

**CITY OF SHEPHERDSVILLE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, February 9, 2015**

Pastor Mike Miller, Family Day Ministries gave the invocation  
Pledge of Allegiance was recited  
Mayor Ellis called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

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

Mayor Ellis asked for a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the 1/26/2015 regular meeting. Bernie Brown made motion to dispense with reading. Dana Bischoff James 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 5-0-1 absent.

Mayor Ellis asked for a motion to approve minutes as written from the 1/26/2015 regular meeting. Dana Bischoff James made motion to approve 1/26/2015 minutes as written. Gloria Taft 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 5-0-1 absent.

Mayor Ellis announced there will be a meeting on February 11th, 6:00 p.m. at City Hall for City residents affected by the new Floodplain Maps.

Mayor Ellis asked everyone to stand and observe a moment of silence in remembrance of Deputy Director of Bullitt County EMA Les Bandy who lost his life in a traffic accident last week.

**Old Business:**

Mayor Ellis called Lt. Col. Patchin to the podium and opened the floor up for any discussion on the I.T. Projects and Maintenance Program that we discussed at the last meeting. Gloria Taft: I read it over and I make a motion we stay with Louisville Geek. Bernie Brown: You say stay with? Gloria Taft: Yes, accept the contract; to accept the bid from Louisville Geek. Dana Bischoff James 2<sup>nd</sup>. Bernie Brown: That's figures on 50 hours per? LTC Patchin: Citywide. Bernie Brown: Fifty hours citywide and that can be increased or decreased at any time and the hourly rate stays the same? LTC Patchin: Based on our needs, yes. I, since the last Council meeting talked to Bobby Bailey, one of the partners to confirm that, and he did confirm that we can increase or decrease at any time based on our needs. Larry Hatfield: Than can stop within 30 days at any time? Correct? Or am I thinking about something else? LTC Patchin: They didn't put anything in here about termination; generally 60 to 90 is what I've usually heard. Larry Hatfield: I may be thinking of something I drew up. I know what I'm thinking. I'm sorry. Bernie Brown: It would be an annual contract? Gloria Taft: It's a monthly contract as needed. Bernie Brown: This is month to month? Larry Hatfield: If this was month to month you would have no 60 or 90. LTC Patchin: It's our monthly fee. I believe the bid paperwork called for an annual bid. My understanding is that this was an annual contract bid for I.T. work but they are willing to adjust up and down the hours. Vote taken at this time: 4 in favor; 1 opposed; 1 absent. Motion carries. LTC Patchin: For clarification that was on the Maintenance Contract correct? Mayor Ellis: Yes. Larry Hatfield: Are you going to track this? LTC Patchin: How many hours we're using? Larry Hatfield: Are you going to do this for everybody or just the Police Department? LTC Patchin: They will break down how many hours they are putting in in every department. They will give us a breakdown every month. Bernie Brown: Who will be the person here that they deal with or contact? LTC Patchin: They usually will deal with the individual departments based on those department needs. For example, obviously I wouldn't be the one they need to talk to about what's going on in the Sewer plant. I have no idea. In the past what we've done and it seems like it's working, is each individual department deals with them based on their needs. Mayor Ellis: Is that it? LTC Patchin: I just need some direction on projects. Mayor Ellis: What were those projects exactly; I know you've got the website. LTC Patchin: There is the website; some City Hall work stations; some items for Public Works and Sewer which I have also given to Mr. Fleming. He can probably speak to that whether he needs to proceed with those or not. Scott Fleming: We are actually already dealing with Kyle on them. LTC Patchin: This was also bid out; the projects were. City Attorney

