eventually we want to have a motel or something where they can have rooms but that's way in the future. Friday they are going to look at what was going to be a Christian school at Ray of Hope Christian Fellowship and they are going to see if they could possibly lease that and make some alterations to it where it would be suitable temporarily until they can get something else and get some things together. We're not a 501c3 yet, we're still in the founding stages but I wanted to let you know it is something we are working on and as we go we'd like for you all too hopefully support us when we get further along.

Fire Chief Layne Troutman: Asked to go into Executive Session to meet with the Council to address a land acquisition issue.

City Attorney Walt Sholar: It's my understanding that we need to go into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation, a personnel matter and land acquisition. I'm going to suggest we do that when we get to that point. The Mayor stated he would like to invite Fire Chief Layne Troutman, Rob Campbell and Steve Emily with Qk4 and Scott Fleming in to Executive Session.

Mayor Curtis Hockenbury: There was an Ordinance passed in 2011 when the City was in dire straits and reduced the Council Members pay 25%. I was going to ask you all if it's okay if we can reinstate that. They won't be getting a raise we just reinstate what they were being paid in 2011. Last night Mt. Washington was working on an Ordinance for the top three vote getters for recommendation of their pay and that's through the Department For Local Government and KLC. The only reason I'm asking you now is I don't want to sneak anything past any of you. We're all transparent. None of the Council came and asked me to do that. It wouldn't go into effect until 2019 because you're not allowed to give yourself a raise. It would be whoever the next Mayor and Council is. What it would do is just reinstate the pay they were making in 2011 that took effect in 2013. So it would be 2013-2018 with that lower pay and if we reinstate what they were getting paid in 2011 the fair thing would be to check what the CPI is and give them a little bit more. But this is your money. I'm just really wondering how that would look. Do you all want to do that or is it something you want to do? It's just reinstating where they were in 2011. Faith Portman: I agree 100% with you. I brought that up a few years back about reinstating the pay. I was on Council when the pay was cut and the reason the Council cut that pay at the time is because the City was millions of dollars in debt. The City is doing great now and I know for a fact Council members go above and beyond. They give 150%. When I was on Council I spent \$500 a month just going to homes, helping people out, to do right for this Community. They don't use the money for their own gain believe me. It's not a lot to do a lot with. But I believe that they need it. I know that I spent \$200 in gas a month. I personally think it should be reinstated. That's my opinion. Mayor

