

**CITY OF SHEPHERDSVILLE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, May 14, 2012**

Shepherdsville Police Officer and Pastor, Family Day Ministries, Mike Miller gave the invocation Pledge of Allegiance was recited  
Mayor Ellis called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

In attendance were Council members Bernie Brown, Don Cundiff, Robert Flaherty, Larry Hatfield, Corky Miller, and Faith Portman.

Don Cundiff made motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the 4/23/2012 Regular Meeting. Faith Portman 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 6-0. Faith Portman made motion to approve minutes as written from the 4/23/2012 Regular Meeting. Corky Miller 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 6-0.

Mayor Ellis announced that City Hall will be closed and there will be no Council Meeting on May 28<sup>th</sup> due to the Memorial Day Holiday and City Hall will be closing at noon on May 22<sup>nd</sup> for Election Day.

**Old Business:**

City Attorney Wantland had second reading of Ordinance 012-(number to be assigned) confirming annexation of unincorporated territory of 11.1 acres by written consent of all property owners of record of this property into the City of Shepherdsville. Larry Hatfield made motion to approve. Don Cundiff. Motion carried 6-0.

City Attorney Wantland had second reading of Ordinance 012-(number to be assigned) confirming annexation of unincorporated territory of 3.8 acres by written consent of all property owners of record of this property into the City of Shepherdsville. Faith Portman made motion to approve. Robert Flaherty 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 6-0.

**New Business:**

Mayor Ellis asked if Jim Rice was present. He was not. Larry Hatfield asked if we could go ahead and settle this issue. He stated he thinks we can go ahead and charge him one tap and be done with this thing. Larry Hatfield made motion that we call or send Mr. Rice a letter that one tap for that lot. Bernie Brown 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 6-0.

City Attorney Wantland had first reading of Ordinance 012-(number to be assigned) confirming annexation of unincorporated territory of 1.03 acres by written consent of all property owners of record of this property into the City of Shepherdsville.

City Attorney Wantland had first reading of Ordinance 012-(number to be assigned) confirming annexation of unincorporated territory of 184.8 acres by written consent of all property owners of record of this property into the City of Shepherdsville.

City Attorney Wantland had first reading of Ordinance 012-(number to be assigned) confirming annexation of unincorporated territory of 1.1 acres by written consent of all property owners of record of this property into the City of Shepherdsville.

City Attorney Wantland had first reading of Ordinance 012-(number to be assigned) confirming annexation of unincorporated territory of 0.50 acre by written consent of all property owners of record of this property into the City of Shepherdsville.

City Attorney Wantland read Resolution 012-005 approving the granting of inducements to Magna Seating, Inc. for the purpose of attracting and retaining jobs pursuant to KRS Chapter 154, Subsection 24. Faith Portman made motion to approve. Don Cundiff 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 6-0.

Approve payment of April City bills. Larry Hatfield made motion to pay April City bills. Faith Portman 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 5-0-1 abstain.

Approve payment of April Sewer bills. Larry Hatfield made motion to pay April Sewer bills including Qk4. Corky Miller 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 5-0-1 abstain.

**Daryl Lee:** Called and reported there was nothing new at this time.

**Duane Price:** Reported there was one variance to allow Bob Ferland to install a 72 sq. ft. sign on the front façade of the tenant space (185 Adam Shepherd Parkway #13) at Shepherds Crossing Shopping Center.

