

**CITY OF SHEPHERDSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, June 11, 2012**

Councilman Corky Miller gave the invocation
Pledge of Allegiance was recited
Mayor Ellis called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

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

Faith Portman made motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the 5/14/2012 Regular Meeting. Don Cundiff 2nd. Motion carried 5-0-1 absent. Don Cundiff made motion to approve minutes as written from the 5/14/2012 Regular Meeting. Faith Portman 2nd. Motion carried 5-0-1 absent.

Larry Hatfield made motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the 5/29/2012 and 6/4/12 Special Meetings. Faith Portman 2nd. Motion carried 5-0-1 absent. Larry Hatfield made motion to approve minutes as written from the 5/29/2012 and 6/4/2012 Special Meetings. Don Cundiff 2nd. Motion carried 5-0-1 absent.

Old Business:

City Attorney Wantland had second 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. Bernie Brown: It would be good if we could have a plat showing all of these available here. I know some of the public would like to see it and it would also be helpful to us too. Mayor Ellis: We can have one available first thing tomorrow morning if anybody wants to come by and look at it. Larry Hatfield: Does anybody have objections? City Attorney Wantland: No they signed off on it. They approved it. This is the property that is adjacent to Joann and Jerry Thomas that belongs to the McGruder's that was omitted in prior annexations. Faith Portman made motion to approve. Corky Miller 2nd. Motion carried 5-0-1 absent.

City Attorney Wantland had second 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. Bernie Brown: Mr. Wantland would you explain to everybody where this is located. City Attorney Wantland: This property is running South behind the Ridgeview Nursery. There is a business park development in this area. This is property that was developed by the McGruder family and it extends South towards Peaceful Valley. Larry Hatfield made motion to approve. Faith Portman 2nd. Motion carried 5-0-1 absent.

City Attorney Wantland had second 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. This is property on 480 owned by James and Laura Hamilton. Don Cundiff made motion to approve. Faith Portman 2nd. Motion carried 5-0-1 absent.

City Attorney Wantland had second 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. This property I would say is owned by Flynn. The City has taken the property into the City previously of property behind it. It was an omission of a little triangular piece that actually abuts and is the road frontage along 480. For whatever reason it was left out in the past. Faith Portman made motion to approve. Bernie Brown 2nd. Motion carried 5-0-1 absent.

New Business:

Mayor Ellis: The insurance folks that were here earlier to speak with us and give us proposals, one group did not have all their information so they will be back for the 25th meeting so that they will have all the information to present something to us. Don Cundiff: What's our cutoff date on that, as far as bidding something out? Mayor Ellis: July 1st or 2nd which will still give us time but they didn't want to present since they didn't have all the information.

We have a Parade Permit here for the Longest Day of Play. They are asking for the First Street Park on June 19th. They start at 5:00 and end at 8:00. Larry Hatfield made motion to approve. Faith Portman 2nd. Motion carried 5-0-1 absent.

We have a list of equipment here that was supposed to be in the negotiations with Veolia. Since we're not doing that we have a 2008 GMC 7500 Single Axle Dump Truck and 2007 Townmaster T40 Tandem Utility Trailer we'd like to surplus. Larry Hatfield: You all sure you want to get rid of this dump truck. You all have a truck? Claude Middleton: 1995 700 Ford. Larry Hatfield: You're getting ready to get rid of a 2008. Claude Middleton: It's an ultra-low sulfur fuel vehicle and you have CDLs and it's not real good. Don Cundiff: Any idea what we'll get for it if we sell it? Larry Hatfield: Don't know but it's a pretty new vehicle. Can we postpone this until the next meeting? Don Cundiff: How are we going to sell these if we do surplus them? Mayor Ellis: They'll go on govdeals. Dan is working on putting some of the first equipment that we surplus on there now. Don Cundiff: Is there a minimum bid on those or how do we do it? City Attorney Wantland: Mr. Mayor, point of order, I think Mr. Hatfield made a motion. Larry Hatfield: I just want to make sure that you all understand that we're getting rid of a 2008 truck and you're running a 1995. You just think you don't want it because you have to have a CDL to drive it? Claude Middleton: We can sit down and talk about it. Larry Hatfield made motion to postpone surplus and talk about more. Bernie Brown 2nd. Motion carried 5-0-1 absent. Don Cundiff: When we list those do we have a minimum bid that we accept or how does that work? Mayor Ellis: You put a minimum bid in and let people bid and if you don't get what you want you don't have to take it. Can we try and find out what our minimum bid is going to be before the next meeting too.

