

**CITY OF SHEPHERDSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, October 27, 2014**

Councilwoman Gloria Taft gave the invocation
Pledge of Allegiance was recited
Mayor Ellis called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Council members present: Bernie Brown, Jose' Cubero, Dana Bischoff James, Faith Portman, Clinton Kline and Gloria Taft.

Mayor Ellis asked for a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the 10/13/2014 regular meeting. Clinton Kline made motion to dispense with reading. Jose' Cubero 2nd. Motion carried 6-0.

Mayor Ellis asked for a motion to approve minutes as written from the 10/13/2014 regular meeting. Gloria Taft made motion to approve 10/13/2014 minutes as written. Faith Portman 2nd. Motion carried 6-0.

Mayor Ellis asked for a motion to set the hours for Trick or Treat on October 31st from 5:00-9:00 p.m. Faith Portman made motion to approve. Clinton Kline 2nd. Motion carried 6-0. Mayor Ellis also reminded everyone that the Fire Department Trunk or Treat will be on Halloween night from 5:00-8:00 and has been moved inside due to the forecast of nasty weather.

Old Business:

City Attorney Wantland had second reading and public comment on Ordinance 014-(number to be assigned) confirming annexation of unincorporated territory of 178.343 acres referred to as the I-65 Corridor from KSR 480 to KSR Road 245 by written consent of all property owners of record of this property into the City. Jose' Cubero made motion to accept. Clinton Kline 2nd. Motion carried 6-0.

New Business: None

Daryl Lee: No report.

Duane Price: No report.

Sign in Speakers:

Gary Board: Good afternoon everyone. Today, I don't know if a lot of people knew about it but Mrs. Becker, a representative with Rand Paul was in Bullitt County from 11:00-1:00 at the Courthouse. I know I didn't find out until today when I went out and bought a *Pioneer News* this morning because mine doesn't get delivered until the afternoon. But I was asking her if there was any help for the low income or people if the FEMA plan does go into effect as the maps are drawn right now and she gave me some forms; she said she would be interested in anybody that will be affected by it to fill out one of these forms and send it to Rand Paul's office in Bowling Green. She gave me a copy and I made some copies so if anybody would like one I've got some here. I told her I wasn't affected by it because she was going to start one up for me but she's going to start sending me information about it as it goes and she is going to ask Senator Paul to be in favor of any kind of legislation to help people that are needing help if it does go as the maps indicate right now. Also she said starting in January; it should be coming out in the paper, she's going to be out between 11:00-1:00 at the Courthouse every last Monday of the month every other month so that might be interesting for people.

Marshall Barr: Thank you Mayor and Council. I am the Chairman of the Zoneton Trial Club along with Mr. Tony Thompson and with the help of the City of Shepherdsville we were able to put on the Shepherdsville City Fair and the Bullitt Blast on July 4th. It was our first year putting this on. We currently put on the Hillview City Fair every year and this was kind of a bigger event for us and it turned out real well. With the help of Chief Puckett with the Police and the Fire Department we all came together and it was a terrific event. It

was estimated that about 22,000 people visited the City of Shepherdsville that weekend. So I hope that was a positive impact on the economy and things like that. But as a Trial Club we do these events to help different organizations out and one of the organizations we're going to present today is the *Shepherdsville Santa*. So if I can get Mayor Ellis and Chief Puckett down here I'd like to present a check to the *Shepherdsville Santa* from the Zoneton Trial Club for \$1000.00. City Attorney Wantland: Mr. Barr, speaking on behalf of the Council, the hard work that was done on that event was super; the Community enjoyed it tremendously. I think your adjectives were a little light because it was as stupendous event and you all did a great great job.

Caleb Eaton, 233 Beechnut Court: I just got informed that most of you guys a new to the City Council for newer; just recently elected. But there is some stuff that I've been trying to research and trying to understand the current situation of the FEMA and why we are in this predicament and why is it last minute why we're hearing the stuff and so looking at FEMA's website it looks like, which I know you weren't elected at the time, but it looks like around July 1, 2010 the Chairman of FEMA, his name is Luis Rodriquez, sent out notification that in 2010 they were going to start issuing these new maps and there would be abatement every six months. I know that you guys couldn't let the public know about it without us doing our own research but I was just curious since that time what precautions have been done to try to even prevent it from even getting to where the situation is now? Mayor Ellis: We've met several times and have come up with different proposals. We have two engineers here that we've met with, Rob Campbell with Qk4 and Arthur Jones that works for Brad Armstrong as well as Scott Fleming who is the Public Utility Director for the City. We've met and have talked about the CRS now, any other mitigations that we have; the two that we would like to do, one of course after Councilman Brown did some research we're going to have to revamp on how we want to handle that and of course we'll be discussing that tonight. As well as at the minimum three appeals that we're looking. Caleb Eaton: On the appeals can you go in to detail on what the appeals are? From what I understand from the rumor mill that most of the appeals have been going in place are not really so much for the houses it's just more for business than it is for actual houses. Mayor Ellis: No. The appeals that we are putting out that we're sending affect the whole City of Shepherdsville regarding of whether its residential or industrial or business. This is not just a commercial flood issue; this is a residential too and we're not going to leave any residents behind when we're fighting this. Caleb Eaton: Okay. Just some other things I looked at whenever I was looking at the whatever they said was the preliminary means and some of the things that I just noticed are circled to bring up whether the City Council can do anything about it or not I just don't know if the public has been formally announced because; at least my mailbox has not been receiving any information on what we can do about FEMA other than the Executive Judge sending one that just basically says accept what you got and start paying more. And to me that doesn't really seem like a person that is trying to help us. She is simply not interested in trying to prevent the situation but just says accept your house being lower; accept your property not being able to be built on; basically and give the government and whatever insurance company you have more money with an 18% increase every single year for the next five years on your bill. Mayor Ellis: As you and I discussed Friday when you were here one of the things, a surveyor shoots the perimeter of your home; determines that it may need to be elevated around the base of it; that doesn't mean elevating your home, that means elevating the ground around it maybe two or three inches where the topsoil around it brings your home out of the flood plain. Caleb Eaton: Diving deeper in to that, I know that protects your house but that wouldn't take your property out of the flood zone? Mayor Ellis: No. You would have to completely re-landscape your whole property. Caleb Eaton: So if I wanted to get a permit to build another building or make my kitchen bigger then I would still be in a situation where I would have to ... Mayor Ellis: You would have to build it up. You would have to actually raise that structure. Caleb Eaton: But I mean like for insurance wise, if I got my house raised three inches that takes it out of the "flood zone" or whatever they say it is. Does that completely take me out of needing to buy any form of flood insurance as in I don't know if there is a difference between property flood insurance or home flood insurance. Mayor Ellis: There is only flood insurance for your home as far as I know. Arthur might be able to answer a little bit more because we keep getting mixed signals from insurance companies. One insurance company says that its only for the structure; another insurance company says if your property is touching the floodway which my thought on that if it is a drainage ditch that belongs to the City of Shepherdsville how can you as the resident be responsible for that piece of property? I don't know if we have any developers in here but any developer will tell you that drainage ditches and