Wantland: Mr. Mayor this might be a good time to make a suggestion. I would like the Council to think about each Council Member having their own City provided cell phone/smart phone/governmental email address so that way you can keep your information more private. Your personal information more private. In today's time you almost need a separate public entity and a private entity to keep those separate. Just think about that you don't have to do anything tonight but at some point I would like for you all to think that we may want to have some form of communication device that is relegated to you as a Council person and you will be Dana, City Council person at Shepherdsville.gov or something; but it keeps in purposes of litigation these kinds of things that you've got your separate private; that's your personal private and you've got the public. In today's time, particularly with the hacking and everything that you read about going on; I'm getting a lot of information more and more all the time that you really need to have a separate public identity on a media situation. Bernie Brown: This I.T. person, are they going to get the City's website fixed? LTC Patchin: That is one of the projects. It's not part of the maintenance. Bernie Brown: It's still not fixed and I've heard several comments about it. Mayor Ellis: That falls under projects. What all were those projects Dan; I know there was the website? LTC Patchin: It was fixing the website citywide; and what that was is bringing all the departments under the same umbrella as the City it links from the departments from that; there was some City Hall workstations; Public Works tablets for Cityworks software; Public Works workstations; BPM link that needs to be created between Public Works and the Sewer Plant servers; some tables for the Sewer Department for the same purposes; and SCADA PC. If you need to know more about that I'd have to get Scott up here. I don't understand what that is. Scott Fleming: SCADA monitors our collection system. Gloria Taft: If I'm not mistaken Scott this was already in your budget that's approved for this year, correct? Scott Fleming: Yes. Gloria Taft: So these Sewer projects were approved in the budget that we passed already. So the money is there for those. I agree with Bernie, we need to get that website up and running as soon as possible. Mayor Ellis: Is that a motion to approve the projects. Gloria Taft: Yes it's a motion to approve the projects. Ashley Bratcher 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 5-0-1 absent. Dana Bischoff James: I know the Police Department has a decent monitoring system of equipment; could we maybe look in to implementing something for every department; not necessarily the same thing that they have but we've spoken about this in the past few years but something where we make sure stuff is not disappearing from job sites. Mayor Ellis: We do have the tracking system that we're using. Dana Bischoff James: Is it implemented in all areas at this time? Scott Fleming: No. LTC Patchin: You're talking about an asset tracking system; City equipment assets. Dana Bischoff James: Yes. Scott Fleming: That is a part of City Works. I can speak for Sewer and Public Works. Dana Bischoff James: Is that the same for the Fire Department? Fire Chief Layne Troutman: We go through Fire House software. Mayor Ellis: What do we use? City Clerk Richmond: We have a meeting with City Works for Admin on the 25<sup>th</sup> of this month to see about implementing it on the City side. Dana Bischoff James: Should that be something that, not that we want the oversight between Departments and Department Heads but just to insure that once a quarter or something that those things are being conducted? Mayor Ellis: Absolutely. They will be able to do the monitoring on those things daily if they want to look through them they can. Dana Bischoff James: What type of time line does the Police Department use? LTC Patchin: We generally do what we call a random sampling every three months. For example, we might this month do a random sampling of fire arms; the following time we might do a sampling of desks; we pick a category to audit. We don't audit everything. We just pick something randomly every three months to audit.

Mayor Ellis: Next on the Agenda we have further discussion on the request by Mr. & Mrs. Williams regarding restoration of some property from a sewer line. I think we need to leave this one alone right now. We have some folks that are looking for some stuff. Rob is trying to dig up some stuff; Bobby Powell is trying to find some of the paperwork from that project so we'll leave that one until the next meeting and hopefully they will be able to report back at the next meeting.

#### **New Business:**

City Attorney Joe Wantland to first second reading of Ordinance 015-(number to be assigned) proposing annexation of unincorporated territory adjoining the City referred to as KSR 245 Corridor adjacent to KSR 61. You received an email on this previously; the individual property owner has consented to this Annexation. The State owns the right of way 245; the State has been notified; the State has no objection to the City's annexation but that is not a consent so this is a proposal and then we'll have a confirmation later.