Hockenbury: Like I said that's why I wanted to ask the people; I even thought about going door to door and asking some of the people. Larry Clark: Wasn't that brought up around November or December to bring the salary back up. Gloria Taft: Larry Hatfield brought it up. Lisa Carter: It never got brought back up to the table. Mayor Hockenbury: In 2011 the City was in dire straits and Bernie Brown, Don Cundiff, Larry Hatfield, Faith Portman, Alan Wetzel and Corky Miller all voted to give up their money. It was unanimous. I think that's pretty cool. I didn't know that so when I found that out I just thought I'd ask you all if it's okay just to reinstate what they were making in 2011. Bob is that a problem if it's okay with the people if we did that? It wouldn't start until January 2019 and they took a 25% reduction. Mt. Washington was working on that yesterday; I don't think it's unethical but I think it's your money. Faith Portman suggested to ask Tom Barr to put in the newspaper opinion poll. Mayor Hockenbury: Is it okay if I do it for 2019? What do you think? Gloria Taft: I think politicians make enough money. I think the citizens of the City would rather see the money go to pay down the \$24.5 million in debt that the sewer fund is in still. Comment from audience: I see everybody shows up for this meeting; one person sitting up there she made almost all the other meetings. So the other Council members were gone 40% of the time but they got paid 100% of the time. Before I retired if I didn't go to work I didn't get paid. I agree for them all to show up first but for the people that don't show up why should they get a raise and get 100% of the money. Mayor Hockenbury: It all goes back to this it's the taxpayer's money. It really wears on me whenever I make a decision on what to pay. Debbie Hawkins: Mayor Hockenbury I would like to see our sewer rates lowered. Mayor Hockenbury: I would too. Gloria Taft: The sewer is carrying \$24.5 million in debt still; we need that gone before we start looking at lowering sewer rates. Debbie Hawkins: Okay let's not lower anything let's put the money toward that and try to get that paid. Gloria Taft: Sounds like a good idea to me. Comment from audience I can't hear. Gloria Taft: MSD just gave you a 3.5% increase that had absolutely nothing to do with Shepherdsville. They didn't ask us they didn't consider us they just did it. That's on your water not on your sewer. We have paid off \$10 million in sewer debt in the last six years so we are working diligently to make that gone. To right that wrong that was done to the citizens. But if we go backwards and lower the sewer rates and then don't plan for future growth we're going to be right back in the same position that we were in before where we don't have any money saved up for the improvements that need to be done to the Sewer Plant as the City grows. So, one, we've got to get out of bad back debt; and two, we need to save for future projects which we are currently doing. Comment from audience: Even in your own home when you have a debt you shove money toward that debt. So put that money towards the debt. Gloria Taft: That's what we're doing and we're also saving money for future expansion which we know we're going to have to have in the next 5-10 years. Bob Ryan: Can I say something about debt paid down? We're at the point where all the debt that be prepaid has been prepaid and bond holders will not allow accelerated pay offs. The interest rates were set in 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011 when those expenses occurred with a pretty big interest rate and they are making some good money off it. We looked in to this over the last couple years and all debt that could be prepaid without penalty was paid. Right now the debt that is on the books is debt that has no amount for prepayment but again back in November I was contacted by a lady with a firm that had been reviewing the debt and said there was one that could be refinanced and then paid off. Mayor Hockenbury: I want to say one more thing and then we'll move on. I wouldn't have asked that about the Council if I wasn't being responsible for money. We had 14 credit cards we're down to 6; they had 20 at one time we're down to 6. I'd like to go down to zero or one. I issued an Executive Order where any spending over a certain amount has to get written approval by the Mayor first. What is ironic about that is when I mentioned to the employees in a meeting they all accepted that and said that's a good idea. They gave up their credit cards with no issue. I just think maybe there was no leadership. Somebody that wasn't responsible that wasn't in here every day, wasn't walking in the offices seeing what's on their computer or seeing if they get here on time and that's what I'm doing now. I don't claim to be anybody special I'm just the Mayor for two years but you can rest assured I'll try my best to make sure your money is spent the right way without any lavish lifestyle spending. The cuts I've already made and that we plan on doing but there are services you have to provide now. We are now in the quality of life business. That's what we are here, us 7 and these two here are in the quality of life business. We address quality of life issues. So if you go down the road and hit the potholes you don't want them. When you're asleep no one is breaking in your car; we're trying to accomplish that, it's quality of life issues. That's what we have to provide and it does take money for that and I'm not asking for any more but I'm going to make sure it's allocated all the right ways. We have an open door here. You can come in any time you want too and ask to see anything you want and if it's wrong

we'll correct it. Denise Arnold: How much does the Council make now? Gloria Taft: \$500 a month before taxes. Denise Arnold: What's the new rate you're talking about? Mayor Hockenbury: \$675 a month. It was that in 2011 and it wouldn't be until 2019. A lot of times if you want to see if somebody in the government is over paid or under paid you can check with the Department For Local Government and also the Kentucky League of Cities. We surely do not want to pay anybody outside of that range. They get that pay range info from all the other cities. We are working on a pay scale classification now. Question from audience: With the health insurance issue will the health insurance be coming out of that amount of money? Mayor Hockenbury: They have to pay that just like anybody else; it comes out of their paycheck.

Bonnie Enlow: Questioned a check that was written to Mr. Priest for \$1400. Check should have never been written. Wants investigated more. Questioned a bill from Sprint on a pinged phone--a pinged phone is for GPS locating. Questioned payouts on police clerks receiving on call pay; police clerks being made members of the FOP; police clerks receiving college tuition; police clerks receiving longevity raises; police clerks receiving a clothing allowance but they wear street clothes; police clerks provided cell phones. She stated she needed some stuff from Bob so she can investigate more. Some invoices have been double paid. **Lisa Carter** asked if the police clerks paid union dues. Union Dues for the month of December show \$752.50 and another FOP with no description for \$697.50. Would like to know where it went for the FOP.