City Attorney Wantland had first reading of Ordinance 012-(number to be assigned) adopting the City of Shepherdsville, Bullitt County, Kentucky, annual budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 by estimating revenues and resources and appropriating funds for the operation of City Government. Mayor Ellis: I know that we should have the second reading of this on June 25th however I received word today that Tammy is going to be having surgery on her knee on the 25th, something of that nature, I would like to have the second reading and vote next Thursday, the 21st that way we have time for the public hearing, to vote and get in published within time of July 1st. Faith Portman stated she was going to suggest that too because she won't be at the next meeting because of vacation. Don Cundiff: I don't think I will be able to be here next Thursday. Bernie Brown: I think something as important as the budget; I think we ought to have the second reading and vote on it at a regular meeting. Faith Portman: I would like to be here for it. I'm going to be out of town. That's up to you all but I won't be here. Larry Hatfield: Can everybody but Faith be at the regular meeting? It's up to the Council. I can't do it next Friday; I'll be out of town. Faith Portman: Can we try and set it for Wednesday and see what time Rob is going to be back. Mayor Ellis: We can try that. There's no guarantee that he's going to be here for it. Don Cundiff: What would be the earliest we can do it? Larry Hatfield: I just hate that the people ... While we're talking about it I'm going to go ahead and publicly tell everyone that I'm not going to support either budget. It wasn't but 14 months ago we were borrowing money. We have a \$526,000 loss in the General Fund. We borrowed money or we would have lost money and I'm not going to support it. I'm not going to hire 7 people, but 2 vehicles and give everybody a pay raise. No offense to any of the Council that wants to support it but this City needs another year of sitting still as far as I'm concerned. We increased sewer rates. We increased taxes. We increased occupational tax. And I'm still not satisfied that we're out of the woods. I know the firemen are not where they should be. I would look

at that; as far as everybody else I think that they are very well paid and have very good benefits, but that's me. I'll meet whenever you all want too. Mayor Ellis: If you do it on Thursday you can do it as early as 5:00. Bernie Brown: What would the people like? Would you like to have the second reading and vote on the budget at a special meeting or regular meeting? We're working for you people. Faith Portman: Do you think all Council members should be here? Comments from the audience. I think they all should be here. Something this serious they should be here. I think it should be voted on at a regular meeting just like it was proposed to be voted on so the public can attend so we don't be holding a special meeting. A lot of people not know about it. You need to bring people here that are concerned about the budget to speak on it if they like and I think all members should be present. You were voted to represent this City and to represent this budget and you ought to make a special attempt to be at a meeting for a budget that's as important as this. Bernie Brown made motion that we have the second reading and vote on the 25th at a regular meeting. Comment from the audience: I've been coming to these things for a long time and the same people that come to your special meetings come to your regular meeting. People that are interested in the business of the City will come when you have the meeting. I think the most important this is to have as many Council members present as possible. If it has to be on a different day; life does happen to all of us. We have to understand that but the people that are truly interested will come whenever you schedule the meeting. The paper will put it out, word can be put out, and you post it on the door. We have special meetings all the time for things that we've dealt with not a lot more important than the annual budget talking about getting ourselves out of debt so I don't have a real problem with that. I think the same people will show up regardless of whether it's a special meeting or a regular meeting. Mayor Ellis: We have a motion on the table to have the second reading on the 25th. Do I have a second? Don Cundiff 2nd. Motion carried 3-2-1 absent. City Attorney: With the meeting on the 25th will everyone be prepared that week in case we start amending and have to make some adjustments that we may have to have another special meeting before the 1st. We have to have the budget passed before the first.

