

**CITY OF SHEPHERDSVILLE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, February 27, 2017**

Pastor Tom Elbert, Divine Savior Lutheran Church delivered the invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

Mayor Hockenbury called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Mayor Hockenbury announced that Bill Duffy has agreed to serve an additional term on the Civil Service Commission. He asked the Council for their approval of his reappointment. Gloria Taft made motion to approve. Stacey Cline 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 6-0. City Attorney Walt Sholar administered the oath of office to Mr. Duffy.

Mayor Hockenbury asked for a motion to dispense with reading of the minutes from the 2/13/2017 Regular Meeting. Donna Burke made motion. Bonnie Enlow 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 6-0.

Mayor Hockenbury asked for a motion to approve the minutes as written from the 2/13/2017 Regular Meeting. Gloria Taft made motion. Lisa Carter 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 6-0.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Daryl Lee:** Called, had nothing to report; will be back for the next meeting.

**Duane Price:** Had no report.

**Sign In Speakers:**

**Patricia Kesterson:** I live in The Pointe; we're in the dark. At nighttime you can't see to get in to the subdivision; KYTC has taken down our sign, taken down our lights; it's a mess. We were just wondering do they have a picture of the final design of The Pointe; are we going to have lights there, are we going to get our sign back? Are we going to have sound barriers? The train is pretty loud and traffic from the expressway since that's been expanded. It used to be a nice peaceful subdivision. Mayor Hockenbury: Hopefully it will be restored back to the nice peaceful clean area. District 5 is handling that for the State and I haven't been in contact with them. Elliott is doing all the work through there; the contractor for the utility movements. They would definitely have to put the streetlights and street signs back. Ms. Kesterson: What about The Pointe sign? KYTC posted a sign and asked them are we getting our sign back and they kept it short and sweet that the sign is going to be gone. I know we have sovereign immunity imminent domain but to take our sign and our beautiful landscaping away. Is there any way available that you could post that in the Pioneer News who taxpayers and residents can email or Facebooking asking them to give us a picture of the bigger view on how our area is going to look once it's complete? At the rate of speed they are working it might be here 2020 before it's finally designed. Mayor Hockenbury: I can't answer the questions because that's their project. Does anybody here have any answers? Duane Price: I know on the docket we do, I live there too; it's just getting started down there. You don't want to come in and take it out and put signs and lights up because you'll have to tear them back out again. But any job I've ever done with the State when the job is finished everything is put back completely like it was before they took it out. So there will be lighting there; I'm not sure where the sign will sit. But when it's all said and done when the job finishes out they will have a

punch list to go by and everything that is taken down will be put back the way it was. It's just going to be a couple years.

**Peggy Wright:** My topic is about Westside Drive. I'm representing my neighbors and we are requesting that the City take over the maintenance and care of our road. We've been a neighborhood for over 40 years, 8 families have been maintaining the road with a yearly fee since 1986. All the residents have been and continue to be hard workers and pay City taxes. Westside Drive is serviced by County and government agencies; the garbage collection and postal service comes back our Drive. A Stop Sign was installed at the end of our Drive within the last couple years heading out to Highway 44 which would indicate that the City has recognized it as a Drive. The residents don't want the road widened; right now it's just a single car road but it's in bad repair and it would be very difficult for 8 families to maintain it and keep it up to a safe and drivable form. So we are requesting you take a look at it. Mayor Hockenbury: I don't think we can do that. Scott Fleming: We actually had a request a few months ago and I went out there and checked out the road and it is in quite bad shape. The current state that road is in it is not going to be recommended that the City take over until it is repaired. Ms. Wright: If it was repaired would the City consider taking it over? Mayor Hockenbury: What do you think Walt? Gloria Taft: Mr. Fleming has a checklist that the City uses to tell developers what needs to happen and what condition a road needs to be in so that the City could take over the road after all those conditions are met. Mayor Hockenbury: That will be a start.