roads are usually not built above the flood elevation. How can you can the resident be responsible for what the City has? Faith Portman: And we've talked, the Mayor and I have talked to Brenda and they are working on a plan. You can't do this on hearsay; there is a lot to it. Mayor Ellis: And we've had some great input from the Council. Faith Portman: Once we get a plan in order we're going to call City residents that are affected and meet with you all only. We're not going to have the County; we want to get City folks in here so we can sit and talk with you one on one. I think that's the most respectful way to do this. Mayor Ellis: And do it by areas so that you're not having 500-600 people in one room yelling and screaming. Caleb Eaton: How does this go with doing that? I assume you guys are getting the names from the deed for who the owner is. Now how does that work with, only because I spoke with somebody about this literally today and they had no idea that they were in a flood zone and it's because they are renters. Mayor Ellis: We sent notices to the listed property owner and I would hope that a landlord would notify that resident and actually to be honest with you and don't take this the wrong way, as a renter flood insurance is not going to protect that individual, it's only going to protect the individual that owns the structure. That's the unfortunate thing. Faith Portman: We have no idea we can only hope the renters will give it to them. If not surely they will read it in the newspaper and call and see if their property is in the flood plain and I know Brenda has been flooded with calls. Caleb Eaton: Even for some people in my neighborhood I've looked at the map and see that they are affected somehow they never got notification. I'm not saying there is anything bad about it but somehow; like one of them just purchased property, my next door neighbor, about five months ago, and never got any information on it. Mayor Ellis: That could be the issue there that there is such a fresh new property owner that it's not in the tax base yet. That's what we went off of, the PVA tax base for the City of Shepherdsville. Caleb Eaton: In going with on the preliminary data going from FEMA's website saying what does this data mean? It says insurance agents can compare existing FIRMs with preliminary FIRMs to see how their clients may be affected. I'm assuming that we as the people that are paying insurance that is just something we would just have to reach out to our insurance company and ask how does this affect me? I assume; and from what I've heard from I guess last week or one of the other weeks, is that insurance companies are currently saying right now don't listen to it. Don't do anything. Faith Portman: That's some. I talked to a couple insurance companies here local and they are returning their calls and they have been very cooperative but again if you call here and talk to Brenda; Brenda has the number for a FEMA rated insurance company and that's who you are going to pay too anyway. Caleb Eaton: The FEMA method right now looks to be the cheapest but that is also the start but it does increase they claim at a minimum of 18% every single year for the next five years. And I'm not sure how your guys raise goes but my raise does not increase 18% every single year. And going more on the bullet points they listed it says loan mortgage and brokers and use this preliminary data as a guide to determine whether your property may be mapped as a high risk area; and so since I already own my home and speaking about loan mortgage brokers can use this preliminary data. So is that saying that my mortgage company can use this information to raise my rate on my house loan? Gloria Taft: Yes. It can. Caleb Eaton: And does anybody know if that is actively being done? Gloria Taft: It will affect your interest rates. Clinton Kline: As long as you're in a fixed rate. Jose' Cubero: They can't change that. Mayor Ellis: I think what it would be is if you have an escrow account, of course it's going to fluctuate your payment based on what your taxes are or what your residential area is but all of your insurance rates are going to be set through FEMA. It won't be Allstate or Farm Bureau that sets them they will come down from FEMA. Caleb Eaton: And the last bullet point that I have highlighted is real estate agents and brokers determine what changes are likely to occur and how it may affect your property for sale. So with this announcement that we're about to be in a flood zone I only have about 15 houses on my road and 7 of them are about to put their house up for sale and that really stinks especially for people who, for you guys who want to collect the tax money and just have a good community. Seven of them within the next 2 to 3 weeks are about to put their house up for sale so they can get around having to say my house is in a flood zone. And so with that I'm not saying that I'm going too but if I were to put my house up for sale, when is the timeline of when I have to say okay I'm in a flood zone? Mayor Ellis: The appeal process is 90 days; of course January 1 is that. It's based on how many appeals they have; you could be looking at anywhere between July and September, October before they implement the new maps. Faith Portman: I was told by a realtor the other day; she was at some kind of convention, and it was pretty much announced that Shepherdsville was in a flood plain and that realtors need to stay away from Shepherdsville. I don't want to bring her name out in public. My daughter is looking at homes right now because she is selling hers and she is looking at one that is in a possible floodplain and they told her point blank, she didn't

want to build one and the developer told her it's possible and if it is then your contract will be voided unless they've started building the house then she's stuck with it. Caleb Eaton: So with that it seems like what you just said I can't really sell my house at all. Gloria Taft: You can try. Faith Portman: You are going to be asked that. Mayor Ellis: You have to disclose that information. Clinton Kline: I would say right now that a realtor would have a duty to disclose. Caleb Eaton: But according to this and I'm not trying to do any grey lines but this coming straight from the FEMA website as of right now until the map is law which right now it is preliminary, it doesn't become law from what I understand for another ten months, I do not have to tell anybody. That's not cheating. That's not doing anything. That's coming straight from the website. Mayor Ellis: Yeah, because as of right now if you sell the house tomorrow you're not listed in a floodplain. Caleb Eaton: And according to that just going from what I read on it, up until the preliminary map is no longer preliminary which is about ten months from now I could get my house sold without having to say I'm in a flood zone. I'm not saying that's right. Faith Portman: I know you're not but most realtors if you have a realtor are going to tell you that it's in a possible floodplain. Caleb Eaton: There is no reason why they wouldn't. The last thing, it was mentioned tonight already but I'm just going by what the notes from last week where Gloria said that if 1000 people file appeals and you guys have said it extends it. What are the details on that? Does it extend it a day? Gloria Taft: They have to process each and every one. Mayor Ellis: It depends on how many people they have flipping through those papers and checking everything. Caleb Eaton: How will we as citizens know that it's been extended? Mayor Ellis: They will notify us and then we will notify the residents. Caleb Eaton: Is there any other type way other than doing it through the newspaper because I'm assuming by newspaper you mean *Pioneer News* or something like that. Mayor Ellis: We'll have it on the City website as well. Caleb Eaton: Right now, the few times I've went to the City of Shepherdsville website it doesn't really look like there is ... it looks kind of static. It doesn't really look like there is any information that is being provided to keep us up to date on what we can do about this FEMA situation. Faith Portman: I preferable think we should mail letters. Caleb Eaton: Letters will definitely work because everybody gets letters not everybody wants to get on the internet and go to the City of Shepherdsville website. Almost everybody has Facebook or whatever social media that's a way to get information out because it seems like the only information we've got or that I've received is go pay FEMA from the Executive Judge. That's all the communication I've had. City Attorney Wantland: You haven't heard it from this Council. Caleb Eaton: You're absolutely right I have not heard it from the Council but I just know that she is running for re-election so she's trying Mayor Ellis: The reason you haven't heard anything from us to just pay FEMA and be done with it is because we're not ready to throw in the towel yet. City Attorney Wantland: Things you can do Caleb, Gary Board was here earlier, contact your Senators, contact your Representatives. We're going to be talking as a Community to them. This proposal by FEMA will be devastating, not to just your area, but this whole Community. Caleb Eaton: Practically every County along the river is dramatically affected and that is when they said we sent you guys notification in 2010 and they was six months to provide updates on what new areas are affected and what the City can do to not so much in details what it can do to prevent it but what we can do to submit plans and I know that the talk is going to be to email Senators and House of Representatives to say what can we do about this but I'm also in favor of why can't we also contact the Chief of FEMA and see what we can do and if anybody is interested in that information I have it. His name is Luis Rodriguez, Chief Engineering Management Branch, FEMA; his phone number is 202/646-4064; his email address is luisrodriguez1@fema.gov or it could be Rodriguez with a 3 there are two sources I've been trying to find that out and I've email both of those addresses and neither one of them said I don't exist so there may be two. The other thing is can we be a posting either on the website or some type of notification for the residents who want to do an appeal; the checklist for the appeal because there is five things that have to be done in order for somebody to even start the appeal and most of them can be acquired at the Courthouse or the City Clerk and then the rest of it is done here at City Hall and the things that you have to get is a copy of the affected FIRM panel, that costs \$3.00 to get; a copy of the subdivision plat map for property, that's at the County Clerk's office; property deed; tax assessor map; and the elevator form which is done whenever you pay to have your elevation done. In order to do all that you have to look up lomcfema and that's how you start your application. It's called a Letter of Map Change. You have to create an account and you can use your regular email address once you create your account then you just go through a wizard and close to the end it says please upload these documentations and then once you have all the documentations you start your appeal process and the hardest part to get is the elevation part because that's the one that costs the most money.