Stacey Cline: Asked how you can be in the FOP if you are not a Police Officer. Chief McCubbin stated they have associateship for non-police personnel. If I'm hearing correctly the City is paying FOP dues but you are deducting it from their pay so it's a wash. Stacey: Print outs don't prove that. Asked how much uniform allowance each employee got. Bob: The only people that get uniform allowance are police officers. They get \$250.00 a quarter. Gloria: Rick is that based off of State regulations that officers receive uniform allowance. Chief McCubbin: Most of it; I believe that's in the FOP contract; collective bargaining, it's been agreed upon. Standards are different depending on the Local and what your uniforms are. Mayor Hockenbury: That's a common denominator because when I was on Louisville Police I had \$2400 for uniforms and clothing. What I'm doing here too is I'm looking at the same day to day issues. Some of the questions they ask they have had plenty of time to ask during the week but the reason they are asking here is because we can't all meet; we can only meet like this in front of you. Bob: I need to correct myself, police officers do get \$250 a quarter and in the fall and spring Sewer and Public Works have a small allowance (\$600); the Fire Department is as needed. Stacey: questioned a purchase for Swag Sport Shoes for \$74.20. Bob: I believe that was for an individual that has special needs for his feet. Questioned what the Timothy Plan was. Bob: That is a retirement plan that I pay. I have money withheld from my paycheck and that money is then paid to my retirement plan. Questioned a purchase from Boone's Butcher Shop for \$658.80 for Trunk or Treat; Chief Troutman stated that was for the meat for the chili. Questioned a donation to Trunk or Treat that says restricted donation but has no amount; Bob will check on after the meeting. Questioned a bunch of voided checks that have no explanation; and there are checks out of sequence. Bob: I have two drawers on my printer; one is a bottom paper drawer the other one is a bypass drawer where checks are loaded. I'm printing my document out and all the sudden I see checks popping out because the bottom drawer had ran out of paper and I didn't know it. Questioned a purchase from Piazza Produce for *Shepherdsville Santa*? Bob: Each year the Police Department collects money by having an auto show and various other fund raisers and it goes into a restricted bank account "*Shepherdsville Santa*". Stacey: It says \$70 for produce. Myra Minton: It was for fruit we put in the food baskets. Stacey: I have a report on expenses from July to December. We use Quick Books and the City spent \$215,779.91 on Quick Books. Bob: That's payroll. Stacey: I know but there's got to be some better way. That's a lot of money. Bob: That's the net payroll. Questioned Louisville Geek expense and wanted to know if we were going to use an IT person here. We spent a lot of money on Louisville Geek too. City Clerk Richmond: We researched that several years ago and it was cheaper to go this route that to hire somebody. We have a 50 hour per month maximum with them and the hours are split between all departments. Stacey would like to see if we could get something cheaper. Questioned charges for Big Boy for \$70.12; Cracker Barrel for \$144.14; Cattleman's for \$108.59 and \$103.13; is a certain amount allotted for that?

Lisa Carter: Curious to what police officers union dues are per month. Bob: \$27.50 per pay for officers and less than that for two clerks. It's a set rate per pay check. Stated she was curious about the \$697.50