**Tammy Ott:** My concerns and what I wanted to ask is; about 2 weeks ago in the Pioneer News Mt. Washington had almost a two page goal list of what they are going to do in Mt. Washington. Today they have a page and a half on guidelines on building on Main Street in Mt. Washington. My concerns are being a business owner for 13 years in Shepherdsville and paying lots of taxes we're going downhill quickly and I want to know if we have goals set somewhere that I'm unaware of that we could work toward? Our downtown could be so much nicer than it is; our parks, and I know everybody goes right to the park is in a floodplain, well you know it doesn't flood year round and we're not ever asked to build something there but that park sits there; we don't cut it like we should and when we cut it it's terrible. We do not maintain the City like it needs maintained. So my question is are there goals and do we have them and would this Council consider selecting a committee to put together ideas to bring to you on goals we would like to see in our City. I know that you're new and just getting on board but it's gone on so long now that it's really important to start addressing these issues from a business owner's standpoint. Mayor Hockenbury: We've got several new people here and all six of these do have goals. Ms. Ott: I know we all have goals but unless we get it on one sheet of paper then it doesn't ever happen and that's what worries me. Lisa Carter: I'll just let you know, Friday I have a meeting with Bullitt County Tourism; I met with the Paroquet Springs ladies on Friday to discuss some issues about the restaurant tax. I've been in Shepherdsville 20+ years; I had no idea where the restaurant tax actually physically went. I recently found out that it goes to Paroquet Springs for them to make their mortgage payments, do maintenance, do add-ons; I've gotten all the paperwork from 2013 to present time as to tax dollars that have been paid from the restaurant taxes and it's very amazing. I want to meet with Walt to see if we couldn't revise that Ordinance for the restaurant tax. I've been told once a tax always a tax you'll never get it changed. That's fine, we can keep the tax but with the monies that they are bringing in over there; in 2013 the tax revenue for the restaurant tax was \$703,367.76; in 2014 the income was \$759,097.61; in 2015, \$805,990.21; in 2016, \$876,982.70. To date in 2017, they have already taken in \$100,508.81. I would like to relook at that Ordinance to where they would give Shepherdsville some money back other than the \$10,000 they gave us for Christmas. They do give us \$1000 a month, every three months we get \$3000 for bookkeeping for all the businesses that send their payments in for the City to keep them here in house. So they do give us \$3000 every 3 months for bookkeeping. They did donate \$10,000 in November. With that being said I heard the building is paid off. They said no it is not. They have 4 years left on that building, the total being \$418,000. They have 7 full time employees, 22 part time employees as needed. I wanted to propose and I'm really not sure how to go about it. They are willing to give us some money. But I don't think personally that \$10,000 is sufficient for the money that I'm seeing here on paper. So I would like to ask for \$50,000 a year for the next four years; and after that I would like the City to ask for \$100,000 a year and specify it to beautification and our parks. I'm all about beautifying Shepherdsville and getting our parks up to snuff because they look horrible. We've got a gate that's off down there that's been off for months. Does anybody know what that gate is off that we cannot lock our park at night? Tom

LaFollette: I can tell you why. One of our residents decided to run through it. Lisa: Are they going to pay to have it fixed? Tom LaFollette: We couldn't make out who it was to be able to prosecute anybody. Ms. Ott: I know we say that the park is bad and we can't do the lights down there, again I'm a business owner I know there are a lot of businesses that would pay \$50 to go down there and sit up lights and displays. We know all about people going through the park and tearing it up but we have cameras in the park. We don't just sit back and say you're bad people you're tearing up our stuff and do nothing and not do anything. We have to say it's our town, our park, we're taking it back. I appreciate you looking in to this. Because it is important to have it beautified. Lisa Carter: I did call E-Town; I want to know how their park down there works for Light Up Freeman Lake because as you drive through; I don't know if the businesses purchase their own displays... Ms. Ott: They do. They purchase their own spots and the money that goes through the City gets from that but the businesses purchase. That's a big thing for the businesses to do. They have the same thing in Scottsville at Thanksgiving; they light up their town square. There are a lot of things that can be done that the City can get the money for and the businesses will help with. We just want a nice viable community. Our downtown could be so pretty and Frank E. Simon; in the winter for instance you rent those throw down ice skating rinks; they do it in Louisville all the time; they are not that huge of an expense when someone pays to go ice skate there. There's not going to be a flood in the winter. There is a lot of things that we could do there that we just haven't been able to do but I think that you would find that any business owner that I've spoken to in Shepherdsville is more than willing to give any amount of help that they can because we want just what you want and what everyone else wants that is best for the City. But I really appreciate that you've gone through that and found out some idea and ways to do that. Stacey Cline: I think we all want that. We don't want to continue going downtown, use to it was beautiful, you drive through Shepherdsville there was potted plants, and people worked on it and cleaned it up. Ms. Ott: My concern is just if we don't have a plan written it's not going to happen. We're all just going to go around saying like we always do and unfortunately I think Mt. Washington and Hillview has just walked away and done their thing and I don't blame them because we're not unified enough to do it together. It's wonderful what they have done. Stacey Cline: Mt. Washington has a planner, Lori Puchino. Ms. Ott: And we could have had a planner and we need one. Stacey Cline: That's something we need to do. I'm in favor of that. Ms. Ott: Even if we somehow pay half; at one point there was a proposal to pay half of her salary and share her. Stacey Cline: I've talked to the Mayor and he said it was the greatest thing they have done. Lisa Carter: I did speak with the high school teachers in the horticulture and agriculture department and they said they would be willing to grown some flowers and do baskets for planters. We're all early on; it's only the second month. Ms. Ott: I know that's why I waited to come. Lisa Carter: I've gone up to the UK Extension office and spoke with the lady up there about what type of plants and shrubbery we can plant around the interstate areas that would live. Ms. Ott: I'm very active, I'm more than willing to help in any way that I can or do anything that I can do volunteer wise because I really would love to see us get better the more we try to get better it's going to push that away. Mayor Hockenbury: Thanks for caring.