City Attorney Wantland had first reading of Ordinance 012-(number to be assigned) adopting the City of Shepherdsville, Bullitt County, Kentucky, Sewer Operations and Maintenance budget for Fiscal Year July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 by estimating revenues and resources and appropriating funds for the operation of the Sewer Department.

City Attorney Wantland had first reading of Ordinance 012-(number to be assigned) confirming annexation of unincorporated territory of 2.2 acres by written consent of all property owners of record of this property into the City of Shepherdsville. This property is located near the water tower in the back of the business park along 480. The property was owned by McGruder. Flynn had their property annexed first. Flynn to square up the property bought the 2.2 acres from McGruder. McGruder then had their property annexed into the City because of the way they exchanged property this parcel was left out.

City Attorney Wantland had first reading of Ordinance 012-(number to be assigned) on request by Paul D. and Linda L. Fackler to rezone 1.47 acres, more or less, from R-1 and R-4 Residential to B-2 Central Business. The property is located at 703 Cedar Grove Road. It's been recommended to be approved with the following restrictions. The restrictions are set out 50' building setback; 20' building setback off of Stevens and a 20' setback on Sparrow Drive. Parking is allowed within the setback area.

The City portion of the Solids Processing Building due to Judy Construction is \$44,296. I would like a motion to pay this. Larry Hatfield made motion to pay. Don Cundiff 2nd. Motion carried 5-0-1.

Daryl Lee: This coming Thursday we will have the hearing on Valley View and Heritage Hill properties; 650 acres. I'm sure you all are probably aware of that. It will be held at the Convention Centre because there will be better seating arrangements to address the concerns. The next one that would affect the City would be Oak Ridge Town Homes, LLC. It's zoned R-3 with restrictions. They are asking to change that back to R-3

with the relief of the restrictions. The restrictions, when you all annexed it and approved the zoning, you had a restriction of 50 feet off of Highway 44. It's on Hensley Road and 44. Mike Roby is building them. Their wanting to get those restrictions lifted. I would say he wants to get closer to Highway 44 on this last bunch of apartments that he's building. Larry Hatfield: Aren't they bringing a road out on 44 also? Mr. Lee: No. I haven't seen a road, just on the corner at Hensley and 44. They started in the back and are coming forward. This will be discussed at our meeting on the 14th.

Duane Price: Nothing to report.

Sign in Speakers:

Mary Baugh: I'm here once again representing my contract and to show you all that nothing has been done concerning the contract and also to set up some misrepresentatives that have been misconcepted. Number one, I don't remember ever telling anyone that I did not want any logs saved on my property. Six large trees have been cut. I did not know when they were going to cut them. They came straight up, came and cut them and they have left a big conglomeration of brush. They broke down two gates. I've had to get a man to go in with a bush hog and even to let me inside my front gate. I have a contract and I will read that in a few minutes. What it consists of that was made up by a lawyer and it was also given to the City Councilmen, some of you all were there probably and some were not when the contract was made. I'm here to ask money for the logs for whatever they took and also to clean up the mess and to honor the contract that was made. First I'd like to read you the contact and then I'll show you what I'm talking about by my pictures. The right is reserved and granted to the property owners and defendant to receive at no additional cost to the landowners or their heirs successors or assigned a single sewer tap onto the City of Shepherdsville sewer at no cost to the landowners. The landowners shall have the right to designate two separate entries from the property owned by them onto the newly reconstructed road fronting. (We're talking about Old Ford Road.) Designated with the City to construct access with appropriate grade at the proceeds at no cost to the property owners. Said encroachment shall be in conformance with the guidelines set forth by the Kentucky Department of Transportation. The covenants of performance by the City shall survive the closing execute and deliver a deed an agreement order dismissed in the condemnation. And it also, I didn't bring the rest of it, all logs are to be removed, all brush is to be picked up, and let me just show you what I am talking about. That is the trees they cut down. The trees that they cut are 3 feet across. This little house here I cannot even get into this old house. I have furniture in this old house here. This is the gate that they have torn down and the fence all the way down my fence row. This is some of the stumps that they have left. This is another large tree that they've cut. Larry Hatfield: Ms. Baugh did we or didn't we cut that tree on the easement that we purchased? Ms. Baugh: The reason, Mr. Hatfield, Mary and I, signed a contract was that they might cut; they have a right of way, they have ten feet for the right of way for Old Ford Road widening. Then they have ten feet for the easement. Larry Hatfield: We paid you for that easement, right? Ms. Baugh: Right but they were supposed to fulfill a contract to take the stumps up and not leave all this brush and all this stuff. They were supposed to take this all out and give me as I said two places and refinish the product just like it was. Faith Portman: I think what it is they're not finished yet. Larry Hatfield: They probably haven't even started. Faith Portman: Those trees were dead is why they were taken out. Ms. Baugh: No they weren't dead. Mayor Ellis: They were dead. They were hanging over the road. They were dead, pretty rotten, looked like they were going to fall over the road. Ms. Baugh: If they were dead why didn't they take the others? All I'm asking is they should have called me before they ever started cutting. Larry Hatfield: Who was representing you when you signed this easement? Ms. Baugh: Mr. Spainhour. Larry Hatfield: Well then maybe Mr. Spainhour and Mr. Wantland ought to get together and see if we've done anything wrong and if we have let's make it right. Ms. Baugh: reading from another document, prior to removal of the garage they were supposed to help me remove a metal shed. All trees and fences with the road frontage shall have salvaged lumber and logs saved and stowed at the direction of the landowner. All brush and stumps are to be removed. And that was handed over to Mr. Wilson. That's the original contract and we signed it. Larry Hatfield: Do

you have one where the Mayor signed it? Ms. Baugh: Mr. Spainhour has it. Larry Hatfield: Why don't we let Joe and Mr. Spainhour get together? Ms. Baugh: It doesn't matter to me I just think I should be paid for those trees. Like I said I can't even get into that little building. And they tore down the fence. Why didn't somebody contact me and say we're going to your place; we're going to cut the trees. Larry Hatfield: We paid you \$40,000 for them trees. Ms. Baugh: You paid me that but I wouldn't have signed it if they hadn't agreed to let us have some of the logs out of the trees, we would not have signed it because we were going to send some of the logs away to make some furniture because the trees had been there for ages and ages. What I'm saying is they shouldn't have left such a mess like this. And that's been ever since last year. As far as I know I never did tell anybody they could have any of the logs or anything. That's the thing I want to set straight today. Mayor Ellis: We'll get John and Joe together and get it taken care of. Ms. Baugh: I'm serious. Everybody that knows me knows that I'm honest as the day is long or I try to be. And I want to be right and be done right. I've lived here a long long time.