We have from Salt River Investment Electron Properties the Rice and Gossett's numerous acreage that is going to be proposed to be annexed by the City in the immediate future; we're waiting on the survey work to be completed. Mayor Ellis stated the second reading and discussion will be February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

City Attorney Wantland to have first reading of Ordinance 015-(number to be assigned) repealing Ordinance 994-328 establishing a Code of Ethics for the City of Shepherdsville. Mayor Ellis stated the second reading will be February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

City Attorney Wantland to have first reading by Summary of Ordinance 015-(number to be assigned) establishing a Code of Ethical conduct applicable to the officers and employees of the City and City Agencies. City Attorney Wantland asked for a motion from the Council to read the Ordinance by Summary. Dana Bischoff James made motion. Bernie Brown 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 5-0-1 absent. Mayor Ellis stated the second reading will also be February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

City Attorney Wantland: This is Executive Order #2015-01 pursuant to the requirements of KRS Chapter 61.933 effective 1/1/2015 regarding a Policy for Protection of Personal Information. What you are reading, what you are becoming aware of, people really are stealing people's identities whether it be government or business or whatever, and there is some which I refer to as good directions that are being promulgated trying to; the only reason I'm telling you about the phones, the people are starting to say your private phone cannot be used for public purpose. Technology, I'm inadequate. I'm not in to that but evidently it's becoming a tremendous problem. It's just something for you all to be aware of and part of this is saying you've got to watch your controls, whose got access to these things; who's got access to the computers; these kinds of things. Evidently it's a brave new world out there. Bernie Brown: I guess my question is we're going to sign that and then what? City Attorney Wantland: We're going to start doing it. It says that you've got to start having procedures in place that keep people from stealing the information at City Hall. Whether it be people's tax identification numbers; people's confidential information; whether it be a police investigation; these kinds of things need to be protected. Larry Hatfield: How are we going to do it? Bernie Brown: How are we going to protect them? Mayor Ellis: That's where we have to make sure the computers are all up to date and the firewalls, all of that. City Clerk Richmond: I think we are pretty much protected with what we have. I've kind of ran this through Kyle at Louisville Geek; we've got most of it in place that needs to be in place to protect us as well as you can be as this point in time. We as me, there's not a whole lot I can do to stop this. It's going to have to come from the people we just signed off on to protect our information and he assures me that is being done now. Larry Hatfield: So you're giving them more or less the right to set up a program to where they can't come in here and hack it. City Clerk Richmond: They've got safeguards on it already with different things that they've gone through to prevent it from happening. It can still happen as you can see it's happening everywhere. Mayor Ellis: Hackers are always learning ways to get around a firewall. City Clerk Richmond: The General Assembly passed this last session and they wanted it in effect 1/1/2015 so I got it ready because I don't want to be in conflict with anything they tell us we need to do. The Department for Local Government came down and they are also putting a lot of emphasis on it so I will again reiterate with Kyle what it says and make sure he's gone through it and they are doing everything that it says we need to do to insure our data is safe. Larry Hatfield: So basically we've voting to let Scott negotiate with them to put it on there. City Clerk Richmond: It's pretty much on there with what they've done already; the servers are protected. LTC Patchin: The server protection is already in place. I was reading so I heard parts of the Executive Order but a prime example is our systems have been attacked twice. Both times our systems fought off the attack. Both times it came from the Ukraine. So the systems are being attacked; Louisville Geek and other people that came before Louisville Geek have implemented security measures to keep a lot of that safe. I know the City and the Police Department and Fire Department are already there and with Louisville Geek involved with the Sewer Department I'd be shocked if they are not already there. Scott Fleming: We are. LTC Patchin: Part of this also I think from what I heard and correct me if I'm wrong, goes to training of employees too. Are there policies in place citywide that dictate to employees what information they are allowed to give out and what they are not allowed to give out? Steve Larimore: You've got to go a whole lot more than just computer security. That's not what this intent is. The intent is you have to have a process in place written that says when somebody comes and pays a bill this is how you handle the paperwork. You've got to have a system that says that Gloria can't sign in and get to Bernie's