because it had no explanation. We ran across so many items with no description; we as a Council are going to ask questions; if we weren't asking questions we wouldn't be doing our jobs up here. I'm not sure the citizens of Shepherdsville know how much we spent on *Light Up Shepherdsville* and *Shepherdsville Santa* but going through these December Statements I'd like to give everyone an idea. For *Light Up Shepherdsville* the Fire Department-\$180.78; Police Department-\$137.38; Administrative-\$6022.14; *Shepherdsville Santa* the Fire Department-None; Police Department-\$10,569.43; Public Works between *Light Up Shepherdsville* and *Shepherdsville Santa* was \$1948.65. Grant total \$18,858.38. City Clerk Richmond: \$10,000 of that was donated to us. That wasn't City money. \$10,000 was budgeted in the Admin budget. Lisa: Where did the \$3000 train show up in the *Light Up Shepherdsville* because that didn't show up on here? I don't know if the citizens were aware that the City bought a \$3000 train; if you didn't come in to the facility to see ... was it golf cart powered? Mayor Hockenbury: It was actually a train for the children. Gloria: The Police Department raises money all year long for *Shepherdsville Santa* so all of that money was donations. Myra Minton: The *Shepherdsville Santa* program last year we raised through a letter writing campaign, donations to the City and the Car Show; we had about \$13,000 in the bank when Christmas time came around. Those funds were all from donations from the Community, Community leaders and events that we had. That's a separate account and Chief Puckett can clarify more on this. Those funds are exclusively used to provide all the food items in the food boxes, along with coats and toys, hats, gloves, etc. Questioned charges on *Light Up Shepherdsville* that were through the Police Department for Big Boy Restaurant for \$70.12; two Cattleman's purchases through Public Works-\$180.59 and \$103.13. City Clerk Richmond: The \$180.59 I took the Public Works Department out for lunch because they worked so hard back there for over a month to show my appreciation. I had approval from the Mayor to do it and I took them to lunch. Tom LaFollette: The \$103.13 was the voluntary help at the *Light Up* display opening night. Questioned a charge on Police for flowers; do we not try to use or local flower small businesses here in Shepherdsville for flowers that need to go out. Gloria: Chief Puckett said that was for an officer's father's funeral; I don't know if the funeral was local. City Clerk Richmond: We use Frans or Gary's or Creations whichever one she can find what she's looking for. Lisa: There was also a Cracker Barrel charge on the credit card for the Fire Department for \$144.14. Chief Troutman: It was on Thanksgiving. The City buys the crew on duty a Thanksgiving meal because they are working through the holiday. Lisa: A concerned resident of Shepherdsville approached me Friday evening, Ruthie Ashbaugh, she takes her grandchildren and great grandchildren down to First Baptist Church Preschool Tuesday through Thursday and she said the speeding is a little out of control down there. Tom we discussed the High School crossing and you did email me that the lighting is a possibility for \$1495 for one that flashes all the time or \$2495 for a free standing pole when the children walk up they push the button and then the lights will flash. Do you have any idea which one we're going to try to get on that? Tom: That would be up to the Council and how much money they are willing to spend and how many they want to put in. If you put them in you almost have to have four. Lisa: I know there is one at Roby Elementary and the one at High School Drive; I was thinking more so in the middle that we could start there because I think it would be more centrally located. Tom: You're not referring to putting one on the crosswalk you're referring to putting it before to let you know you're getting close to the crosswalk. Lisa: Where the entrance to student parking is that area right there preferably. I don't think they need to blink 24/7. I think if they are not blinking and its dark and the kids hit the button then it's going to blink and it's going to indicate there is something going on there and people should know that is a crosswalk. I don't know what kind of money we can budget for that. Tom: There wouldn't be any money in the budget for that right now; you're looking at \$5000 for two. Lisa: I don't know if Mr. Davis would consider being involved. Gloria: The school needs to kick in some. Lisa: I agree. It's their students and Ms. Romar almost hit a student on a bicycle in the crosswalk. As busy as 44 is the amount of traffic that goes up and down that road it is a high school I think that it should be a must that we get these crosswalk signs to flash for these students. However we have to budget it and I will talk to Mr. Davis. Tom: That will be totally up to the Council where the money comes from and how you want to proceed. All we have to do is get a permit through the state and start that process. Steve Armstrong: Wouldn't that be cheaper than having a police officer there all the time? Lisa: Over an amount of years I would think so. Does anyone know when the last payment of \$200,000 is to be made to pay this particular building off? City Clerk Richmond: November. The other question I had is with the monthly bills of December was a street sweeper. Tom: It's \$900 a quarter for them to come through for what they call their full clean; and they come through at a different time to hit the high spots. In December we had a point where the Mayor and old Council