Barry Baugh: I live at 1823 Highway 44 West. I've been working on handicap accessibility in Shepherdsville since April of 2011 as you all are all aware of. Proper signage for handicap parking spots; so far I've send Jennifer Hicks at the ADA 28 locations and she's sent out 28 letters to locations and to comply with ADA law of 1990 and also the sidewalks on Highway 44 West on the North side are not in compliance with 1990 ADA law. Mayor Ellis: If you remember last time you were here we told you that's a State issue, not a City of Shepherdsville issue. Mr. Baugh: Right, I checked with Will Nolin, he's an engineer for Southern Jefferson County and also Shepherdsville. City Attorney Wantland said last year, it was in The Pioneer News quoted you what you said about you were sure that when the City of Shepherdsville put the sidewalks in the State gave the City the money to put them in. Will Nolin told me that he checked in to it and that when they were put in in 2006 there were no permits, there were no plans or drawings made up, which you stated there was, and also there were no inspections done. City Attorney Wantland: I disagree with that, all ways categorically down the line, I don't know where you got your information, the State basically told then the City's superintendent, Jesse Walls, exactly how to put those sidewalks in and he did exactly what the Department of Transportation said the City could or could not do with that sidewalk. That's my independent recollection of what happened. There was flooding issues that was addressed by the State and that's why the sidewalk was placed where it is, how it is, and the State dictated what, where and how. Mr. Baugh: If they dictated it why wasn't they put in to comply with 1990 federal law? City Attorney Wantland: I'd ask you to follow up with what the Mayor just told you, is that it's a State Right of Way; it's a 66 foot right of way. Approximately 35 feet I think would be paved and the sidewalk. The sidewalk is located within that right of way. It's a State right of way and the State is who has dictated what will or will not be erected in that right of way. Our understanding is that when we talked with the American Disabilities Administrator locally that they agreed with our position that they had contacted the State and the State also said what was put there is exactly what the State said would go there. Mr. Baugh: I've been in contact with Will Nolin since last year, he said that they would do the repairs and they should be able to start them this Spring. But it's running behind, they have to get signatures and money released. They've got over \$100,000 allotted to bring them up to standards and Will Nolin last year marked the whole length of the sidewalks; quite a bit of the sidewalks have to be torn out where they weren't put in right. (He played a message Brian Meade of the Transportation Department left on his phone.) City Attorney Wantland: I think you did a good job Mr. Baugh and the State of Kentucky is going to take care of the problem on their State right of way. Mr. Baugh: They stated also that now that figure that they project, actual construction, should start late Summer or early Fall on the sidewalk to bring them up to standards. I talked to Gregory Rawlings of the Federal Highway Administration in Frankfort and he gave me some information; pretty much what I told you just now. It took me a year to finally get action, in fact in the last week I've gotten more action that I have in the last year because I've made so many phone calls and pushed them and threatened them with a Federal law suit for Civil Rights violations. I wanted to just bring you all up to date on what's going on and hopefully they'll do what they say they are going to do.

Jim Smothers: I'm here tonight to speak out in protest against the proposed budgets. Larry, I'd like to thank you for the statements that you made previously during the meeting tonight and I couldn't agree with you more. Mr. Larimore, what he said earlier coincided with what you had to say last year and prior to that this City was in bad bad state of economy and to increase at this time I think is just not the thing to do. If this was a year later and you turned the corner and you had made some money then I can see approving those budgets. But right now you're not sure that you're going to have that increased revenue and I'm even concerned about something I haven't heard about in the budget and I might be off base when I bring this up but I thought there was a Federal grant that paid part of the fire department's wages or salaries or some of the costs of the fire department and that grant will terminate next year; was there any thought given to the termination of that and the additional costs. Mayor Ellis asked Mr. Smothers if he knew how much they were getting in off that grant right now. Roughly about 32,000? Chief Troutman: This is the last year of it. The last year we projected about \$38,000. Mr. Smothers: I just don't think it would be in the best interest right now to pass that budget and then have to raise taxes. If you knew for certain you weren't going to have to raise some taxes then it could be considered I suppose. However I would in closing like to say that I really appreciate the effort that everybody has put into those budgets, Mr. Puckett, Mr. Layne, Claude, Chuck, but that is a big step forward to where you've come from where you were 14-15 months ago or prior to you being elected Mr. Mayor and I really appreciate the fact that you all have worked hard on those but I do wish that you all give some real good consideration, Don, Corky, Bernie, Faith, of sticking with Larry and just freeze it for now and let's see what happens.

Steve Larimore: I'm going to ask the same question I asked last year. Do we know how much we're in the whole starting? I realize we start with zero so we can build a budget but how much are we in the hole now as we roll over to July 1. And does this budget give us the ability to start making some headway against all those loans we have out there? That's the question I would ask you all to take into consideration. I just want us to get out of debt someday. If we start today it will be one day sooner. So I ask that you take that into consideration. Whatever you do with everything else I think it would be important maybe at the next meeting to give us an idea as residents just where we're at; how much money we're still in the hole. If it's still \$2.5 million or whatever that number is, I think we deserve to know that answer as part of the budget hearing next week. I'd just appreciate if you all would do that.