### **Sign in Speakers:**

**Tonya Sherrard**, 150 Clover Cove Drive and **Anna Carpenter**, 139 Clover Cove Drive. I'm here on behalf of Shepherds Glen. I have pictures to present as well. We have speeders and have been continually trying to battle it for several years. We've called the police and asked them to patrol our streets for numerous times and it has not alleviated the problem. We have gone as far as sitting outside and trying to flag down our neighbors and saying hey we have children and dogs that are out on our neighborhood streets. Please stop. They're not doing in. We're asking if we can have some speed humps put in to our area, we're actually calling it a drag way. It's like Ohio Valley Drag way through our neighborhood. Mayor Ellis: One of the unfortunate things when you put speed humps in or speed bumps, people disregard those things. The only way you're going to teach people not to speed is write them tickets. Chief, can we get some folks out there to write some tickets this week? Chief Puckett: I'll try. Mayor Ellis: If we have some down time send them out there and let's write some tickets. I think it worked over here behind Melton's. Ms. Sherrard: Mayor, I have personally sat and watched officers write tickets in our neighborhood. They're still doing it. They are disregarding. They are waiting until his officers are gone and they are flying through. Ms. Carpenter: We have disabled people that are in wheelchairs that are in the neighborhood. Mayor Ellis: There have been subdivisions we've put speed humps in and they hit them doing 60 miles an hour and just ramp them. Ms. Sherrard: It has gone as far as me almost getting hit by a school bus that I have had to call the department and report the school bus for almost hitting me; and it happened to be a handicap school bus. I'm to the point where I don't want to move, I love my home, but I'm scared to let my dog out. Larry Hatfield: Why don't we do what we did down on Plum, Lee and Abbott? If you all can get the majority of the residents to sign up and agree to them, we should be able to help you. Ms. Sherrard: We have no problem with that. Ms. Carpenter: I'm sure we can get all the calls we've made to the police station; there's been so many. Ms. Sherrard: I can drag up records if you really want to see. Mayor Ellis: You don't need to do that. Like Councilman Hatfield said, get us 30% - 40% of the population and bring those signatures here and we'll put them in for you.

**Brenda Board:** I live on Partridge Run. I was here at the last City Council meeting and if you'll look at your meeting minutes from April 23<sup>rd</sup> and in the Old Business section of that, about 8 lines down, this was in regard to the 2.179 acres and a statement that was made by one of the representatives of Valley View Farms. What he was saying and what he was asked is in regard to that property not having been annexed back in 2003. When he was going over this; I still had my records, mine are yellow from 2003. But if you'll look through some of those he made the statement when he was asked the question why this property was not annexed at the time that the other property was in 2003 and the statement was it was an oversight. The proof from 2003 Ordinance is that it was not an oversight. If you'll look on the page 7 on the copies I gave you it was an exclusion of 2.179 acres. The two story brick house and this to me; his statement it struck me as being unusual when he made it. But in my case I'm just saying that I'm opposed to what he said and his

reason for saying it when he could have just told that it had been excluded purposely. Whereas this and his statement and this is something that we've had to go through before and with many other things since this whole ordeal started in 2003. So I'm opposed to the annexation only because of the purpose that I don't believe that he was truthful. And if you read your old minutes you will see the part where he stated it as an oversight twice. He was asked twice; he said it twice. In the rezoning application an ordinance that was back from 2004 I believe, it even explained who lived on that property and in that house and who the property owners were at that time. So even then the knowledge was out there to where it was not an oversight. I just wanted to point that out. I know it may not do a thing about the actual ordinance that was passed and the fact of that property being annexed in many senses it was just like an island. If you see the back page of what I gave you it was just like an island in the whole City of the annexed property anyway. But it was the issue of him stating that it was an oversight and doing that statement making it twice. You can read it. You now have copies of what we've had since 2003. Thank you.