wanted to have striping put down on Joe B. and Adam Shepherd. We had to pay them additional to come out and clean those areas before we could have that striped. So that will be a different charge for the month of December versus some of the others. Lisa: Has it ever been brought up to maybe consider purchasing a piece of equipment that we can make a \$900 payment every quarter? I know it would be more than that a month but over time it would probably pay for itself. Tom: We tried that. I think return on investment was 9 or 10 years. Lisa: If it's okay with the Council and Mayor I'm going to look in to that and see what kind of piece of equipment that would cost the City. I had some concerns and calls on the drainage at Lee Street and 44 by the daycare that the road was covered by water Friday. Did you get any calls on that? Tom: We do all the time. Lisa: Is the tile stopped up? Do we know what the problem is down there? Tom: The water does not shed properly there. Lisa: There is a ditch right before that property that ditch has been green all summer. Is it stopped up? Tom: No. Again those areas do not drain well at all. Lisa: It lies in one particular area between the two drives, is there not a tile there? Tom: It's state, so you've got that issue; then you have private property is the other issue with the trailer park and the drainage under there that they won't keep clean. Lisa: Of course Bullitt Central and the gas station that always looks like a river. Is that tile clogged up as well? Tom: I don't know about that one that's the first I've heard of that one. Lisa: I asked the Mayor earlier as to who owns the Paroquet Springs building; would that be the State, Tourism of Kentucky? City Attorney Sholar: Bullitt County Tourist Commission owns it. I say Bullitt County it's the joint Shepherdsville-Bullitt County Tourist Commission. It was establish back in the 1980s when Judge Cliff Bailey was County Judge. It's a joint reappointed Board that sits on that. It was the Tourist Commission that provided the \$10,000; the Paroquet Springs Conference Centre is owned by them but it's the Tourist Commission that would provide that. Their function is to provide funds and come up with plans and assist in generating more tourism for Bullitt County and Shepherdsville. Denise Arnold: Does the City Council regulate that 2% restaurant tax for them? Lisa: I'm in the process of looking that up. I pulled some Ordinances tonight but I'm not sure I have the right ones to read up on that. City Attorney Sholar: State law is what established that; it could be 2% and when the Ordinance was first enacted by the City of Shepherdsville and Bullitt County Fiscal Court that 2% was sit in place at that time. Denise Arnold: Will we ever see that go away? City Attorney Sholar: I don't think so no. Not unless the City of Shepherdsville and Bullitt County do away with the Tourist Commission. Denise Arnold: Is it not self-sustaining? Lisa: That was going to be my point. Could they not share a little bit if it's for Tourism can we not get some beautification money from there? Bonnie Enlow: What can't the other cities help pay for it too since it's for Bullitt County.

Mike Hibbard Sr.: I think about every issue I had any opinion on has already been brought up. I hope everybody understands and appreciates the fact that when we see these expenses we don't know what they are; they bring up questions and the only way you get an answer is to ask the questions of the people who have the control of this and that's what we're doing. Many of the answers that you heard this evening very plausible; and they answered the question about what the charge was for. If we feel there is anything else that needs to be dug into deeper I can assure you this Council will do it. I just want everyone to know that I think most of us don't come at you initially with and opinion of malfeasance that you're doing something illegal. If it's a system that we feel needs a little more control, explanation, we'll work it that way so that when we look at it the next time month to month it will be self-evident. I hope you appreciate the fact that we have spent a lot of time looking at these numbers asking these questions amongst ourselves and tonight it was asked in public and I think that's the way it's going to continue.

Gloria Taft: I want to echo Mike; a lot of times in the past there was only one or two Council people asking questions; like the Mayor said the six Council people cannot sit down and have a conversation with one another because it's illegal. Things have to be brought out in the open and that's what we strive for. Some Council members work full time jobs and don't have the 8 to 5 ability to sit down with our Department Heads so they do their research at home and they are going to bring the questions out here. I enjoyed listening to the new Council. I appreciate their hard work because it is hard work to dig through the five inches of financials that we just got and that's what probably every one of us did this weekend. It's refreshing to me and I applaud my fellow Council members for their hard work and everything they did. The yearly audit for 15-16 is still being worked on and is in the hands of the Mayor and the CPA; we're waiting on a couple of questions. We do have a February 4th deadline for it to be completed. Mayor Hockenbury: The auditor assured me he would have it done by the deadline but he won't present it until the first meeting in February.