account. You have to have individual log ins/passwords. You've got to have a process in place that says when you're going to destroy the paperwork when you no longer need it. All those regular office administrative procedures they have to be documented and fall in line with this process. It's not just about the computer security; Geek takes care of that; you've got to have a whole set of processes in place that talk about how your administrative processes work, really in this building. It's not about getting a new computer because you're paying somebody to do that part. Larry Hatfield: Would we be better off to let Louisville Geek come in here for 30 or 60 days and let them tell us what we should do? Steve Larimore: Larry you're already paying for all that. That's already in your contract. You're paying for all that. Take Louisville Geek completely out of this because you took care of that with your maintenance agreement. They are going to take care of all that. The process says; you've got a procedure of how you do all your business; you just have to put that in a document that says this is our standard operating procedures; this is how we're protecting personal information. That's all it is but you've got to have those things written, it can't just be well we've got Geek taking care of it. That's doesn't get it. It's got to go beyond that; it's about your processes. That's what they are looking for. Larry Hatfield: Do you need a motion Scott? Mayor Ellis: No it doesn't have to be voted on because it's an Executive Order that came down from DLG.

**Daryl Lee:** No report.

**Duane Price:** Nothing to report; meeting is Thursday.

### **Sign in Speakers:**

**Regina Kessler:** I'm with Bullitt Creek Homeowners Association. We were enthralled by the article in the *Pioneer News* regarding the help the City gave Heritage Hill Homeowners Association and we want to check and see if there is any way we can get our name on the list or some way to devise a plan. We have been in the City of Shepherdsville for almost nine years; it will be nine years in May of this year and we have been paying for our own repairs on the roads; we've been paying for our own street lights; we've been paying for anything that needs to be done. We have one little street. The development is not completed because the builder passed away. The owner of the property left town and we're just stuck. So we just would like to know; we pay City taxes as well and we would really like to know if we could be assisted with some type of development for our roads and our street lights. We have the curbs in place. We have the grates that are there but in can't drain because the road is not high enough. We have already patched and covered what we could afford. Its piece mill but it covers the holes that were in the original road. So we want you to take in consideration and I know that Mrs. Richmond was going to be checking in to trying to streamline the regulations and we don't want to miss an opportunity to be seen or heard because we are members of this community and we do pay our taxes and we want to see if you can aid us in improving our development. The bank owns the vacant land. We have ten residents; ten homes. Larry Hatfield: Where is that at mam? Ms. Kessler: It's right there off of West Blue Lick across from the Middle School and we sit kind of right behind Dogwood Subdivision off of West Blue Lick Road. We want to be viable members of the community but we feel like if that was able to be taken care of in Heritage Hill we'd like to follow suit to have it done at our place. Dana Bischoff James: Can we send Scott out to investigate their situation? Mayor Ellis: Scott has been out there. Bernie Brown: This is another situation where the City did not have a bond or some kind of security. Mrs. Kessler: We were told that until it was completely finished with all the homes in place; they are Patio Homes, that we couldn't get a road. Gloria Taft: Do you know how many lots are still vacant back there? Mrs. Kessler: There are 14. Dana Bischoff James: And the bank owns all of those? Mrs. Kessler: Yes ma'am. Dana Bischoff James: Which bank is it? Mrs. Kessler: Citizens in Eminence, Kentucky. Dana Bischoff James: Do you have anything to add? Scott Fleming: There is just a rough coat down; they've talked to me over the past couple years, snow removal, patching streets, different things, street signs, we would like to be able to help but you guys need to make a decision on what you want done. Dana Bischoff James: Can we look in to our budget then get a report back to you on the 23<sup>rd</sup>? Mrs. Kessler: We appreciate that very much. Anything we feel like we can improve on and actually it's improving the neighborhood. We appreciate any effort made. Dana Bischoff James: The 23<sup>rd</sup> we meet back here? Mayor Ellis: Yes. We can get Scott and Bob to look at some stuff. Larry Hatfield: That was one private developer wasn't it? Mrs. Kessler: Yes sir. Larry Hatfield: Patio homes. Mrs. Kessler: They are one floor patio homes. Gloria Taft: Scott will you get us the length of the street approximately? Scott Fleming: Yes. Gloria Taft: Man