Barry Baugh: I came here tonight to speak. I've been kicking over an ideal and decided to do it. I met Frank Smith here in 2011; he was a representative for Governor Steve Beshear. I invited Governor Beshear to a meeting in 2011 that I spoke at. He introduced himself to me and told me that the Governor sent him to the meeting to hear me speak. While you all were behind closed doors he told me all this and gave me his card and crossed out his office number and gave me his Blackberry cell number and told me I could call anytime I needed anything. So we've been in contact quite a bit and he just nominated me for a Kentucky Colonel for everything I've been for Shepherdsville to help the disabled; all the handicap parking, sidewalks, ramps, without getting paid. I don't expect pay for it. What I plan on doing is opening up a Handicap Association of Shepherdsville, KY. It will be nonprofit. Maybe a place I might find to hold meetings for the disabled to give them avenues and rules and regulations that would help them with disability issues that they come up on because I'm not allowed myself by reporting things for other people, they have to do it themselves but they have to have the contact information. So anyways I've put all this out of my pocket for the last quite a few years, since 2006; a lot of printer ink, paper, I went through two computers, so I may have to have a little bit of money coming in to just pay for those type things. Maybe internet and the ink, and paper because I'm going to print off a lot of stuff if I have meetings for the people and so I want to a sign company and they drew up a sign to go on my vehicle, it cost me \$50 to have them made; I haven't ordered them yet. That's what it will be called. I didn't know if I needed the Council's permission to open this so that's why I'm here. Mayor Ellis: No. I wouldn't think so. Joe? City Attorney Wantland: A nonprofit corporation. No. Barry Baugh: Do I need the Council's permission to collect any money to help pay for things that I need? City Attorney Wantland: A nonprofit corporation. You do not. Barry Baugh: Do I need a Secretary to take care of all the finances. City Attorney Wantland: That's up to you. You might need to file with the Internal Revenue Service your intent to be a nonprofit. Barry Baugh: I don't want to have to deal with filing with the IRS because none of the money is going to be used for personal use. City Attorney Wantland: You may wish to file for the designation of a 501c(3) Corporation. Barry Baugh: I really need another computer now; that's another reason I need some money coming in. And the internet service costs so much now just to keep it on. In fact I went to the internet place today and had to pay them \$80.00 and I still owe them \$90 something. Dana Bischoff James suggested contacting the Hillview Library for free classes on computer use. Gloria Taft: If you contact the Small Business Association. Barry Baugh: I'm not really going to have a business. It's not going to be any profit. Gloria Taft: It's still going to fall underneath the umbrella of a business; it needs to be run like a business. They will assist you with proper paperwork and grants if they are available to start your business out with the necessary funds that you can get through grants. So it might be a little less fund raising. Barry Baugh: I've thought about just continuing just paying it out of my pocket which really with the income I have coming in hurts. But the Governor when he signed the certificate and also the Secretary of State telling me to keep up the good work; what I've been doing without getting paid. And I don't want to get paid for what I'm doing. I just want to help people that are disabled and if they have a problem area and they don't know where to go it's just like somebody that rents an apartment that's disabled; and they have a no pet law or you have to pay for a pet to keep it. A disabled person can because it's a disabled person's company so that's in the ADA that they cannot deny renting them an apartment or house if they have a pet and also they cannot charge them a fee for having a pet. And that information, everybody doesn't know. And I want to educate some people around here. I've got the paperwork in black and white but its stuff I've got to print off in volume and I just don't have the money to do all that. That's why I came here to make sure it's okay with everybody. I'm going to go ahead and get the signs made and put them on my vehicle. I've got my email address right now only because I wanted to hold off on my phone number because I'm laying down a lot and I check my email quite often but I don't want to have to be answering the phone jumping up and down answering the phone all the time because I am disabled and it's hard on me. So right now I just have my email so they can email me and ask me questions about disabilities and I'll answer them whenever I can and email them phone numbers and people to contact, the ADA to help them. It took me quite a few years to learn all these rules and regulations and laws on handicap accessibility.

Mayor Ellis: Before we go on I want to bring Rob Campbell up. I don't know how many of you remember the project we did that ran the Sewer line from the Rest Area over to Highway 61, the Recapture Agreement with Billtown. After the project has been completed they are giving us an opportunity if we want to opt out of the recapture agreement for \$60,247.00. What the recapture is is that anybody that taps on to that line that runs across there (from the Rest Stop to Highway 61) Flynn Brothers Construction would collect any of the