**Gary Board:** This is an old ordinance. I just want to see if it pertains to anything that is going on now. This is in regard to Ordinance 003-589 that says proposing annexation on Section 7 within 60 days of the publication of this ordinance which was dated 9/21/2003 one may petition the Mayor of the City of Shepherdsville for opposition to this ordinance by having 50% of the registered voters or owners of real property within the limits of the territory proposed to be annexed indicate their opposition to this ordinance. Does that have anything to do with Ordinance 012-101 or is that just pertaining to that particular ordinance where somebody could come within 60 days of publication with 50% of the registered voters or owners of real property within the limits of that and get that done away with? City Attorney Wantland: That pertains to that ordinance. Mr. Board: Just that ordinance only? Mr. Wantland: As to that piece of property. Mr. Board: Ok. Do we know how something like that got written into one ordinance and not all ordinances? Mr. Wantland: One the law changed and two generally the way we do annexations for the most part in the City is by consent. If you don't have consent of the property owner in tradition we don't annex that person. Mr. Board: But that particular piece of property 012-101 which is the 2.179 acres that my wife spoke about, that was like in an island so was anybody considered adjoining property owners in that. Mr. Wantland: Adjoining property owners do not get to contest the annexation. Affected property owners can. They have to be within the territory being annexed. Mr. Board: One more thing if I can, it's what my wife spoke on and I've heard it read quite a bit tonight where it says the City Council makes the finding of the annexation will promote the development and establishment of uniform sanitary sewer facilities and otherwise promote the development of positive infrastructure along the corridor this says from Highway 44 to present and future citizens residing in this area. I'm going to speak about 480. But I know it's been spoke about others that you all referred to tonight. My thoughts are on future citizens residing in an area means that it's going to be there for housing. Is that true or untrue when you say residing in the area. When you annex something into the City but it's not zoned. Mr. Wantland: It's not going to be binding on future Councils but it would anticipate that there are people who are going to use the sewer system; that is people. Mr. Board: Ok, not necessarily just homes. Mr. Wantland: People. Mr. Board: My next question you may have just answered. How can any future citizen who is residing in an area where the owners of property in the surrounding approximately 650 acres want to have it rezoned from R-3 to IL and does the sanitary sewers have capacity for more connections without major upgrades no matter what goes in there. Mr. Wantland: I would hope that we have planned our sewer system to accommodate growth. I don't think there's any question about that. The Interceptor line is basically getting moved along. Mr. Board: I was wondering does the City have to pay for these improvements. Mr. Wantland: Yeah, we're all in this room, we all write a check every once in a while.

**Billy Johnson:** 614 Beech Grove Road. The City had put a sewer line on me a couple years ago and the agreement was to hook me on to the sewers. I don't know if anybody knows about it or not, it's just me and my wife, I've got no problem with my septic tank, I've had it about 37 years but I wanted the City to know that the City agreed to hook me on. Now when they hook me on it don't matter to me when, if it's 20 years from now. But I wanted everybody to know that. Larry Hatfield: The City took his property for the sewer

and they also took his property for Old Ford Road. And the deal was we'd put him in a sewer tap and there was other deals. He has it in writing and he's just concerned that if we leave and the next Council, he wants to go on record. When the interceptor is done and all that is put together back there then you'll probably have to hook up. Mr. Johnson: It don't matter to me – I will not have to hook up, the City will have to hook up. I just wanted everybody to know that. I don't want to come up here in 4 or 5 years from now and be told we can't do anything about it.