if you would do some research and get us a full name, address, phone number to the bank in Eminence, Kentucky. Mrs. Kessler: I don't have it with me this evening but I will be bringing in on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Faith Portman:** Good evening. I'm here about the Homeless which we're going to rename, it's not going to be homeless anymore; we're going to name it at the February 17<sup>th</sup> meeting so if you all think of anything email me with a name. I've got a couple jotted down. I just wanted to update everybody on the homeless. We're having our next meeting on Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>; 6:30 here at City Hall; anybody that wants to join us, the Council, Mayor or anybody in the public, feel free to come. We can use all the help we can get. We have a list of priorities going on right now and we're ranking them from the most needed and we're starting with veterans because we feel like they are top priority. Then those that are living in cars and teenagers that are homeless. We have several, I think like 15 in the community right now. We're also putting together care packages if anybody would like to donate to that. My class at Shepherdsville Elementary is going to put them together and we're going to give them to the homeless when we visit their site. We need small bottles of shampoo, soap, bottled water, hand sanitizer, anything you think the homeless might need. We're collecting that and if you get any give me a call and I'll be glad to come pick it up. Myself and Linda Belcher have been talking to several business owners in the community and we have several of them that are coming and are here that are going to donate to our two soup kitchens; food. The new Walmart, I've already talked to them and they are going to donate. Between Linda and me we've really been kicking the dirt up around here and getting a lot of people to donate. There are four people that are working pretty hard on this so I would appreciate it if anybody wants to reach out there and help us. That would be great. That's all I have and after the next meeting I will report to the Council and Mayor about what's going on. Larry Hatfield: Clothes? Faith Portman: Well right now we don't know where we're going to keep the clothes. We'd love too. I've received a few clothes and I'm taking them to the Outreach because we're going to work out a deal with Outreach to give them clothes when they need it. But I know I don't have a place to keep them. I have two garages full of furniture right now. I don't know anybody that has places to keep anything. Dana Bischoff James: There is an Organization called Kloth a Kid as well they are in Lebanon Junction if I'm not mistaken. Faith Portman: The Outreach said they would be glad to give them anything they need. But if you come up with any ideas or anything that we need to bring up; Dan Patchin and myself, I think Jason Rives, he's going to take me around and show me where most of them are living. That way I get an idea of where they are at so I can visit too and take care packages. So if you all think of anything please email me with any suggestions or come to the meeting; that would be great. The more the merrier. We had almost 50 at the last meeting. Larry Hatfield: You know The Healing Place in Louisville is a good place for some of them if they want to get started. I have a lot of information because I've had family members that's been through there. So I would be happy to answer any questions. Faith Portman: I know at one time you were interested in opening something like that weren't you? Larry Hatfield: I looked at opening up a Sober Living but there is no transit here for them to work. That's a very iffy to invest \$150,000-\$200,000 but The Healing Place is a tremendous asset to Louisville. Faith Portman: I know it is. Being in the school system I see a lot of this. And Gloria also brought up to me tonight about a lot of local businesses in Jefferson County are hiring homeless people and I know that the Mayor has talked to a few and Linda and I have talked to a few and they are talking about trying to help finance some of them to work. Larry Hatfield: That's how the Sober Living places in Louisville that I'm familiar with are, you'll get in there through The Health Place and they will help you find a job and then you have x amount of time to live there free and then you get in to where you start paying and they have life skills, because the people that are there have lost everything they had and so they start them out on a small program but it's very intense and you end up, hopefully, in either a Sober Living or somewhere like that. Faith Portman: I'll get with you and we'll talk about The Healing Place. Larry Hatfield: I'd be happy to come to one of the meetings because I've had a son that's went through it once and I've had a nephew that's went completely through it. Faith Portman: If you want to come Tuesday I'll put you on the Agenda if you think you can make it. Next Tuesday at 6:30.

#### **Department Reports:**

**City Controller Bob Ryan:** I have a hand out here I wanted to give you last week before the meeting but I had bronchitis so I'm going to hand this out now. The first of the month I get from KLC two invoices on two existing debts. One is for a monthly payment of about \$95,000 on a \$5 million debit and the other one is \$4,000 a month on a \$300,000 some debt. So what you have here is; when I got those invoices I looked at