tap on fees for that line and they are giving up the opportunity to take that back over at this time. **Rob Campbell:** Just to second what you said, there is really nothing to add. I think you pretty much hit the high points there. There is a recapture agreement that allows Billtown Recapture, is the actual entity, would recapture as people connect to the sewers they would be reimbursed for their outlay; essentially what is happening in this situation is the developer fronted the money to build a sewer in an area and the City gets the sewer at no cost to the City. In this particular instance that's what the Council was told when we started this project and as it occurred there was a realignment that had to take place that required a little bit of the City's involvement so the City has some money they are outlaying towards the project. But the reality of the situation is to have 5400 feet of sanitary sewer constructed that the City would normally, if the City was making the decision to expand that sewer in an area would normally have to pay to do that; the \$700,000 that it cost to build it. In this case it was beneficial to both the State, the developer and the City to build it and we created a recapture that allowed the state money that they wanted to put towards the project to go toward the project and the developers money to go toward the project and so like the Mayor said they are offering up, rather than over time taking the income from new connections over quite some time, and getting paid back, they are saying hey well take a third of that if you all will pay for it; so the City would essentially get a sewer for about 1/6-1/7 of the normal cost to the City. We're presenting this to you tonight for you to consider and just like the Mayor said to ask me any questions or if we want to have Billtown Recapture come in at a subsequent meeting and discuss it too; whatever pleases the Council and Mayor. I'm available any time to answer questions on it. **Bernie Brown:** Rob, wasn't this plan kind of agreed on back in 2011-2012? **Rob Campbell:** Yes sir. The Council did vote to move forward with this plan. The only change like the Mayor said is that they are offering to take quite a bit less to go ahead and close the recapture out. **Bernie Brown:** It's to the City's advantage to have done this I think. **Rob Campbell:** Absolutely. This is definitely a good situation because first thing the residents are affected by the positive feature of the project that eliminated the stink at 480 and 65 from where that Rest Area pump station was pumping over hill and in to the gravity sewers there and as it would exit that force main they were having to utilize odor control to try to keep that odor down and frequently it would still smell. **Bernie Brown:** It saved on a lot of chemicals and electricity for the pumping too. **Rob Campbell:** The City has already capturing several thousand dollars a month in sewer fees from the State at the Rest Area. It's been a very positive project. **Mayor Ellis:** They are giving us an opportunity to take it from \$117,000 down to \$60,000 to buy it out. I don't see any problem to discuss and make a decision at the next meeting. I just wanted to bring it up to look at it. **Rob Campbell:** In the meantime if anyone needs any other documentation I've got whatever you need. **Clinton Kline:** On the \$117,000 now are they just taking it from the tap on fees? **Mayor Ellis:** No. As they would occur that's what they would do but they are cutting from the \$117,000 and saying if you wanted to cancel this out right now ... **Clinton Kline:** But right now the City's not directly writing a check for anything. But we're going to go and write a check for something. **City Attorney Wantland:** You're going to write a check over a period of time using that expression as the idea will forego tap on fees to the developer in this case is Billtown Recapture because they would actually receive \$117,000 over a period of time. **Clinton Kline:** Are we still thinking about doing the 20 foot basin over here. **Mayor Ellis:** Yes. **Clinton Kline:** That's \$117,000 down the road that we actually have in our hands and we're talking about \$60,00 that we have in our hand right now and we have all these big projects. By all means I think we should bring them in and talk to them. **Rob Campbell:** I would say that they would be glad to come in here and explain why they think it's beneficial to the City.

City Attorney Wantland: Just a side note contemptuously. The Council has been made aware of the contract between the City and Salt River Investment going back to 2009. This may be some of the same financiers, developers, so we need to be looking at both. One is with the Jim Beam line and one is with the Chapeze line. As a Council we just need to be aware of that.

Mayor Ellis: I know we've talked a little bit about FEMA tonight. I want to have Arthur come up. We received Bernie's email today talking about the Attorney General's office so no better time than the present to try to come up with something here. **Bernie Brown:** I just want to make it very clear that I know every one of us want to do everything we can to hopefully totally prevent or at least minimize the impact of this floodplain but we need to make sure that we move cautiously and make sure we do it legally. And with that said I think we need to do everything we can. **Mayor Ellis:** We've thrown around a few other things. I know that was a concern and I definitely appreciate you getting with them and getting an explanation from them. We had

talked the other day Arthur about a land study basically that would shoot the topo for the whole subdivision area. Fill in the Council a little bit on that if you would. Arthur Jones: Essentially the meeting we had the other day we were discussing how in the world we can get as many people out of the floodplain that had been placed in to the floodplain. One of the things that we were looking at is just how many people were added geographically is different from how many people were added in totality because whenever you look at the map you've got a certain amount of people that are added because the floodplain grew in size because base flood elevation came up so therefore went out. So those people were added to the floodplain but the people that you don't necessarily see that were also added to the floodplain were all of the people that had been built out of the floodplain previously. All of the LOMRs and the LOMRfs that people are in for certain subdivisions, a lot of those were added back in to the floodplain so a lot of parcels that were mitigated prior to this newly proposed floodplain were tossed back in. So were talking about developments that were built up to the 2004 level and a little higher are now going back in to the floodplain. And those are the people that the Mayor is really looking at as a far as a targeted approach to try to see if we can go out and evaluate those specifically to see if there are blocks of homes that we can go ahead and submit new topography on and then with that new topography then they can retrace where the floodplain is going to be showing those homes out and then in the future giving a new LOMRf to apply for those properties to be moved from the floodplain based on the fill that was placed previously. Now the only reason that is currently available is because those properties are not currently in a floodplain because they had been removed because of a LOMRf. So right now those properties that are not in the floodplain but are just almost in a floodplain can be filled to a level that they will not be in a floodplain in this newly proposed level. That was the initial attempt at let's try to get as many people out as fast as possible before everything hits the fan and at the same time we're doing all the appeals that we were talking about. So we have three appeals last week, we came up with a new appeal today so now we're running on four appeals that we're going to be submitting to Division of Water for them to review for them to pass to FEMA for them to review and hopefully kick this can down the road every little bit we can if we can't stop it. So we're trying to prolong the effects on any citizens regardless of how much of an effect it's going to have. Jose' Cubero: Arthur what's the number of the people you are revisiting on this; the concentrated group that were not in it and now they are going to be reviewed to be back in it? Arthur Jones: That's currently unclear. Our meeting on Friday we can up with this plan; I did not work through the weekend to find that number. So that's my fault for not working through the weekend to get you that number. Mayor Ellis: They were saying 175 going in and 350 coming out. Is that what the initially had said? Arthur Jones: If you look geographically like if you're only looking at the properties that were put in versus those coming out without considering the LOMRf then you're looking at more like 600 were put in and 100 some were coming out. So you're looking at a net somewhere in the range of 450 homes geographically were put in; but then when you go looking at LOMRfs then it gets a lot more cloudy because you can't look at a map and use GIS to pull those numbers quickly; you're looking at a lot of different applications and all those applications can vary from just having one property to having 100 properties on that application. It becomes a lot cloudier at that point and a lot more intensive of how many exactly are affected. Mayor Ellis: Your appeals have to be done by January 1. If you have any time in that area to get homes brought out. City Attorney Wantland: Then we can look at a collective community approach. We're not identifying individual properties we're looking at areas. The information can be made available to the residents but we've got to look at this as a community. Jose' Cubero: I just think that really for us to really understand more of taking that concentrated effort to try to look at getting some of these out. Obviously, like Bernie said, we'd love to either dissolve this whole process with FEMA or prolong it as long as we can but the concern I have is just making sure that we approach this that information gets to us to be able to communicate to them what it is going to take to do this and how we're going to go at this. The education is going to be for the residents that are in these areas. And as much as we can get to them it help them to understand what the Mayor and everybody else is doing up here so they have a little bit of information all the time that says this is what we're working on even its point a to point b. Arthur Jones: This is our status of today and this is where we're heading tomorrow and next week we're going to be here. Jose' Cubero: So the residents can also help, he's going to have neighbors that he can tell to get that information out saying this is what the City is working on we need your help on this part of the appellate process. Dana Bischoff James: Has anyone thought or taken the initiative to meet with any other counties? This isn't just happening in Shepherdsville so how many others; I want to work with the Mayors and City Councils all the way up wherever these areas are because we're not the only place impacted and if