Department Reports: None

Council Reports:

Faith Portman: I just want to say we have had two workshops and I really feel like we should have hashed a lot of this out and had this worked out before we came here. That would have probably been the best. That's why I was thinking we had these workshops in the first place. And we probably should have had a couple more really. I also want to say when I planned my vacation I didn't realize this. It's the only time that we can get off work so we can take a vacation so I'm not taking that away from my family and I also feel like if this was any other Council member everybody else would have backed them up; because it's me they didn't.

Larry Hatfield: Faith I owe you an apology because I did say I had no problem with that but then if they make it the Friday that I'm not going to be here; but I didn't do that personally. Can we get Mago in here and get some pricing on these streets. If we can I'd like to get something set up for maybe August or whenever any of the Council likes, but there are some places where we've got to spend some money. On one other issue me and Scott both got a phone call Tuesday afternoon that they've dug up three or four sticks of dynamite, the lines, the caps already still left in the ground from the interceptor project so you all are going to see a bill come in on that. There was nothing we could do about it. We didn't know it was there. They evacuated the area, sealed it off. They had to stay with it all night. I called Scott 5-5:30 and it was handled, they knew what they were doing. They brought Mines and Minerals people in and got it taken care of but it

is the City's responsibility because it was left in the ground. It is fixed, done and nobody got hurt. Faith Portman: Mayor when something like that happens, if there is an evacuation, would you give us a call because I got a few calls from people wanting to know what was going on and I didn't have any idea until I saw an email on it.

Corky Miller: The budget has bothered me some and I'm just going to say this. First of all whatever budget we end up whether we approve it or don't approve it, I would like this year since we've got the line items that we haven't had before, ever month, Leanne prepare an up to date, how much money has been spent, whether it's a plus or minus, in each line. The thing that bothers me about raises, and I will say this, I know these workers, the great job they did this year, but the 2.8 bothers me a little bit in this respect, you took furlough days this year to save some money. This year that could end up you get a budget increase and the same thing could end up in bad shape. If you don't make your budget you've got to make cuts somewhere. What I like better than pay raises are bonuses. People that do the job get a bonus. Mayor Ellis: Municipalities cannot give bonuses with taxpayer dollars. Mr. Miller: I just want the employees to know whatever budget is passed that 2.8 could be wiped out quite a bit pretty soon if this budget is not accurate and we don't fulfill the obligation of each of those line items I think that's important and I do understand why people say hey you need to start paying off your debts. And I think that's something we need to sit down and think about very very very seriously. And I'm really wrestling with the 2.8 pay increase and if I don't vote for the budget I want the employees here to know it's not anything against you it's because I don't think we can do it. That is something I thought a whole lot about today; I went through the entire budget again and that is quite a bit of increase. I understand that in some areas and in one meeting Chief Puckett you and Layne both that you've got people that you continuously lose that you train, spend 3 years training, then they leave here because they can make more money someplace else doing the same thing. Am I right about that? You spend a lot of money and waste a lot of money like that. I also know that in the Fire Department there are people, those cadets that have been working for a length of time for \$8.00 an hour and under the State requirements they have to be raised so often. Chief Troutman: They are just one of the most under paid departments around. Mr. Miller: I know Chief Puckett you've lost people this year because they could go other places and make money. So you spend three years training them now you've lost them because you couldn't pay them enough. I think that's things we need to consider and I do that that the Police Department and the Fire Department are one of the most important groups that we have. That's what you want, you want security and protection and I think right now I couldn't tell you how I'm going to vote for the budget because I'm wrestling with this 2.8 increase.