**Police Chief Rick McCubbin:** Still in the middle of making changes; I'll have your report at the first meeting next month.

**Bonnie Enlow:** A citizen brought up to me about doing a dog park somewhere over in the park. It would just require two fenced in areas, small dogs – large dogs. She is going to get some information for me to go look at other dog parks, talk about how it is ran, how it's funded. I want the Council to think about it. That would be a nice addition to our park because there are a lot of people who want to walk them but we don't want them running around where our kids are at. Also, Chief McCubbin I want to tell you how much I appreciate those things you put on Facebook about people that are arrested. I think that's a totally awesome thing to do. It makes everybody more aware of what's going on, who is doing it and I've had a lot of people comment on how nice it is that you are doing that. I have a couple questions about the financing; on the tow lot it shows a charge for Time Warner Cable, why does the Tow Lot have a charge from Time Warner Cable. Chief McCubbin: I think that's the camera system, internet. Bonnie Enlow: GameStop got a refund of quarter ended on incentive pay. Is that because they are a new business? Bob Ryan: Yes. They get a certain percentage off on the 1% and off the 5%. Bonnie Enlow: Thanks to everybody that called me while my husband was very ill. We almost lost him. He's still got a long way to go for recovery but he is making it.

**Stacey Cline:** Do you remember at the last meeting I brought up about the junk cars? Did you talk to Myra about that? Mayor Hockenbury: Yes, but Dan Patchin is working on that now. Stacey Cline: I had another call with addresses. Mayor Hockenbury: No. Stacey Cline: Is anybody going to the KIPDA meetings? Mayor Hockenbury: Scott Fleming and Tom LaFollette. Stacey Cline: How many times a year are they? Scott Fleming: On the water side you've got a Bullitt County Water Council, they meet every quarter on the water side as well as the road side and Tom and I just attended their first road meeting. Stacey Cline: Are they four times a year? Scott Fleming: Yes. Stacey Cline: I called up there and they don't have anybody from the City of Shepherdsville going. Scott Fleming: We attended our first meeting on the road side. On the water side we've been going for the last five years. Stacey Cline: Do we have someone that cleans City Hall? City Clerk Richmond: The Fire Department. Stacey Cline: I thought that somebody cleaned the Police Department. City Clerk Richmond: They do. Stacey Cline: Who is bringing the zoning map up to date for the City of Shepherdsville? City Clerk Richmond: Brad Armstrong was working on it. Brad Armstrong: I have a meeting tomorrow and Walt's office about picking that back up. I just wanted to wait until everybody got their feet under them. Stacey Cline: Mr. Ryan, Sabert Corporation received a refund of occupational tax; it says the company is not in our City limits. Bob Ryan: People that handle payroll do not do the best job in withholding taxes and remitting to the cities. Sometimes we get paid City taxes from people that do not live in the City or work in the City so when they establish that fact we get a request to refund their money.