enough people come together and rise together what type of impact can we have. I know we're fighting the federal government but that's the next step. Yes absolutely we need to take care of our people but we need numbers on this because we're a small City fighting the federal government. So what initiatives can we do to meet with other interested City Councils in order to combat this? Arthur Jones: That's been a point since day one. There is absolutely no way that we need to go in this alone and that's why from day one we've tried to involve all the cities in Bullitt County because this implementation currently is for Bullitt County; so all the cities in Bullitt County were invited to the same meeting. We had not as many turn out as we wish would. But we also have a varying influence because for instance in Mt. Washington, there is not near as much as a flooding risk as we have here. That's why in our letter of intent that we're sending to Army Corp of Engineers we mentioned that we're dealing with 1200 square miles of watershed coming to the City of Shepherdsville. We're talking about ten different counties have a portion of their County watershed coming into our small little Salt River that runs through our little town. We may be small but we're influenced by a lot more people up stream; like we're at the downstream end of this and we have to deal with the issues that are caused in nine other counties coming to us. Dana Bischoff James: I will say I think it was a small percentage coming off Taylorsville Lake; it was like 13% so it is still when they open the dam and it floods our City but we need more people working together. Arthur Jones: that's one of the reasons why we're trying to take more of a regional approach when it comes to this mitigation effort because yes, step one is let's attack the map. Let's be the map abated as much as possible. Step two, let's remove as many people from the floodplain as we can get removed. Step three, if that doesn't work, we need to do our best to mitigate our risk by building some sort of mitigation structure to help with the flooding we have here in Shepherdsville. And that's not just our problem. We're talking about a very large regional problem that needs to be addressee as such. That's why we got involved with the Army Corp of Engineers to plea with them that this is a case that needs to be taken to the forefront. They need to be concentrating on this as opposed to some other projects that may be in the State as well. Dana Bischoff James: Is there a way to fight the 90 day period outside the appeal process. Can we get longer than the 90 days? Arthur Jones: No.

Caleb Eaton: I have one more thing. On the information that you guys have where you're saying we're doing this with the maps and all that stuff, can we get that information to see what you guys are doing in case anybody out in the public can think of another idea instead of trying to chase down the same things? Mayor Ellis: What do you mean? Caleb Eaton: As in addition to the information you have on the flyer. More detail because it's kind of broad. All it says it we're attacking the map. What on the map are we attacking? And on mitigating our risk, on the report from the engineers, you drafted two letters. Is there a way we can see what these are because apparently I need some dirt and I'll be more than willing to go and help out digging to put some dirt in my yard so I can raise my elevation? Mayor Ellis: The letters that we've sent them talks about the 200 acre detention basin as well as a couple other pieces of property that we're eyeballing here in the City. One being at Ronnie Ables' place over along Salt River behind Lakeview Garden Apartments. Those are the letters saying that if you can find us funding we would like to explore the avenues to do these projects. Caleb Eaton: I kind of mentioned with you and I don't know how much influence that any of us would have on it but I'm somewhat of a numbers guy and so the things I was looking at how much the people run for government what the collect, like Rand Paul, and pretty much McConnell, where he has a net worth of \$22.8 million and Rand Paul is \$2.5 million and the top contributors for both of them is Kindred Healthcare, Humana and PNC and all that is public information of where they get their funding and I don't know if there is anything Shepherdsville and Jefferson County and all these other counties can work with these local companies to help out in the efforts in trying to pay for this or even ask the community to say hey we need some cheap labor or free labor. I'll do it. Dana Bischoff James: That's something I've already stated too Mayor. I've already said I'll offer if need be I will get out there whatever is needed because it is going to take the community coming together on this; not people bickering, fighting. Caleb Eaton: It's the situation. We have to deal with it. And that's just the mentality you have to go with and I can understand some people's frustration where they see for the past four years apparently that the federal government has been sending out these notifications and you can even actually look on the FEMA website where it said final notice if you guys don't do anything this is going to be set in stone. I couldn't find any replies from any City of trying to say okay we accept what you are providing. But on fighting the federal government, I was speaking with Mayor Ellis on this, there is actually a County in Kentucky that actually did fight it and they won. And what they fought was they said not all of our land is in a floodplain. And according to FEMA you

have to agree by saying the map you are proposing is good and if Shepherdsville has not done that it's a gamble but they've pretty much said by saying I don't agree you lose the benefits you get in case there is a disaster. That's the gamble that you play. They played that gamble and roughly I think it was three weeks before FEMA said it went final FEMA came back and said okay we'll reevaluate and when the reevaluated then it came back to a more current to where it was in 2004. That's public record, you can search for it. I don't remember the name of the County because I was at work just browsing trying to find additional information. But basically my search was somewhat of County beats FEMA. Also it says reducing our insurance premiums. I know it says we began communicating with them about what is... is there any more detail of reducing like we're going to try to make me pay 2% less? Mayor Ellis: We have the application filled out; now we're just figuring out what our rating system will be so we'll know what kind of a discount we'll get. Caleb Eaton: And if all that is going into play since we are right at the 2 months before we have to file an appeal, and I know that briefly just said that there was a setback in that but how much longer do I need to wait before I contact that guy to say come survey my yard? Mayor Ellis: That's up to you. We can't at this point in time according to the Attorney General's office we cannot subsidize you to have your property surveyed. What we have to do is explore the option of paying to survey a large area; a subdivision type area, not individual homes like my original thought was yes. Caleb Eaton: I was just curious on that. And if City Council comes into agreement to do large area when can we; I don't want to procrastinate on it in getting it done but \$500 is a lot of money. Mayor Ellis: It's at the Council's pleasure. If they want to talk about it tonight we can talk about it some more tonight. We'll have to negotiate with some of the surveyors to get them in here to be able to do those areas. Caleb Eaton: Is there any way we can see what areas we are trying to get reevaluated on the map. I know you can't say the whole City. It would be nice to see what updates the City is doing. I think it would calm us down a little bit instead of freaking out and saying I've got to get out of here in two months. Mayor Ellis: Those things are not going to happen overnight. Like I said a few minutes ago it's going to take some time to get those things done. I can't give you a time frame on it of how long it's going to take to do it. I'm not going to sit up here and say it's going to take three weeks and it takes ten weeks; that's not fair to the residents of this City for me to do that. Caleb Eaton: I guess I would like to be able to see some type of information or something that says that we're doing something versus seeing it on the City website. Arthur Jones: We should be able to update you throughout the entire process. Jose' Cubero: I think we'll work on it from our end too; hand that out for more folks. Like you said the more information you have you have a clearer idea of what you're really getting into. Caleb Eaton: It would be awesome if 2000 people if that's how many people is affected filled out the same application and did it all the same exact way versus having the FEMA website say you guys did it wrong and we're going to reject 1500 of them.