### **Department Reports: None**

**Mike Miller, City Code Enforcement Officer:** Mayor, City Council, thank you tonight. The Chief's office has done something great I think for our citizens here in the community. Now we've got our new website; you can go to [www.sheppolice.com](http://www.sheppolice.com) and you can file your code enforcement complaint, whether its tall grass, you don't have to worry about your name being on there. What happens when you go to the website and you do that it comes directly to me and I'm able to go out and take care of that problem. So I do believe this is a good service that we're providing for our community. A lot of times people don't want to give their names etc. so this is a way. We understand not everybody has access to a website so you can always still call the police department and leave a message for me at extension 2014 and I'll be able to get back to that code enforcement complaint as soon as possible. The phone number is going to be 957-1001 extension 2014. And just to update you all, I think our City is getting cleaned up. I'm happy about what I'm starting to see. I do have 4 outstanding complaints that I do want the Mayor and Council to know about. Some of them have been long going here so you need to know. 374 Beech Grove Road, that's owned by Troy Davis. I know that's been an eyesore in our community so a while and I've been dealing with Mr. Davis so have patience with me. There's some type of legal aspect going on with the court system with that piece of property right now but I did call Mr. Davis today and talked to him; at Melton's lot we've had a vehicle down there for a while and I did talk with Mr. Joe Melton, the owner, and we're going to have that removed as soon as possible. There was some type of business deal that went bad between him and his partner and the other guy owns it but I am going to have it removed soon. The other one is Fincastle Way; that just tall grass at 528 Fincastle. I'll deal with that. And 273 Circle Drive, the tall grass. That property is being sold on May 18<sup>th</sup> so I want the Mayor and Council to understand sometimes I'm working real closely with these banks and usually it takes banks about 2 weeks to get a work crew out. Mayor, I was able to get 141 Judy Lynn Court cut but sometimes it takes 2-3 weeks so I would ask that the Mayor, Council and citizens be patient, I'm trying to work with the banks to get out here and get this cut. It's very successful that we have had probably about 155 complaints and we have not had to cite anybody in our City so I think that's a pretty good thing for our City government that we're working with our citizens here. People don't understand these complaints it's a misdemeanor fine. Its 90 days in jail or a \$500 fine or both. That's up to the judge. So with that said I think it's better that we work with our citizens and maybe give an extra 2-3 weeks or whatever to get these complaints dealt with than to just write people up and give them citations. But we will do that obviously if we have to do that. Is there any questions? Bernie Brown: Officer Miller, first of all I want to thank you for the job that you've been doing. I think you're to be commended for it. One other thing too and I meant to call earlier and I forgot it but the old Shell Station on 44, the grass and weeds is getting awfully high again. Officer Miller: Actually I was able to contact them last year, that was a problem last year so I'll go back to my notes and fine out exactly who owns it, I can't remember who, but I did have that cut last year so we'll take care of it.

**Chuck Keith and Scott Fleming:** I don't know if you all have checked your mail box, I had Scott write a letter on what we've been doing. I put a copy of the budget in there that we worked up if you all want to go over that and we've got a meeting the 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 on the budget so if you have any questions once you look it over just get in contact with either one of us. I've already told you about the press building. Everything is going good we're looking in good shape. Things are turning around and we're going in the right direction. Scott Fleming: We're actually doing 3 times the work with about two-third of the chemical so it's actually

