

**CITY OF SHEPHERDSVILLE
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 13, 2018**

Pastor Tom Elbert Jr., Divine Savior Lutheran Church gave the invocation

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

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

Mayor Hockenbury called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

Mayor Hockenbury asked for motion to dispense with reading of the 7/23/2018 regular meeting minutes. Donna Burke made motion. Stacey Cline 2nd. Motion carried 6-0.

Mayor Hockenbury asked for motion to approve 7/23/2018 regular meeting minutes as written. Gloria Taft made motion. Lisa Carter 2nd. Motion carried 6-0.

Old Business:

Mayor Hockenbury: Next is discussion on request from Sam Hardy to give land back to Big Star Land Inc. that was donated to the City for placement of a water tower. Mr. Hardy was not in attendance. Gloria Taft: The City doesn't even own the property. Bonnie Enlow: I don't think there is any discussion. Donna Burke: We just need to advise him of the fact that we're not who he needs to be speaking with. City Attorney Sholar: I have a deed that says it was conveyed by Big Star Land Company to the City of Shepherdsville on June 30, 1979. Gloria Taft: There is a deed dated December 23, 2002 from the City of Shepherdsville to the City of Louisville/Louisville Water Company. I went to PVA this afternoon and Louisville Water Company still owns the property. Mayor Hockenbury: To explain, in 1979 Sam Hardy sold some property to the City for \$1000 to pay off the lien and he requested to get the property back once the land was no longer needed for the water tower. City Attorney Sholar: I had a deed that appears to be recorded in Deed Book 568 Page 206 that purports to convey the same lot that was acquired by the City of Shepherdsville by deed dated June 30, 1979 recorded in Deed Page 232 Page 514 from the Big Star Land Company for a purchase price of \$1000. It appears on December 23, 2002 by deed dated that date recorded in Deed Book 568 Page 206 the City conveyed that same lot being lot 26 of Woodlawn Heights subdivision to the City of Louisville Municipal Corporation for and on behalf of the Louisville Water Company the same tract. So, it doesn't appear that the City has the authority to convey anything concerning that property today even if it chose too.

New Business:

The Bullitt County Aquatic Center Committee addressed the Council. Dennis Mitchell: A few years ago we started looking into the possibility of building an aquatic center. There are several people here who we hope can answer all your questions. We would like to partner with the City of Shepherdsville in order to make this for our community. We've been looking at it in the City of Shepherdsville, we've done an extensive survey throughout all the County and came back with a very positive survey. I would like to ask Justin to come up and if you have any questions as he goes along feel free to ask them. I'm the Chairman; it's going to take a lot of people; we've taken some small baby steps to get this to move forward, but we have to have your help in order to do this. Justin Guest, Director of YMCA: I have handed out a copy of the market research data that we gathered last summer. Between the County and YMCA we split the cost of this and took a good three months to get quite a good piece of information not just about our County and the makeup of