Mayor Ellis: I would like to at least bring in some different engineers to see what kind of a rate they would give us for surveying these subdivision areas or these plots of land and then report back to the Council. Clinton Kline: How are we going to go about this; are we going to do the whole City to counter the map? Mayor Ellis: I think that's the only way you can do it is by large areas throughout the whole City. Clinton Kline: I wouldn't think that if you do large areas and don't encompass everybody; I don't think that's fair. Mayor Ellis: You can't just single out one group of people. You're going to have to do the whole group and that's why you're not going to be able to use, as much as we'd like to keep Brad busy, we're not going to be able to just use Brad on this whole project. Clinton Kline: How many engineers do you think it would take to get that done by January 1st. Brad Armstrong: A lot. Clinton Kline: 15 team; 20 teams? Mayor Ellis: And again that's not part of the appeals; I don't think you would have to have that done by January 1. Just as long as were able to get these things before the map implements May-June timeframe. Bernie Brown: Actually if you just got one area done and filed that wouldn't that help? Mayor Ellis: It would help that area yes. Gloria Taft: Do you need a motion for that to occur? Mayor Ellis: To negotiate with surveyors? Yes. Gloria Taft made motion to negotiate with surveyors to start. Bernie Brown: Let me ask this. What are the guidelines going to be? In other words the specifications? What are we going to be asking for? Mayor Ellis: Those are things that we need to look at. That's why we have Arthur here because he knows a little bit more on this and Brad is a surveyor so he knows what exactly we need to look at on those. I want the Council's input as much as I can get. Gloria Taft: We need to start because there's no need to waste two more weeks. Mayor Ellis: We need to at least get these guys to the table so we can talk to them and say this is what we expect of you how much are you going to charge to do it. Bernie Brown: And every one of them

would be given the same information and expected to do the same thing. Mayor Ellis: What I want to do is when I call these folks in, we'll call them in and they will sit right here in this room and everybody will be given the same information as the next guy. Faith Portman: Do you have any in mind? Mayor Ellis: We have Brad, Steve Armstrong that's here in the City, Doug Ernst from Milestone out of Jefferson County, you have Mindel Scott. Unfortunately we don't have very many here in Bullitt County. Brad Armstrong: There are 6 or 7 here in the County. Mayor Ellis: We'll bring those folks in. We'll send an invitation to those folks to come in and tell them what direction we are and what we expect. City Attorney Wantland: Arthur, will you work on just an idea of what we should be asking for as far as specifications. Jose' Cubero 2nd. Motion carried 6-0. Bernie Brown: I would also request just to be safe that we send the plan down to the Attorney General's office and ask about the legality of doing that. I'm sure it's okay but I think we need to do that. City Attorney Wantland: As soon as we get a plan we'll send it to the Attorney General.

Department Reports:

Fire Chief Layne Troutman: I have an update of the truck. I spoke with the Seagrave Company today; they sent me the second Change Work Order on it today. I signed off on it. It should be completed in three to four days and at that point in time it will be up to us to go to the insurance company to have them haul it back down to the company down here that works on of vehicles and we'll do the inspection at that time at the Seagrave dealer here in Shepherdsville that is located at Bells Mill Road. It should be back within the next two weeks. I also sent an email out; this past week and weekend we had some large fuel spills out on the Interstate. We had a tractor trailer actually run off in one of the holes where they are cutting concrete out and lost off of its fuel tank. Due to the hole we depleted our oil dry and we also used all of our rupture seal and I'd just like to go ahead and get the oil dry and rupture seal to put on all the apparatus again. Bernie Brown made motion to approve. Faith Portman 2nd. Clinton Kline: How much do you have in your mitigation account? Chief Troutman: About \$40,000. Motion carried 6-0.

City Controller Bob Ryan: My wife is here tonight sitting back there and she said it sounds like the government has a fund raiser going. The first thing I'd like to address is the issue that was brought up two weeks ago about the \$836,000 in raises, related costs and future hires that were approved and given out last year (2013). I would have to say initially that Mrs. Rummage's theory was right. You start January 1 you end at December 31. From there on out she started making incorrect assumptions and using incorrect data. I'll break these down by the Departments. The Admin Department even though she was looking at 2013 raises three employees she went back to April 2012 and started with the rate that they were making at that time. She applied one rate for the contribution to the CERS and that changes July 1 of every year so there would have been two different rates that applied to the computation of the CERS. She talks about new hires. In the Admin Department of the City even though you might look at Margaret Hodge as a new hire she was not. She worked in the Fire Department. She was brought over from the Fire Department when an employee, Connie Rice, left in 2012. So you don't have a new employee on top of an existing payroll. You have a new employee replacing a former employee. My numbers for the Admin Department were \$24,859.81; Mrs. Rummage had \$54,757.76 for a difference of \$29,897.95 less to the Admin Department. Public Works rates were right in the 2012 period but again the one new hire that she had was only here for five months. He was spread out for the entire year. He wasn't here for 2080 hours and again he was an employee that was replacing an employee that was gone in 2012 so once again you don't have a new employee being added to an existing workforce. You have a new employee replacing an old employee. The difference in this time between my numbers and hers \$25,372.56 less that Mrs. Rummage had. In the Sewer Department, there were two employees where the 2012 rate was used instead of the rate of January 1, 2013. Again you use the two different rates for CERS. The one employee that was brought in was only here for four months and again he replaced an employee that had passed on in 2012. That was a drop in \$38,148 in payroll and payroll expense. You had that going out; the new employee coming in for the year was only at \$8873.53. My numbers are \$87,095.98. Mrs. Rummage had \$127,875.33 a difference of \$40,779.25. The Fire Department; again the new employee was a replacement employee. Heather was brought in to replace Margaret that had moved over to City Hall. So again, Fire Department has no real new employee. The Fire Marshall at one time had been a part time employee. He became a full time employee in 2013. The difference between his part time rate and full time rate was significant. My numbers for the Fire Department \$104,269; Mrs. Rummage \$148,415 a difference of \$44,146. The Police Department; seven of