the three hundred and then I sent emails back and forth to Linda Wycliffe with KLC and I told her through paying off existing debt currently and cash management the Sewer system is now in a position to do one of two things; invest money or pay debt and there in nothing out there. I've looked with brokers I know with Merrill Lynch, brokers I know with UBS and of course they are all restricted by the KRS Statute on what municipalities can invest in and they are just not there. Anything that would give the City any type of return on some money is going to have to be locked in to for three years and we can't do that. So I asked what's it going to cost to pay off this \$300,000 note and she came back and her estimate to pay off was \$372,944.00. There's an amortization schedule in here also for your consideration showing the payments that are left on this note so what I came back to was if the note is paid off now, paying off \$372,000 that is less than \$395,000 that the City would have to pay out over the term of the note. So right off the top there is a savings of almost \$23,000 in paying the note off. If you pay the note off there is monies there that you can say at least we're going to have some interest but it's at Peoples Bank earning .5% interest; we're paying close to 3% interest on the note; so what you have there is for your consideration to pay this note off sometime within the near future. There is a savings no matter which way you go even if you look at the interest that is lost from not being able to invest it; there is still almost \$13,000 in savings for the City. That's just for your reading and consideration on retiring another debt of the City. Bernie Brown: I support paying debt. I feel there are other benefits too in addition to what you just said. Dana Bischoff James: I personally like the idea as well. As far as funds, are those available currently? Bob Ryan: Yes. Dana Bischoff James: So we're not going to be tying up or if a future project comes up were not going to be set back. Bob Ryan: No. This would be paid out of the operating cash of the Sewer Fund. It's not coming out of restricted funds or sinking funds or anything. This is unrestricted operating cash in Peoples Bank of Bullitt County for the sewer system. Bernie Brown: KLC didn't have any problem with the City paying that off? Bob Ryan: No she responded. Bernie Brown: I'm just saying we have to have their permission or they have to agree to it. Dana Bischoff James: And no penalties for early pay off. Bob Ryan: Well there is. The last invoice they sent after it was paid the debt was \$340,185.00 There would be the payoff penalties to get it up to \$372,000 so you're going from \$340 to \$372 but still if you continue paying out on the \$4,000 a month over the term of the loan that comes to \$395. Larry Hatfield: The note payment is \$4800 a month? Bob Ryan: Yes. Dana Bischoff James: Can I make a motion we go ahead and do this? Bernie Brown: I say we pay it off. I 2<sup>nd</sup>. Gloria Taft: Is it coming out of the account of the \$15,000 that is being put away every month? Bob Ryan: No. This is coming out of the daily operating cash of the sewer fund where the revenue from sewer fund utilities is deposited and bills are paid. No restricted cash accounts are involved in this. Motion carried 5-0-1 absent.

**Mayor Ellis:** I spoke to Claude today and he will be back next Monday. He's been released from the doctor so he'll be back hammering away at Public Works.

#### **Council Reports:**

**Dana Bischoff James:** Something I want to look at probably moving more toward the next budget cycle as far as the Council I know that we have been dealing with projects and issues just having maybe the Council having the ability to look into getting additional legal advisement. Something where if there are questions we ask that kind of goes along with some of the concerns we've been looking towards; the security of ourselves, cell phones, emails, what is it that we need to do. One to protect ourselves and our families but also if there are issues that come up that needs more clarity from a legal aspect. Just something to look at in the future.

**Bernie Brown:** About the strategic planning. I've got at least three maybe four people who have volunteered to serve on a committee to look in to doing some planning. I did speak to Amy Cloud who is a certified strategic planner that assisted the Chamber of Commerce in their meeting and planning here recently that Dan Cline mentioned, I spoke to her, and she was very nice. She is supposed to be sending me some information, I haven't got it yet but I'll be following up on that. I did speak to a lady at Kentucky League of Cities; they are willing, in fact they had a couple people who do this very thing; the only thing is they don't do it for free. Anyway if any of you council people have anybody in mind that you would suggest let me know. I think everybody has probably got an agenda but I think we need to try to get people who can set aside their personal agendas and look at it very objectively for the good of this City. So if any of you have any suggestions in that regard let me know. One other thing too, I've just been made aware of in the