Don Cundiff: I think Faith made a good point that we probably should have had more meetings and give everybody more opportunity. Faith Portman: We need to start earlier. We need to start in March or April. I know this year we couldn't because of everything that's been going on but we really need to think about that and start working on them in March. Mr. Cundiff: We do need to start earlier. And I think a lot of that was because we didn't have the figures we needed. It took such a long time to get those together. I think there are still a lot of unanswered questions. I think there are issues on both sides of it. I'm like Corky; I'm real torn because I want to see the City on good financial footing. I do know we're losing good people and that's not good for the City either. So there are a lot of arguments on both sides. I think we've got some more work to do. I also wanted to ask about the Personnel Policy. Where are we with that at this point? City Clerk: She called the other day and asked what you all were doing. Mr. Cundiff: I think that's something else that's really important that we get that as part of the budget. There are a lot of issues that go hand in hand as far as getting the City back on sound footing. I think that. We've had numerous people tell us we've got to have an inventory system. That's got to be done. I'm not going to be up here to deal with it but I think that's something that we definitely got to have people in place and we've got to know what equipment we have and have it marked so somebody can't walk off with it. Across the board. We're no closer to that now than we were when we started. That's got to be done.

Bernie Brown: About the budget. I know exactly why we bit the bullet, raised the sewer rates, raised taxes, and it wasn't pleasant and I know I did not want to do it. And I don't think anyone else did. But when we looked at the numbers the only other choice we had was to notify the Governor that he needs to send somebody down here and run the City. We chose not to do that. We bit the bullet, we increased the revenue and thank goodness here now we're beginning to see more money come in which is exactly what we were trying to do. I just think it's a little premature at this time to say well we've got the money, we need to spend it. I agree with what you said Corky, and Don, about the Police and Fire, we're losing people, it's costing a lot of money. I'd like to see that stopped. But right now I'd like to go at least one full year with the increases in effect and then really evaluate and see where we are and what we can do. I know Highway 44 up here is a State road but when you cross over 65 going West on 44 the weeds and all grown up are terrible. A lot of visitors, people coming into here, they see that and I wonder what kind of an impression they get about Shepherdsville. Can we either get the State to do it or I'll even help, can we get down there and pull these weeds up, clean it up and make it look a little more attractive? I think we need to clean up a little bit and make Shepherdsville look a little bit better.

Tom Rosselli: I wasn't going to bring this up but I better because I don't want to get yelled at. I haven't discussed this with the other Commissioners and Debbie is a Commissioner, she's here, I'm not satisfied with that Civil Service, it's still illegal as far as I'm concerned and I know you guys, its money, but it has to be articulated right when this Ordinance is written up. So I'm going to have to spend a little money by contacting an attorney, like Walt Sholar, to help me write this thing up. Is that alright with you guys? City Attorney Wantland: Mr. Rosselli, I think it's going to be done. I spoke to the Council for the Commission and you're fine. I've talked to some of the Council already and said that we need to make some changes. There were changes made two or three years ago that weren't done, I think properly, but we are going to address that. Mr. Rosselli: Well I'm going to through something at you right now that I think is long overdue. Since I've been here one way to keep good people, volunteer firemen, in that military issue, you should have also a volunteer fireman should get five extra points if we wants to go into full time. Now if he's a volunteer fireman and he wants to stay a volunteer fireman, they can do an in-house, in my opinion, I've talked to Debbie about it, but we're going to talk tomorrow, we have a meeting, that they can give them five points; but if they go out of that system and they want to become full time employees you have to go by the Civil Service. And I hope you all will put that in there and consider that 5 points because these guys aren't paid anything.

Don Cundiff made motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss personnel and litigation Larry Hatfield 2nd. Motion carried 5-0-1 absent.

Faith Portman made motion to return to Regular Session. Larry Hatfield 2nd. Motion carried 5-0-1 absent. City Attorney Wantland: The Mayor has been given instructions by the Council to follow through on certain matters concerning personnel and he will do so and report back at the next meeting.

Faith Portman made motion to adjourn. Bernie Brown 2nd. Motion carried 5-0-1 absent. Meeting adjourned 8:30 p.m.

R. Scott Ellis III, Mayor

Attest: _____
Tammy Richmond, City Clerk