City Attorney Sholar: To answer your question Ms. Taft Joe Wantland sent a letter which has been my experience over the year's; cities that I've represented in the past and the County that they request a letter from the City Attorney or County Attorney as to what litigation is going on; what claims are there against the City. Joe Wantland sent that letter; they have requested an update to that letter and I'm now in the process of checking what has changed from Joe Wantland's letter and I need to get a copy of Joe's letter from back in June. I'm not in a position currently that I can sit here and tell you what Joe's opinion was in June. I'll get something out to them on where we stand on various claims against the City that may be different from what Mr. Wantland stated. Gloria: I just don't want to miss the deadline. We don't want any more bad news in our City. Myra I want to say thank you for getting the door on the abandoned house by the old water distribution plant; hopefully that property will sell now. Myra if you would see me before you leave tonight I have a list of code enforcement issues from a concerned citizen. The EDA, Mayor has requested a lunch meeting with the Council Members that are able to attend. I didn't know if he had brought that to you. Mayor Hockenbury: John Snider told me today if two or three of you could come to his office for a meeting on the projects on Friday at 11:30. John Snider: We can make it another day. What I'd like to do is explain the occupational tax, how it works; explain to you what companies are here in Shepherdsville, what their occupations are doing and how many people work there. What I see in the future that is coming; those type things. Bonnie: Is there any way you can do that in the evening so that more of us can attend. John Snider: I'd be glad to. You have any suggestion on an evening? Bonnie: Tuesday or Wednesday is good for me at 6:00. John Snider: I'll work with the Mayor and we'll get an evening. Gloria: We're going to have to do something because all of us can't attend all at one time. City Attorney Sholar: Let me clear that up. All of you can attend so long as you don't discuss; he can tell you whatever he wants to. You could go and hear whatever presentation Mr. Snider wants to present. You can't express opinions. You can't discuss anything. If all you're doing is going to hear a presentation from him you can do that. Gloria: I would like to approach Council to set an expense limit on this forensic audit that's going on. It's a concern of mine that we have a necessary audit that's happening but as time goes by there has never been a dollar amount affixed to how much the City wants to spend to have this done. I would like to make a motion to set a \$10,000 initial limit on the forensic audit and at said time when that dollar amount is expended we could always add additional funds if necessary. I don't have any totals on what's been spent so far. Bob: There have been no bills submitted. Mayor Hockenbury: Our current Auditor Jason said it made our bill for him go up because we asked for that. He had to work on the forensic audit as well as the City audit. Bonnie Enlow 2nd the motion. City Attorney Sholar: I recall the discussion about the Council voting to have a forensic audit done. I've not seen a contract or a letter of engagement from the auditor myself. So I don't know what the arrangement is and I don't know if you all do. I would be very interested in knowing what the hourly rate is; how much time there is; when there is going to be a progress report and all that sort of thing because just as you would if you were to go hire a lawyer I would want to know what the hourly rate; separate charges for anyone working on the audit and what is your estimate as to what it's going to take. Typically when somebody asks me what it's going to take I tell them I don't know because until I start getting in to it I can't tell what I'm going to find or anything like that and don't know what kind of time it is going to take. Whoever this auditing firm is may be in that same shape but you probably want to set up that you get a bill every month so that you can keep track of what it's costing you. Mayor Hockenbury: We have a meeting set up Friday at 1:30. We'll address that. Gloria: That's going to let the auditor know here's what you're working with so do the best that you can to find something or not find something but do your best up to this point then we can always add money to it and we don't have the firm thinking they have an open end to research and dig and go into the archives and spend City's money with no limitations. Bonnie: I think that we could go ahead and set a limit for now with the provision that we can re-look at it if necessary. That way we at least have something. Motion carried 5-0-1 absent.

City Attorney Walt Sholar: A couple things. The Classification Ordinance got distributed. If you all will look at that and over the course of whatever time period when you want to bring it up; look at the dollar amounts; salary ranges; and the job descriptions. Whatever tweak you make or think you want to do with any of that I urge you to move forward with diligence to bring that forward and get that on the books. Then you can let me or the Mayor know; Tammy has the ability to manipulate it. It doesn't have to be changed by my office. The Mayor can direct if you all want some changes made. Mike: Tammy I just have one thing I see the positions, beginning pay and maximum pay. Can I get a copy of what it currently is for each employee? City

Attorney Sholar: At the last meeting somebody brought up wanting to know about regulating trains and speed of trains. The City cannot regulate train traffic in any way shape or form. That's all under federal regulations. Also, taxi cabs, we've got an Ordinance that deals with taxi cabs. We've got to get rid of that because we cannot regulate taxi cabs. The County has some ability to regulate taxi cabs but City government does not. That is regulated by the State and the State provides them a permit to operate a taxi service.

Mayor Hockenbury asked for a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss potential litigation, a personnel matter and land acquisition. Bonnie Enlow made motion to adjourn to Executive Session. Gloria Taft 2nd. Gloria: Chief Troutman also wanted to address in Executive Session as well regarding land acquisition. Mayor Hockenbury: Rob, Steve and Scott need to come in on land acquisition as well. Motion carried 5-0-1 absent.

Gloria Taft made motion to return to Regular Session. Bonnie Enlow 2nd. Motion carried 5-0-1 absent. Mayor Hockenbury stated there was no action taken in Executive Session.

Gloria Taft made motion to Adjourn. Mike Hibbard Sr. 2nd. Motion carried 5-0-1 absent. Meeting adjourned at 11:08 p.m.

Curtis Hockenbury, Mayor

Tammy Richmond, City Clerk