it right now but what it's going to look like. We also got an extensive extensive amount of data about the health of our County and what the health needs are. There is a lot of information in here. I want to start out and say this has been an interesting summer for our community because as a YMCA we have taught close to 1,000 children how to swim this summer. I just want you to think about that for a second; over an eight-week summer our children had in this county and we served close to 1,000 in our swim lesson program between two pools that we're blessed to have in collaboration with the County. There is a lot of working happening between our camp programs, water programs and just the services we provide above and beyond. I've been with the YMCA for 20 years and I've come up through the aquatic piece of the YMCA and it is amazing when you can take a child from a community like Lebanon Junction and put him into the pool and have him grow in his confidence in learning skills plus he's growing in his confidence. We have been able to track kids in some of our programs and see that swimming not only helps them physically but also helps them mentally. Their grades are improving; their reading scores go up when they are in our program that included swimming and reading improvement. I throw that out to you because our community is in dire need of an aquatic facility and the Y wants to be a part of that. I've been very proud and honored in being here almost two years now as I've gotten to really know you all and people in our community working with our County leaders and begin to develop this healthy partnership because that's what it's going to take. Our community, through this survey 75% came back and said they would support a collaboration between the County and the Y. That didn't even include the business community, City, or any other City that wanted to partner with us. But our hope is that with the land that we have behind the YMCA which is about 2-2-1/2 acres of land that we could give that over to the community, that means it will be taxpayer owned, thus there will be a pool built by the community. The County on one end, hopefully the City of Shepherdsville on the other because we're in this great City as well. The great thing is myself and my staff have over 20 years-experience running pools. This would become my fourth pool that I've built in collaboration with another organization, another business or City. When I was in North Carolina we had this type of connection and partnership with most of our City and business communities. A lot of what we do is in collaboration. One, it really communicated a sense of ownership within the community and two, it's physically responsible on both ends. We're a non-profit 501(c)3 organization. Our goal is to make budget every year and we give over \$200,000 away to the community to make sure that kids and families have an opportunity, a healthy place to work out, to be part of our after-school programs, be part of our programs in the summertime which includes swimming. I say all that, we've come up with a pretty extensive drawing and this gives you a layout of what this looks like. Keep in mind that our fastest growing population in the County over the next 10-20 years is our senior citizen population. These two pools are designed to really meet that need. Our family population will continue to rise not as fast a rate as our senior population; what we're finding is that people are retiring, and they are staying here. One, because their home is probably paid off and two, it's actually a pretty nice place to live. This is laid out at almost a zero-depth entry going into a 4-foot – 5-foot section on one end which is a more recreational pool, family pool, water fitness pool, water therapy and then we have a general lap swimming pool where you can still water fitness classes, swim lessons, you can have a swim team for high schools and middle schools. We can have a collaboration or partnership with our public-school system. How cool would it be to have all 2nd graders come to the Y every single day to get swim lessons as part of their core curriculum. That's never happened in this County because we don't have the ability to do that. Hopefully this gives you a nice visual of what we're trying to go for. Keith will talk about the financial pieces around that, but our hope is that as an organization we know we can't do this on our own. We don't have the capital to do it; but we have the operational manpower to do that. This data right here shows that from a cost effective standpoint we'll be able to meet not only our budget but we'll be able to serve the operation needs it takes to run a pool which ranges from \$300,000-\$400,000 in expenses alone each year when it comes to staff, maintenance of the

facility, chemical needs, and other programs it's going to take to run an awesome indoor aquatic center. With that I'll let Keith go through some of the finances. Keith Griffie: Mr. Mitchell was appointed Chairman of this Committee when we found out that the swimming pool that was here; the amount of work that was going to be done to it; one it wasn't in the budget; but it really wasn't worth fixing it because it was going to be an ongoing concern. So, Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Rayhill came up with the idea of let's look and see if we can do something long term to fix this problem but not just for today. I have spoken to a lot of you folks individually and as Justin said in looking at the numbers on this I do a lot on not the effect on the County or Cities today; what are we going to look like in 5 years, 10 years, 20 years and I'll be honest with you from the County's perspective we've done a woefully terrible job of looking at that. So, you're always in a reactionary position. What we're trying to do is move things forward. Let's look at where things are going to be in 10 years because this study backs it up if we know in the next 3-5 years we are going to be well over 100,000 people in this county. A lot are going to be here in Shepherdsville, Mt. Washington, Hillview, they are going to be everywhere. But we are going to be over 100,000 people by 2020-2021, By 2040 we'll be close to 140,000 people in this County. Right now, we're at roughly 8,500-8,800. We were undercut by 15,000 people last census and that cost us a lot of money. We know where these numbers are going to be; we know how many people we are going to be here. This study told us that there were things that we needed to do to adjust. One of the things for the two growing populations, families with young children and the older folks this is something they would do. The reason we are coming to you all is that I've gone to KACO (Kentucky Association of Counties) they did a mock runup of what the cost of this would be and we looked at this model of the aquatic center would be about \$4 million project. There are similar ones in Louisville that they are working on, so we could get some costs cut that way. But if we did a 20-year loan, fixed rate, these rates are not set because we just got a rough idea but we're looking at about 3.6% interest rate. The payment on that would be right under \$290,000 a year. What we were looking at from the County is to split that. In our County budget this year we put \$150,000 as a placeholder for our part of that. The reason we're coming to Shepherdsville is that it will be in the City of Shepherdsville. I think Shepherdsville will get the most bang for the buck on this. The whole County will take part; everybody in the County will be a beneficiary. But it really would help in Shepherdsville probably more than any other City in we're honest. So, we're looking at a split of about \$145,000 a year on this 20-year note. That's the building. The reason we bring the YMCA in this is that as we went around and looked at a lot of different pools the cost of maintaining and running this every day is between \$300,000-\$400,000 area. That would be the Y's portion of this. They have the manpower. Justin has worked in YMCAs where the municipalities and the Y have done joint ventures. He's got expertise in this so again we're looking at how to get this done. The only way we can get it done is if the County and City partner to build it and the Y maintain it. A question and answer period and comments from the audience followed this presentation.