being a blessing. Chuck Keith: Depending on how the old press run it would take 7-9 hours; we filled a dumpster up in 1 hour and 15 minutes. We're running both presses right now but once we get caught up; because we're behind on our solids, that's what we'll be doing is alternating. Mayor Ellis: I've been spending a lot of time with these two over the last few weeks and some of the ideas and plans they have – impressive. We're starting to move forward. Corky Miller: I'd like to second that. Last week Rob, Faith and I met with these guys with Rob Campbell for 3 hours and they were very efficient along with telling us what they are doing and showing us how it's working; what the deficiencies were and how they are working on those so I think they've done a great job. Mayor Sohm: These guys deserve to be patted on the back. They are doing a great job. Faith Portman: While we have them up here too I want to bring up that the Sewer Plant employees are really under a lot of stress right now and it's all because we brought Veolia in. I think that we need to put it to rest. Cut ties with it so they are not worrying daily whether they have a job. Faith Portman made motion that we not accept them and not talk to them about the sewer plant; put it to rest so they can do their job and don't have to worry anymore. Corky Miller 2<sup>nd</sup>. Robert Flaherty: Just to verify a couple things. First off is you gentlemen know, they submitted just a bare bones proposal and they came in and made a presentation. Even for that to move further there is going to have to be a lot more negotiation, a lot more details, and in light of what I've seen from Chuck and Scott and the discussions we're had, and I've told them too, to make it difficult for me to accept any proposal from somebody else and they are doing a real good job of making it difficult on me. They are demonstrating that they are working hard and they are getting on top of the compliance issues and they are working hard on their budget and trying to keep things in check and what they've submitted so far is impressive as far as their budget numbers for the upcoming year and it represents a; hopefully it's taken some steps towards pulling us out of some bad situations so I appreciate all the work they've done. Now I do want to thank Veolia because they did a lot of hard work with their proposal. They did a very thorough job. It's nothing against them and what they've done however the thought of taking one of our major operations of the City is something that ultimately the Mayor and Council are responsible for, and turning it over to a third party that is not accountable to us, that we just write a check to, is a big concern. Because in the end we would still be responsible for any issues with the EPA or Division of Water. So I would much rather unless it comes to a point to where I have the feeling that we just flat out can't handle it and I don't feel like that right now, I would much rather have our employees handling it, people that are accountable to us, people that receive their paychecks from us and give them every opportunity to do the job that I know they can do. So I agree with Faith at this time that I'm not in favor of pursuing any further negotiations. I don't expect us to get there but if somewhere down the road we feel like we need to revisit it we can but right now I just don't see any need to move any further with it. Faith Portman: if you look over their budget they put together a great budget. Bernie Brown: I might just add too that I had a rather long discussion with Scott Fleming, probably a month ago, and he told me then that he thought that they could do the job for less money than Veolia. My suggestion to him then was come up with a plan that shows that you can do it and not only do it with the financial aspect but with compliance with the EPA. That's what I have a big concern about. If we go on the past record, the past record doesn't look very good for Shepherdsville complying with the EPA. And one of these days very soon the Division of Water, EPA, is going to come down hard on Shepherdsville if we don't get in compliance. I also want to commend you for doing the financial aspect for the budget; but one thing that I want to know more about too is what about the compliance. What kind of time frame; what are your projections for complying. Because that's a serious issue. Scott Fleming: I actually put a letter in your boxes today, but its describing where we're at right now as far as coming into compliance and we're hitting all areas of it at this point. Chuck Keith: We had last week two meetings with the Division of Water. Both meetings went really well. They were well pleased with what we are doing, the direction we are heading. The Mayor will be receiving a letter from them in the next few days. So right now with the people we talked to at the Division of Water they are happy with what we're doing and the way we're going. Scott Fleming: They actually commended this administration on how they are handling this situation. So hopefully we're back in the good graces we just have to continue to work hard at it. Chuck Keith: All you sitting here know the way we're headed because of the EPA and Division of Water, there is only a certain amount we can do without funding and as funding

comes along we'll do more and more and the Division of Water understood that when we talked to them. They understood that completely. Bernie Brown: Scott you're saying then that you have given some information about a schedule for complying. Can you just give some idea of approximately how much time is it going to take to get it into compliance? Scott Fleming: Well this is not something you're going to solve in just a year. We're continuously going to have to do 40,000 feet of pipe a year; you have to come up with a capital projects, you constantly are going to have to update your system. You're looking at 5 – 10 year's worth of work here, easy just to get a handle on your system to get it updated where it needs to be. Joe Wantland: We're not talking about SSOs and SORPs, we're moving forward in the right direction. It's a collective effort but it's a step in the right direction. Bernie Brown: I think the compliance issue has got to be in the forefront. We have to keep an eye on that. If we fall behind on that then I think we have to consider some other way of going. Chuck Keith: We started our maintenance program, its going good. We started our grease trap program, it's going good now. We've got the pre-treatment program, should be going any time. I haven't talked to Cindy Leasor, she's presented it to the State, and we're just waiting for them to approve it. Like Scott said, it's going to take a little time but we are coming into compliance with everything. Don Cundiff: I think there's definitely been a lot of improvements made over the last year. Corky Miller: The big improvement, and you know this Larry, is the mapping with every little thing on that and the engineer has been doing a great job. One of the questions we brought up to Rob the other night was you all are going to be leaving here pretty soon when we get the line all done, he said that's right but you're still going to need an engineer. That's something we're going to have to keep in mind because you cannot operate that many miles and be in compliance with the maps and everything without an engineer and somebody on the ball doing that. We discussed that with Chuck and Scott and Rob said he would help us if we wanted him to start interviewing. This is not an any nitpick application anymore like it used to be when you talk about 80 more miles of sewers, you've got a lot of mapping to do and that's one of the things the EPA will come in super hard on. Bernie Brown: Scott do you know what the total number of feet of sewer lines there are in the City? Scott & Chuck: 78 miles. Bernie Brown: You've already videoed 10,000 feet? Scott/Chuck: Yes sir. Bernie Brown: And cleaned them? Scott: Yes. Larry Hatfield: Blue Lick? Scott: We've done manhole inspections on Blue Lick, in your letter in explains that in detail what we've been doing but we're hitting all facets of staying in compliance with the EPA. Larry Hatfield: Are we ready for Poe to hook on? Scott Fleming: No we are not. Again it comes down to funding and we're going to have to do which I know we have some money set aside for that, but there's going to have to be a least a small portion of rehab done on Blue Lick to do that. Larry Hatfield: That's what we need to do. Bernie Brown: I don't think we have any choice but to get ready for Poe to hook up. They already paid. Chuck: Scott would have more done but because of our manpower I tend to take him away from him when I need him. So we would actually have more feet cameraed and cleaned but with only 8 people we have to jockey around and if an emergency comes up we have to do it. As time goes on and we get a couple more people and our budget is for 10 people, when you look at it, we can get more done as time goes on. I don't think we're going to have any problem meeting what the EPA asked us on the 10% a year of our system. Bernie Brown: Does anybody know when to expect the Poe project to be ready to hook up. Chuck: I've not heard anything. Mayor Ellis: I've not heard anything. They've only got 3 buildings that are on stick at this point in time. Bernie Brown: There's quite a bit to be done to prepare for that isn't there? Larry Hatfield: Yes we're going to have to fix that line. Mayor Ellis called for vote not to accept Veolia's offer at this time. Motion carried 5-0-1 abstain.