last day or two, about an Ordinance that reimburses the City of Shepherdsville for costs, expenses and fees associated with City of Shepherdsville Police Department within and by the City of Shepherdsville, Bullitt County, Kentucky. It's my understanding, I didn't get to talk to the Chief but it's my understanding that they don't really care if we appeal this Ordinance. I would like for all of you on the Council, I have a copy here and I'll give it to Tammy to copy and put in everybody's box. I'd like for you all to look it over and see if you are in agreement and at the next meeting if you all are in agreement I would suggest that we think very seriously about repealing this. Larry Hatfield: I talked to Chief Puckett today and Patchin and we're not really following it. Bernie Brown: And that in itself can be a problem. It's my understanding, Chief are you in agreement? Chief Puckett: Yes, over the years it's been so hard to try to collect anything on that and I think our collection is down around 5% so it actually costs more to collect what we're getting in than what it is worth. Larry Hatfield: I think at the time the Ordinance was good. Chief Puckett: It was on recovery of expenses the police department had on misdemeanor and felony cases in court. Where the money we spend to send officers to court and costs associated with that. But it's been so hard to collect that money it's not worth it basically. Bernie Brown: If you folks in the Police Department think there's any need to keep any portion of this let us know. If not it's my understanding you all don't really care that much anyway. So if that's the case my suggestion is that we think very seriously about repealing it.

**Gloria Taft:** I'd like to address the house on the corner of Beech Grove Road. We've got an order from the Judge saying we can raise the property and I'd like to make a motion that we raise that property, clean it up and make it suitable for people that live around there because it's a nuisance; teenagers and homeless doing things in there that ought not be done. The property has holes in the roof and I'd like to see us as soon as possible get the necessary permits and get a bulldozer out there and level the place. Larry Hatfield: Can we put a lien on the property while we do that. City Attorney Wantland: We are going to put a lien on it. Bernie Brown 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Dennis Mitchell: Mayor I think the mortgage company was down there today taking measurements around the house and I think the mortgage company is going to go down there and clean it up anyway. City Attorney Wantland: The mortgage company does not have title to it Dennis, I tried to do everything I can to get the mortgage company to do that and the mortgage company is dragging their feet trying to let somebody else who buys it at the courthouse door have that mess. Dennis Mitchell: I'd like to see it cleaned up any way you do it. I just wanted to let you know they were down there today and they informed me that they were the mortgage company because they wanted to bring some dumpsters in there. Bernie Brown: Maybe they are going to raise it. City Attorney Wantland: No I talked to their lawyer today and their lawyer said no. I talked to them before coming to the meeting tonight because I was hoping it would come up. They have had someone go by the property and do an estimate of what it would cost to raise it. My understanding in talking to that lawyer for the mortgage company the mortgage company doesn't have title, and they are not going to get title until the mess is cleaned; so we're going to have to put the lien on it and then I'm going to go after the mortgage company. What do you do? They are dragging their feet. I've tried to get them the mortgage company to go in to the property with the idea we have a court order now that we would provide police assistance; the lender has advised me that their people that went in there to secure this property at one time were ran off at gunpoint. It's a volatile situation so I said we'll send the police. Myra had been to the property previously. It's just not a good situation. I'm glad that we've got a motion to raise it. I think we go forward and we'll put the lien on the property and try to collect. It's hard collecting them but we'll try to get it. Motion carried 5-0-1 absent. Gloria Taft: I was talking with Elizabeth in Senator Mitch McConnell's office and they have requested a copy of our appeals to FEMA so that they can assist with whatever they may be able to assist with us on the FEMA issue and we will be sending that email tomorrow.

Mayor Ellis asked for a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss property acquisition. He invited John Snider and Nicky Rapier to join the Executive Session. Gloria Taft made motion to adjourn to Executive Session. Dana Bischoff James 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carrier 5-0-1 absent.

Bernie Brown made motion to return to Regular Session. Ashley Bratcher 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 5-0-1 absent.

City Attorney Wantland: The Mayor has been given very specific instructions by the Council on what intends to happen in the next few weeks and the Mayor is going to follow up on that.

Dana Bischoff James made motion to adjourn. Gloria Taft 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 5-0-1 absent. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

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R. Scott Ellis III, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tammy Richmond, City Clerk