the officers their pay rate used for those officers was as of May 12, 2012 instead of January 2, 2013. One officer was hired during January 2013; he replaced four officers that had left the City in 2012. Again no real new employee. You had one officer replacing the four that had left. For the Police Department my number was \$402,576; Mrs. Rummage had \$491,766 for a difference of \$89,190. During 2013 and up to date the only Police Officer that has left the City was a retiree, Officer Miller. So you've had no police officers leave the City in the last year and three quarters which means that's a \$25,000 savings to the Police Department. It's estimated that when you bring in a new Police Officer it costs \$25,000 to get that person ready to go out on the street. So the Police Department has become a very stable department. The only person that has left is a retiree. In total, Mrs. Rummage, her number again, \$883,161; in total, my numbers, and they do sound high, \$687,970 but you have to take in to account the \$240,990 in salary that was eliminated in 2013 for a net increase of \$446,980. That's my number. It's a case of again you have to look beyond the numbers when you get financial statements or any kind of numbers are given to you you have to go beyond what does that number signify, how do you get to that number, what did you gain, what did you lose. You just can't take a number and make an assumption or a judgment based upon a pure number. You have to look at what's behind it. Again, it does sound like, in the Police Department, it does sound high, but again you have a stable Police Department. Nobody has left; look at the savings you have there. Now, what I have here is the draft of this year's audited financial statements. They are with the CPA Firm in Bardstown, he's reviewing them. I spoke with him today. Normally you get these statements after the fact when they've already been reviewed and assembled then you take them home and look at them. But this time you have them before. You have an opportunity to look at them and ask your questions and again this is where I'm asking; they are just not numbers on a page, they mean something, so don't hesitate to ask me anything about them so that we can get these questions answered before the statements are finalized. I just did a quick review of them. They are good financial statements. Don't go by the page numbers on the bottom of the page go by the number that's in red in the corner for numbering the pages. Back on page four, the statement that's a balance sheet of governmental funds, this is current assets matching current liabilities. The general fund itself has a current ratio assets to liabilities is 9.37, that means you've got \$9.37 for every dollar of debt that the City has in the government fund. On the balance sheet for the sewer fund, proprietary fund on page eight; the ratio is 1.88. You have \$1.88 worth of assets for every dollar that the City owes. There is one thing that is unusual this year; the powers that be at AICPA in governmental accounting standards boards, have come up with another change that went into effect this year. In the past entities have been permitted to carry on their books what is called a deferred asset or a deferred liability. This is something in the manner of prepaid insurance. It's in the form of an asset it's something that you have occurred that covers a period of time so you're doing to amortize it out over the life of the asset. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board said we're not going to allow this any more if you incur this cost even if the cost covers a 10 year period you have to recognize that cost initially. And if you have that asset on your books now get rid of it. It has to be eliminated. This if you look on page three, there is a circled number down there, \$506,483.00, this represents cost that the City has incurred in the past to borrow money. When the \$3.5 million was borrowed several years ago the City paid \$140,000 to get that loan. When the City borrowed money from KLC to get that loan \$383,000 and another \$10,000 was paid to get those loans. They now are being written off. It's a book figure. We didn't spend \$506,000. That money was spent years ago when these loan were incurred. They were being amortized and now the Accounting Standards said they have to go away. So this year on paper and paper alone, the City had to write off \$506,000 in fees that it incurred in prior years to acquire loans. That is the one number on here that is significant and unusual. Everything else is pretty much the same from year to year. On page 11, cash flow statement for the Sewer Fund, you can see where \$4,577,932 was paid off in debt last year for the Sewer Fund. On the City side, paid off \$1,366,785 in debt on page six. So again, you have an opportunity to take this before it is actually signed and delivered and the question was put to me at the last Council meeting by a couple residents, there is a rumor there is going to be a qualified opinion on these statements, is that true. That is not true. There will be an unqualified opinion issued on these statements. I got that from the CPA today. The other one marked draft called the Management's Discussion and Analysis; it gives again some meaning behind the numbers that are reported in the financial statement. Things that have happened during the year and last year when we were standing here like the unemployment rate in Bullitt County was 8%; well we're now down to 6.7% in Bullitt County and 6.6% in Shepherdsville. So I would encourage you to read the MD&A Report. One thing to mention in the MD&A Report this was City Ordinance 013-144;

assessing a property tax rate at 14.1 cents per \$100 of property; this is the Ordinance that Council approved this year, 014-164 setting the property tax rate at 14 cents per \$100 of assessed value. City Attorney Wantland: Mr. Ryan are you saying that the advertisements we're seeing in the paper that this Council raised property taxes is false? Bob Ryan: I'm saying that the individual that subtracted these two numbers and got 4% gives you an idea of how the City got into financial problems four years ago if you did this kind of math. If I may because there are a couple things in here that I take a little personal, the transfer of funds from Sewer to City, it seems that on June 12, 1968 the City Council of Shepherdsville said we need to move some money from Sewer to the City to pay the people in the City for what they do for the Sewer. 1968, it's in the minutes. So there is precedent, not only in Shepherdsville but throughout the Commonwealth that Cities general government that provides services for a utility can be paid and are paid by that utility for those services. Bernie Brown: And I can just add this. What we're seeing happen now would not have happened if some of us hadn't done what we did in 2011 and 2012. City Attorney Wantland: I was going to make that comment Councilman Brown. You were with me, Faith was with me, you all made some really unbelievably tough decisions. People need to hear the people that were in before 2011 put this City in such a mess that the creditors of this City was telling this City what it was going to do to borrow money to keep it from being in bankruptcy. That was what the discussion was and I think there were some people here with me that heard those discussions. And they worked through it and what did we pay back in debt last year? \$1.3 million dollars. Bob Ryan: You have to make those tough decisions. City Attorney Wantland: Four years ago creditors were telling this City what it was going to do go borrow money to keep it from filing bankruptcy and this community should not forget that. And we got money from a West Virginia bank because that was the only one that was going to lend us any money as I recall the events. Bernie Brown: And I would say we had some pretty good financial advice. Because none of us are financial experts. Bob Ryan: When I went down to Republic Bank to negotiate the refinancing of the \$3.5 I was proud to walk in there and say Dan look at this. We paid no fees; we got a good interest rate; early payment allowed. One thing to consider after everything is finalized on these statements is you're going to have to tell me what you want transferred into the reserve that is set up to be moved out of sewer into the reserve funds. You're going to need to come up with that number. I have not made that transfer yet I'm just doing the \$15,000 regularly scheduled. So when these financial statements are finalized you need to look at telling me what that number is to transfer.

Mayor Ellis: Jim Rice and I have talked about the traffic congestion that is going to start out here once Wal-Mart opens. Arrow Electric is who the State uses to put in the traffic signals. They came up with \$100,000 as the price for the stoplight at the end of Adam Shepherd and Conestoga. As of right now you have Flynn, Kroger, Publishers Printing, Dermody Properties, and the City of Shepherdsville that are in the process of completing that project. Wal-Mart is doing two separate lights of their own. One out here and then one at their other entrance. I have a call in to Mike Griffith with Johnson and Johnson and also with Medline. With just the five players its \$25,000 each going in on it. We're going to need to make a decision pretty quick if we want to have this wrapped up by the end of the year which is about the same time that Wal-Mart looks like they are going to be opening their doors.

Council Reports:

Gloria Taft: First of all, Family Day Ministries our church is having a Harvest Outreach; not to compete with the Fire Department but to give the kids twice as much candy. There are a couple flyers on the back table about that. When Mrs. Rummage was here and presented the Council two weeks ago with her spreadsheet I told her that I myself was going to go over her numbers. I did and I was close to Bob's number but I'm not a CPA and I think he did a more professional job than I would have. Just needless to say I found her numbers almost impossible to duplicate and when you can't duplicate math; there's errors and it's incorrect. Second to last, my house isn't being added into the floodplain by my insurance cost will still go up almost \$400 a year and I'm still fighting to stop FEMA because it's my City that's affected not just me. I spoke with Senator Mitch McConnell's office last Tuesday about FEMA and after I receive some more information I will be speaking with his office again. Through the EMI in Maryland there are some free educational courses that government personnel can take to get more education on FEMA and I will be looking in to those as well. If I have to fly to Maryland I have to fly to Maryland but I will be getting more education on how to help the City combat this evil. And I want to say Thank You to the person or the people that printed lies about me

in the newspaper last week while I was attending my sister's funeral. And again this week falsely attacking me while I grieve. This is a new level of low and cruel even for them.