Discussion followed on approval of a Parade Permit request from the Boy Scouts for an annual event. Bonnie Enlow made motion to approve. Lisa Carter 2nd. Motion carried 6-0.

Daryl Lee, Planning & Zoning Appointee: No report.

Duane Price, Board of Adjustments Appointee: Loves Truck Stop request for a variance to allow applicant to encroach 45' into the required 50' front yard setback for a directional sign; a variance to allow applicant to increase the square footage of a directional sign from the required 4 sq. ft. to 128 sq. ft. The State came in and closed the entrance down and everybody will have to enter at the new entrance.

Sign in Speakers:

Larry Clark, 240 Steven Dr: Addressed the Council about signage, code enforcement and dumpster Ordinances.

Barbara Callaway 288 Beechwood, The Pointe: Addressed the Council about a bad ditch problem behind her home.

Grant Knox, 144 Buttonwood: Addressed the Council regarding repair of field lights at the baseball fields that the Shepherdsville Titans youth football organization uses for practice. Approximate cost \$17,000.

Steve Larimore: Thanked City Council for help in getting roads paved in The Greens. There was one small glitch that will be fixed in September.

Jimmy Joiner, Business on Highway 61: Addressed the Council about a drainage issue that runs behind the Post Office from the new subdivision right beside his office. Water coming into lower level of his building. Mayor stated CSX needs to be notified.

Department Head Reports:

City Controller Stephanie Kellerman: June financials have been a while; I've been preparing for the audit. I'll be sending the financials out today.

Code Enforcement Officer John Bradley: Have been working on the nuisance ordinance; a copy of the residential registration for abandoned property ordinance will be in your box tomorrow.

Community Planning & Development Director Faith Portman: We cleaned up under the railroad underpass; I had a lot of volunteers come out and help with that and I would like to thank them; in 2013 the Bullitt County Arts Council received a grant that paid to have that painted and there are some funds left so they are going to come back and look at it and touch it up; it's not going to be repainted. They are going to meet on the 27th. The Farmers Market is going fantastic. Thank everyone who has been coming out to it. The Craft Fair is November 3rd at City Hall from 9-2, setup will be the night before and it is almost completely booked. Shop Small Saturday is November 24th, we have ten small businesses who are going to participate. We have some big news too; we are going to have a Shindig in the Park; Gary Brewer is putting it on and we're hosting it. It will be Sunday, September 9th, 4-9 basically Gary is taking care of everything; it's not costing the City other than using our Park. I wanted to let everyone know.

Council Comments:

Stacey Cline: I would like to thank Dennis and Joey; I appreciate you all and any of the Magistrates working with the City because that's been a long time coming. We need to work together.

Donna Burke: For anybody that's interested there will be a Tupperware Bingo Friday night fundraiser for Boy Scout Troop 868.

Lisa Carter: I've been working with Mr. Joiner for 2-1/2-3 weeks on his issue. I was curious when Arthur and Tom go see his property I was wondering if they would look at the property across the street as well. There is a new shed place, Bishops Metal Sheds; there was a ditch many years ago behind that property and since the building has come into play there has been a lot of dirt that has been relocated so there is no longer a ditch that flows from behind the Pioneer News along several homes through there behind that building and it comes out and crosses over 61 to Mr. Joiner's property. When he call me to come look at that someone had placed a tile in that property that was not sufficient in the ditch line. Since then it has been removed but I think that ditch over there needs to be dug out. I also had a call from a gentleman at 182 St. Andrews Way, Mr. Bender said that his sidewalk with the sewer ring is cracking and sinking and tearing his driveway up. Has anybody addressed him on that? Mayor Hockenbury: Yes. The Sewer Department went over there with the video truck and the sewer line and sewer ground is perfect. It's whoever made the sidewalk there is a defect in the sidewalk. The video shows perfect evidence of the sewer; there is nothing wrong with the sewer there. Rocky did the video and spoke to the homeowner. Lisa: I've been working on the beautification signs; those are complete, the only thing I need to ask the Council is we had discussed getting some posts to put in the ground to attached the fences to; if the Council and citizens of Shepherdsville are okay with it I've got extra 4x4x10' treated posts that I would like to donate; but I would also like the Council to consider this composite material to put over the 4x4 posts to make the Welcome to Shepherdsville signs completely maintenance free. The cost for four 4x4x108" long to complete the two Welcome to Shepherdsville signs that will be located at South 61 and 44 West at the VFW Post is \$566.24. Donna Burke made motion to approve purchase for funds to come out of the beautification fund. Bonnie Enlow 2nd. Motion carried 6-0.