**Donna Burke:** We had a Traffic Study meeting last Monday and we determined some things that made us have to go back to the drawing board. We're meeting again Monday night and Qk4 is going to come back with their suggestions on what we need to do going forward.

**Lisa Carter:** On one of the checking accounts it's listed as POE Account, what type account is that? Bob Ryan: That is a savings account at First Harrison Bank for Blue Lick sewers. The money there can be used only for that project. Lisa Carter: The Tow Lot doesn't have a code, it just has Tow Lot. Does it not have one? It has \$22,501.00; I know that belongs to the Police Department. I was just curious why it didn't have a number. Bob Ryan: It operates under the umbrella of the City. It's not a for profit division. They used money front the tow lot to buy cars about a year ago instead of tapping the general funds. So in order to keep an accurate accounting of where the monies are coming in and how they are being spent the tow lot was taken out of the General Fund and set up as its own separate account. Lisa Carter: When there are vacant cars that become abandoned, flat tires, no tags, who in the City do we use to go pick them up? Chief McCubbin: It would depend on whether it's private property. Lisa Carter: It's public, behind the El Tarasco a few doors down there is a vehicle sitting there with two flat tires that has been abandoned, no license plate. Chief McCubbin: What is El Tarasco? Lisa Carter: Where Big Lots is. Chief McCubbin: That would be private. Stacey Cline: It's behind it. Chief McCubbin: If it's on their property we can't tow on private property; we can only tow off public roads. Bonnie Enlow: You would have to call and have it removed. Stacey Cline: So what do we do about the ones that are parked in drive ways? Gloria Taft: That would have to fall under Code enforcement. Lisa Carter: I'm referring to behind Rite Aid I've been doing some drive-by. Chief McCubbin: Anything in a parking lot is private and we have no authority to have it towed. Lisa Carter: Even for trash that's just piled up everywhere. Our City Ordinance can't deal with that? Mayor Hockenbury: The Code Enforcement, nuisance Ordinance would apply for that. Lisa Carter: If anybody has a free moment to ride behind the Big Lots what a nightmare back there. It is an embarrassment. They ought to be fined. When Curtis's mother in law passed away he was at a three day class in Lexington and he actually gave \$90 back that he had gotten in per diem for meals and I wanted the citizens to know that Curtis was kind enough to return that money to the City taxpayers. I just wanted to bring that out because I thought it was very kind of him. I had a question the fees that we have to pay CSX on an annual cost for their crossing replacement; what does that entail? City Clerk Richmond: That is for Adam Shepherd's crossing that we maintain. Lisa Carter: I'm going to bring Beech Grove Road up because I'm still there for those people. I hear that is going to be bid toward the end of next month. Mayor Hockenbury: There is a letting date for March 24<sup>th</sup> for the Beech Grove Road Bypass according to Chuck Berger. Lisa Carter: Do they have a picture of the completion? Scott Fleming: We've got a set of plans; I will send a copy to all you guys. Lisa Carter: Do they have a poster board of that? Scott Fleming: Honestly I have not seen it; all I've got is a full set of construction plans. I will inquire about that. Lisa Carter: That's a project for people coming in to City Hall if they see aboard out they might inquire what it is and that could be Beech Grove Road Bypass. Tom, on the

crosswalk sign, did you ever find out any more? Tom LaFollette: She did not get back with me today. I left her a message. I don't think that included the pole in the original quote. I know it did not include the lower sign. Lisa Carter: As soon as you get that will you let me know. I did speak to the Superintendent of the Board of Education, Mr. Davis, on Friday and if we have it in the budget to purchase one sign he is going to purchase the other sign. He just needs to know a dollar figure and he wanted to know exactly what the sign was going to look like. He said he knows that is a big issue up there at that crosswalk and he is for getting that done. Do we have funds to budget that in if he were to get those monies to us before the school year ends Bob? Bob Ryan: What dollar amount are we talking about? Lisa Carter: \$2000-\$2500. Bob Ryan: We're running close this year. There is a shortfall this year on revenue. Mayor Hockenbury: Maybe we just make the timeline July 1<sup>st</sup> and make sure it's in the next year's budget. Tom LaFollette: Lisa just to let you know that picture that I sent you came from the State; the way that the State works they basically send us a picture of what we can put up there so if we want to put something different we have to send that to them and get their approval which we don't care to do but just so everyone knows we can't simply pick something. Lisa Carter: Mr. Davis and I had talked and he said he thought the push button where the children cross would have to hit it to activate the light would be better instead of blinking 24/7 because people would just get that in their mind and pay no attention to it. Bob on the Sewer Fund, the grey and white printout and the sewer fund report that has everything on those; should all the items that are on the grey and white printout be on the report with all the checks and everything. Should these coincide with one another? Bob Ryan: Yes. If you can make your notes and let me have these I'll get back to you and tell you where they are.