Faith Portman: First off I want to say we have a hero among us. How many years ago was it Tom that you were shot? Tom Rosselli: 38 the 24th of October. And thank you for the kind words you said along with a bunch of other people. I appreciate that. Faith Portman: That was a very good story your wife put on Facebook and if anybody gets a chance to read it they should. I'm sure there are a lot of people in this room, I myself remember it, I didn't know Tom and them at the time but I'm sure several people remember that story and I'm honored to say that I'm your friend. Tom Rosselli: Thank you very much and I want to thank you and the community when I was in hard times with my family. The community, Shepherdsville and some people in the State helped my family and I to get over that trying time and I want to thank you all for what you gave me and my family. Faith Portman: And that's what you call a community. I also wanted to bring up; I had a gentleman ask me about the striping on Adam Shepherd Parkway in front of Kroger. He said it's starting to wears. Mayor Ellis: If you remember that's the project they did a year, year and a half ago and it's very disheartening that the striping has already worn off that quick. We'll put our heads together, Scott, and come up with somebody else to give us a bid proposal on it. Faith Portman: And I'm like Gloria, I'll do anything I can to help stop FEMA. My door is open and my phone is always on. If anybody has suggestions from the community feel free to email the Mayor or one of the Council members. Any little idea will help. I also want to wish everyone luck in the upcoming election. Mayor Ellis: I was to reiterate what Faith said, this isn't a partisan, this isn't any of us running against each other, this is a City of Shepherdsville community thing and we're going to fight this regardless of what happened any time and what side of the fence any of us are on we're going to fight it. Hand in hand.

Dana Bischoff James: I just want to start with I apologize to the many politicians who are sitting in here who are honestly fighting for wherever they are; these are just a few of the hate mail we have received among candidates and I'm just kind of down with everybody attacking each other. I have been so let down this past couple weeks and there was some people even a couple sitting on Council with me who I ... and I do not anymore. I sent them personal messages; I didn't go back and lash out at them just because if you're going to lie to try to promote yourself or if you are going to attack somebody who has ideas on making things better I don't want you as my leader. I don't want that type of person and I will say with all of this; go to the candidate and speak to them because I know some of them personally and quite a few of them are sitting here tonight. They didn't write these articles themselves. Go to the person and find out the truth. Don't take what you receive in the mail. Don't take what you read on Facebook. Don't take one little answer out of a whole slew of solutions and then attack somebody for it. When I have a problem I want to know the answer to every single solution; every possible answer to a problem and so if anybody did not receive the minutes to the last meeting feel free to get a hold of them. During the minutes I gave some several different options to how we can combat FEMA. Do I have the golden answer? Absolutely not. But I hope one of the answers does help a person or several people because I came up with as many solutions as possible. Once again I have faith in what the City is doing. I do believe that we've working toward making a difference and a change. So the City has two different plans that we're working on for adoptions. And note that these maps are preliminary. Yes you need to get insurance 30 days prior to them going into effect. You can be grandfathered in. Yes your rates are going up expeditiously but we are fighting this. But we are fighting this we are not just laying down. But if you have a group of people who are only complaining or bashing any of us who put out answers I challenge you to go to those people and I will reiterate that one of my solutions as even stated in these notes it is not feasible for everyone but it is feasible for some and once again I'm not looking for one group of people to help I'm looking to help the majority and everybody in the City as I possibly can. One of the options is if you don't have a home loan FEMA can't come after you and I stand by that. But I work and I'm able to hold multiple jobs and positions and I think a couple of jobs I can take my girls with me. Get to know the candidates. Do not take what is said at face value. Get to know them personally. Once again it is discouraging whenever you meet people and they try to slander you to make themselves look better it is so sad especially somebody who you've known for a long time. On a lighter note Bob you stole my thunder we did lower property tax. Take the opportunity to meet the candidates that you can. I was able to go to Bullitt Central and listen to several of the candidates speak and know what they

stand on and their platforms. Again if you have questions regarding FEMA I'm going to try to provide answers for every possible solution not just one group and we are fighting FEMA.

Jose' Cubero: Obviously some of us are not running in politics this time around but I will tell you if this City doesn't understand what it's done in the last four years; understand where it was at and where it's at today, and understand that really all of us do care. We may have different ways we want to get it done, but it's really ironic and I see some of these folks that come out to these meetings all the time; it always changes whatever the venue is. If it's a topic about an apartment complex in your subdivision or it's not FEMA, whatever it is we see a larger crowd. But we always see a core that come out and all I'm going to say for the core that come out, challenge the people that are on this Council and whoever is the Mayor to get the same expectation that the money is vested right for the City and its growth and infrastructure, wherever Tom is, those are the type of things this City needs. It doesn't go backwards so if you remember what it was like four years ago and prior to that don't go back. Whoever you put up here you challenge them to make sure they spend that money wisely and it's invested in this City. This is a good community and I'm really glad to be a part of it. I don't want to go back. I don't care who is up here. I don't care who the Mayor is or the six people, but I'll be out there because I know that's the only difference and for the folks that always come out to these meetings I thank you very much for coming out and being engaged. You challenge the people that are up here. We've got good people with good intentions but it really bothers me I do not want to go back as a community.

City Attorney Joe Wantland: I work here. I don't vote and that type thing but I work here and some of the ads like Dana said have really offended me and the raising of the property tax; that was an affront. Each individual living in Shepherdsville, your property tax went down. It didn't even stay the same it went down. And I want to comment on what Jose' said, don't go back. When Mayor Ellis came in to office, I think Faith was here, Bernie was here; this town was bankrupt financially. It was a West Virginia bank and it took all the resources of the financial planner hired by the City and as Bernie said, did a bang up great job, to get us a loan to keep us out of bankruptcy. That's the truth. That lender from West Virginia said you will raise your Sewer rate 66%; they wanted more. You will raise your Occupation Tax and you will have the Sheriff collect your taxes or you don't get the money. That's what was said four years ago. So if you want to go back to that you can. But I don't like people saying things when this Council has worked so hard that you all raised taxes because this Council didn't raise taxes. This Council lowered taxes. We had an event in the Bullitt Circuit Court this week we're not happy about but people keep saying things like nothing was proved here, nothing was proved there; there was \$3.5 million that was spent in this City before 2011, grant money. There ain't no ifs, no ands and no buts. \$3.5 million and there wasn't a dern thing shown for it. Not one thing. And what gets me upset is everybody in this room, we're paying that back today. \$60,000 a month. And at \$60,000 a month we're not going to pay it off in another four years it may take us another ten years. This Council paid it down from \$3.5 to about \$2.9-\$2.8. But people need to realize that money that's gone that was spent and not accounted for its still not accounted for. The people who want to come back and run and all this they still haven't accounted for that. But when people say this Council raised taxes that's not true. That is simply not true. This \$60,000 a month gripes me because people complain about their sewer bill. About 10% of your sewer bill is related to that \$3.5 million that's gone. There is no ifs ands or buts about that. That's just the math and I'm not a mathematician. And it was gone before 2011. So you all can think about that if you want to go back. I don't want to go back. I like the idea that your taxes are being lowered and we're generating more revenue. I can tell you why we're generating more revenue because we're growing and we're growing at a right good fashion and hopefully we can keep it up.

Clinton Kline made motion to adjourn. Jose' Cubero 2nd. Motion carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

R. Scott Ellis III, Mayor

Attest: _____
Tammy Richmond, City Clerk