Mike Hibbard Sr.: I just wanted to say I'm hearing from citizens on many different issues, some larger than others, but I think we're beginning to get on the right track; instead of trying to deal with everything, pick out a couple major issues we feel are most important, get those accomplished and move on. Not just this Administration but constantly dealing with things that get started and not completed. I'm glad to see that we're headed more in the direction of completing some things; check them off, get them off the list. Some of them are going to be ongoing but we've made some major dents.
(Stacey left at this time.)

Gloria Taft: I'm still getting calls and emails complaining about our garbage service; not picking things up, emptying the bin and leaving the single bag next to the bin; even though the representative said they would pick it up on occasion. I don't know what the City can do. I've talked to Todd and he says they will try to do better, they are bound by contract. I don't know if there is anything you can do to speak with them being the Mayor to try to get them to help us out better. Donna Burke: I know that he had mentioned that if someone didn't do it on a regular basis they would continue; so what I understood is that they will leave it if it is something that is being left on a regular basis because those people need to go ahead a buy the second tote. Gloria: I'm keeping track of who is calling me and what their complaint is so that I have their info. I've been tracking what's going on if it's something they feel they should be tracking. I've gotten numerous complaints about the Park not being unlocked in the mornings and weekends. I've talked to the Chief. This weekend the bathrooms were locked on Sunday. I text Tom and he said it is the Police Department's responsibility to unlock things. Can we get that on a schedule and make that happen? Mayor Hockenbury: I will check on that. Gloria: Pastor Tom I would like to work with you and our Police Department to possibly start a Badge of Prayer; what this is it's a program that's been started in bigger cities where different churches and neighborhoods will take the Badge number and name of a participation Police Officer and agree for a time period to pray for that officer and their family. I want to get with you and Chief McCubbin to see if he can't implement that program because I think it would obviously be a good thing to do. Mosquitos; I know a mosquito truck has been out spraying but I've seen an uptick in mosquitos not just in my area, in friend's neighborhoods and the Park. I don't know if our mosquito spray this year is different than it always has been; I don't know what is happening but there seems to be more mosquitos even though we're

spraying. Tom LaFollette: The only thing I can say is it may have something to do with the amount of rain we've had. We're using the same product and actually spraying a little bit more. Gloria: There was a Resolution in our boxes but there is no names, dates on it; I guess Walt has written it up; dealing with the City of Shepherdsville working with Alpha Way about us turning over to the State ... Mayor Hockenbury: It's just an informational sheet for you from Arthur that attended a District 5 meeting. There is no action as yet needed. It's just information right now. Gloria: My concern is with this Resolution there are two separate topics on one Resolution and I'd like to see them split up and have two Resolutions and if we as a City are going to take over the new Love's Travel Stop entrance that needs to be inspected, the road and bridge, is probably not going to hold up for another 2-2-1/2 years because it's already started to fail at the bridge. Mayor Hockenbury: We'll address that with Arthur. Gloria: Will you ask Arthur or when any person puts something in our boxes for it to be identified where it came from and dated.

The Keystone Crossroad Traffic Committee hasn't had a meeting in over six weeks and the meeting before that was on March 23rd. We're piling up dirt, is something happening but we haven't had a meeting to know what's happening. Mayor Hockenbury: I expect Arthur to have one in the next week or two. I'll talk to Scott about it today and he'll brief Arthur. Gloria: Would you let him know this is very important to our City. I would have to see us fail.

Mayor Hockenbury asked for a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss Economic Development with John Snider (KRS 61.870) Donna Burke made motion to adjourn to Executive Session. Lisa Carter 2nd. Motion carried 5-0-1 absent (SC).

Gloria Taft made motion to return to Regular Session. Lisa Carter 2nd. Motion carried 5-0-1 absent. Mayor Hockenbury reported there was no action taken in Executive Session.

Donna Burke made motion to adjourn. Bonnie Enlow 2nd. Motion carried 5-0-1 absent. Meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Curtis Hockenbury, Mayor

Tammy Richmond, City Clerk