### **Council Reports:**

**Robert Flaherty:** There is just a couple more words on some of the annexation discussion that's been going around. First off the people that have been here the past few meetings are aware of it, but some people may not, all the annexation ordinances you're hearing are not new annexations. There have been some new requirements from the State come down about mapping those better and having better boundary lines so those are just older annexations where we've had to redo the ordinances to have better property descriptions. So the people that haven't been attending the meetings don't leave with the impression that we just annexed six new parcels of property. Again those are just correcting some property descriptions from prior

annexations over a number of years. Another issue is I received a few different contacts about the vote at the last meeting on the annexation of the Plenge/Korfhage property and individuals were talking about how it was some grand scheme and all a part of a I guess a plan for the rezoning. I can only speak for myself and my thoughts on that but I view than annexation as a separate and distinct vote from any rezoning. They are two different things to me whether the applicants have some idea, I don't know, that's up to them. And quite honestly having served as Counsel of the Planning Commission I can understand why they needed to annex that to move forward with their rezoning. But as was pointed out you had that little tiny island in the middle of hundreds of acres that made no sense, so when I looked at that it made perfect sense to go ahead and annex it. Now that property is subject to City taxation. I have a problem with any type of, just from a philosophical standpoint; I tend to think that annexations should be entire tracts that are directly contiguous anyway. That hasn't always happened and if there is a chance for us to fix those areas where that hasn't happened I'm going to be looking at it. So I don't want anyone to get the impression of where I vote on an annexation may mean as far as the rezoning coming up. They are completely separate in my mind. They are not related and those that I've had discussions with about some other issues understand that. That vote was for the annexation. That's it. That's all it was related to. The only other thing I had, I know we've gotten some budget numbers from the Sewer Department, I know the other departments have been working on them. I've talked with a couple of them. I know we're looking at having a budget workshop scheduled but again I would encourage all the other departments if you have an opportunity to try and get us whatever you have as soon as possible before the workshop. If we can get a chance to look at it beforehand then maybe the workshop can be a little bit more productive than getting numbers for the first time and having to look at them right there on the spot. So anything you all can do to help us with that we appreciate it and I appreciate all the work you all are doing on getting that stuff together and as I mentioned earlier with an email I'm going to try to get in here as soon as possible to do what I can to help with some revenue projections. If we can start getting our revenue numbers in line; it's kind of hard to know where to spend and how much to spend unless you know how much we're going to have. So I'm going to make every effort to get in here and work with the Mayor's office to see what we can do to get our revenue projections nailed down for the upcoming year.