**Mike Hibbard Sr.:** I spent some time at City Hall this afternoon and I got to speak with Chief Troutman, the Mayor and Bob on several different things that I had questions about and they were all able to come up with reasonable explanations for everything. That is how I work, I go through here I seen many of the things that other have and they've seen things I haven't or have interest to them and I've taken what interest I had and gone straight to the horse's mouth so to speak and for the most part able to come up with the answers as to why things look as they did. I just happened to come across when we were striping the intersections at 44 and Adam Shepherd and around Joe B Hall; after that was done I got notification that it was around \$14,000 to do it. I just so happened to see today two invoices paid in the same month for about \$14,000 apiece and wondered if there was any duplication or something there by mistake so I came in and got a copy of what was with the check and the two vendors and they were for different items. They just happened to be very close in totals. So rather than let it go on just come and ask. I would like to make a note that it's about four months now until were up on our budget and I'm new to it so I may need a little more time than some people who have done this before. I would hope and suggest that we can get started on this as soon as we possibly can. I was at a function where I ran into Mr. Rosselli and he was expressing his concern that we still haven't done anything with the pay and classification to get that nailed down because some of the things that they are dealing with are waiting on this to come. I think we need to do that and also we've mentioned the Code Enforcement; I'm a little unsure right now if we have to have a Board. I think we have an Ordinance, correct? Mayor Hockenbury: Yes we have an Ordinance. We don't have to have a Board. Mike Hibbard: If we don't have to have a Board maybe we need to update that. I think right now those three items if we can put those in our sights we'll go a long way to getting us to a point where we can move on. Mayor Hockenbury: Where do we stand on the pay scale and classification; have you all reviewed it? Stacey Cline: I reviewed mine and gave it to Lisa. Lisa Carter: I'm going to work on that, I just got it Friday or Saturday.

**Gloria Taft:** The Garbage Franchise Ordinance, we need to put that on our sights as well. That needs to be updated and we need to get that to Tammy so that she can get it out to bid. It is time for renewal; if we could put that on our list of things to do at the next meeting or do we need to have a Special Meeting to accomplish this? City Attorney Walt Sholar: I agree with Tammy, I believe the one that you have currently is bad ju ju. Mayor Hockenbury: We'll look at that and entertain having a special meeting. Gloria Taft: We've had it awhile, it's fallen through the cracks and we need to get it buttoned up. City Clerk Richmond: I just need you all to make changes you want to the Ordinance and we can go from there. Gloria Taft: Is there any news about the Forensic Audit that is ongoing? Mayor Hockenbury: No. No yet. The last email Bernie Brown, the Chair advised them to email him periodically when there is something to report and that was 2-

1/2 weeks ago and he hasn't had anything back yet. Gloria Taft: So you don't really know what the audit company is doing? Mayor Hockenbury: They are working on it but there are no updates since the last Audit Committee meeting. Gloria Taft: With the latest financials Mr. Ryan mentioned that we had a deficit in our projected income but the Departments are doing an awesome job at keeping their expenses down. So even though our revenue is down our expenses are down and we are currently 13% under budget with the expenses so I want to say thank you to all the Department Heads for keeping their expenses down which gives us a little bit of a cushion because our projected income is down as well. With all the new expenses that the City has been faced with I just want to say thank you to each Department Head for doing such a wonderful job. Alpha Way is 56% complete. They are currently working on it. The original bid of \$3.39 million with eight change orders the cost now is at \$3.69 million and with the State giving new information about the interchange we may have some sort of savings at the south end of Alpha Way once we get more information from Qk4 we will have some better numbers on that. We are within 7% of our original \$3.39 million to build the road and currently we have no debt on that; it's been cash flowed by the City.

Stacey Cline made motion to Adjourn. Lisa Carter 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

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Curtis Hockenbury, Mayor

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Tammy Richmond, City Clerk