**Faith Portman:** Have we set a date for our workshop? Mayor Ellis: Next Wednesday is the first one and after we do that we'll set the next one. The 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00, I sent out an email about it today. Bernie Brown: Mayor, are we going to get more and accurate information on this year's budget before next Wednesday then? The question I have and if somebody can explain that I'm wrong I'll be glad to listen. How can we do much on next year's budget when we really don't know exactly where we stand on this year's budget? Mayor Ellis: That was one of the things that Larry and I met with Leanne last Friday and told her exactly what we'd like to see on that budget number and she said she was going to work on getting that to us. I've got a list of blacktopping; do I give it to Claude? Mayor Ellis: Yes, give it to Claude.

**Larry Hatfield:** I'm going to say the same thing Rob said. I've got some emails from somebody; I don't know who it is, about the annexation. I told them to send it to every homeowner out there that I keep the annexation and the zoning separate. I don't know if all you got that email. I don't know the lady or the gentleman that sent it to me by their face I just responded and gave them my home number and my cell number and I asked them to send it to every one of you all to where I do not consider annexation anything compared to the rezoning. And I want to go into Executive Session for a quick minute on a property acquisition. Mayor Ellis: We're going in any way we have a few things to discuss.

**Don Cundiff:** The only thing I want to say is the same thing that's already been said. I consider those, the rezoning and the annexation two totally separate issues. To me it just made more sense for everything to be in the City rather than that little island sitting there like that. Really to me that's not going to have any effect on my decision on the rezoning issue. And the other thing I just want to say I know all of our employees have worked really hard this year, I think we can see some definite improvement from the police to public

works, fire department, sewer department, everybody I know has worked really hard and I think it really does show what you all have done and I personally really appreciate everything you all have done; so I want to say thanks. It's been a rough year I know for everybody.

City Attorney Wantland: Before we adjourn, ladies and gentlemen of the audience the Council and I know I push this Council about annexation. One of the things you've got to remember as you are taxpayers and you pay into the sewer plant as this City is growing the actual burden placed on each individual by annexation becomes less. It doesn't sound like much when you do one here and you do one there but even I'm starting to see where this City really is starting to pick up momentum again where we kind of lost it and these annexations, we're picking up some really large tracts of property that are going to be developed and some of it residentially and some of it industrially wherever it may be but we're starting to see where some of this hard work where the fields have been plowed the seeds have been put in the ground for an analogy, it's going to take hold, we're going to see fruit and everybody is going to receive some benefit, whether it be the ability to have lower sewer rates, whether it be the idea that you're property taxes are going to fall, but you are going to see that benefit. And these people up here have worked really really hard. Mr. Armstrong is here tonight, he's worked really really hard. But you're going to see some really dramatic differences in this City in a relatively short period of time I believe because of some of the work that's been done by this Council. I have to say good job.

Robert Flaherty made motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss personnel, litigation and property acquisition. Larry Hatfield 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 6-0.

Don Cundiff made motion to return to Regular Session. Larry Hatfield 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 6-0. City Attorney Wantland: Mr. Mayor, Council, ladies and gentlemen, the Council has elected to have Bob Ryan begin, what I would refer to as a pre audit, basically to examine the records of the City and try and make sure everything is compiled so that we can have a meaningful audit for 2011-2012. There was a personnel matter addressed. The Mayor has been directed on how to follow that particular item. And a committee has been formed to explore some finances or the Council will do that at our next subsequent meetings.

Mayor Ellis: I'd like to appoint Jamie Weck to the Board of Ethics for the City of Shepherdsville. Robert Flaherty made motion to appoint Jamie Weck to the Ethics Committee. Faith Portman 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 6-0. City Attorney Wantland swore Mr. Weck in.

Corky Miller made motion to adjourn. Faith Portman 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned 9:00 p.m.

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R. Scott Ellis III, Mayor

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