

- Containers (carts) with wheels facing the house ensures that the lid opens the correct way upon pickup and does not spew trash everywhere.
- The Customer Resource Center was new to Republic this year and they have experienced growing pains with it. Recommended alternatives to dealing with it are a) the web-based www.republiconline.com (actually www.republicservices.com) or b) the “My Resource” app, both from which one can manage or view their account, pay an invoice, schedule bulk pick-ups, report damaged containers, etc.
- Holidays mean additional waste and if residents could assist by bagging trash that does not fit in the containers and breaking down boxes, it would speed up collection time and keep the City cleaner. Stuffing trash in boxes does not help, especially on windy or rainy days.
- Recycling was not offered on the last contract cycle simply because there was not enough interest generated. Statistics from the last vendor showed less than 100 households participated in the program which is not enough to send out a truck. There is a recycling container behind the fire station on Frank E. Simon Avenue.
- If residents could please be mindful that at least three feet of separation between containers or other objects such as mailboxes, poles, etc. would be helpful in speeding up collection as well.
- Note that with Christmas and New Year’s Day falling on Tuesday, there will be a one-day delay in pick-up, meaning garbage will be picked up on Wednesday during those two weeks only.

Councilmember Taft asked about timeliness of Shepherdsville residents paying their bills. Over 200 are delinquent but once their trash left a couple of times, they are usually brought current pretty quickly. Other issues brought forth were cans left in front of mail boxes, pick-up of Christmas trees, trash that floats out of the garbage trucks onto the roadways, etc.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 018-275 – AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BULLITT COUNTY/CITY ZONING ORDER AND BULLITT COUNTY/CITY ZONING MAP AS AMENDED, CHANGING THE ZONING OF .3256 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, KNOWN AS 368 HIGHWAY 44 WEST, ALSO KNOWN AS PVA #036-SEO-03-004, LOCATED IN THE CITY OF SHEPHERDSVILLE, KENTUCKY, FROM R-3 TO B-2.

First reading and public hearing. City attorney Walt Sholar read the ordinance in its entirety. Councilmember Carter desired to table the ordinance based on several complaints of trash and wanted to know if the property is inhabited, plus noted that the property is not on Republic’s list for trash removal service. John Bradley, Code

Enforcement Officer, was in the audience and responded that the property is indeed inhabited, and in a visit today was clear of trash and leaves.

The City Attorney stated that “you cannot turn down someone’s zoning because they are not in compliance with another ordinance. You can punish them in a manner that the ordinance authorizes for being in violation of that ordinance but once that comes into being in a situation of a zoning matter that the City is sitting in a quasi-judicial fashion and that would be like a judge telling somebody – that would be similar to a judge telling someone we won’t hear your case because you have violated the law in some other fashion. So, I think you are going to run afoul of that and you’ll be on the wrong end of what Judge Burrell will rule on that.”

Discussion ensued regarding aforementioned subjects.

The Mayor asked the audience if anyone wished to speak in favor or against the rezoning of this property. No one came forward.

Ordinance 018-276 – AN ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO KRS 81A.412 ANNEXING INTO THE CITY OF SHEPHERDSVILLE, BULLITT COUNTY, KENTUCKY, UNINCORPORATED TERRITORY OF 131.49 ACRES MORE OR LESS INCLUDING PROPERTY OWNED OF RECORD BY MILLER ENTERPRISES, LLC, THE GEORGE RANDALL MILLER REVOCABLE TRUST, AND PART OF CHAPEZE LANE, AND ANNEXING PROPERTY OWNED OF RECORD BY SALT RIVER INVESTMENT, LLC AND ROLLING ACRES FARM LLC, BY CONSENT OF ALL PROPERTY OWNERS OF RECORD OF THE PROPERTIES.

First reading of ordinance by summary by City Attorney Walt Sholar.

Eric Farris, Attorney on behalf of the property owners, provided an 8.5 x 11 of the 3 referenced tracts and noted the City Clerk had possession of consent of principal property owners and the Chief Engineer of District 5 for the Kentucky Dept. of Transportation referencing Chapeze Lane right of way. Spoken about were several areas already annexed nearby.

John Snider, Executive Director of the Bullitt County Economic Development Authority, addressed council on benefits of this annexation to the City specifically:

- * The new interchange would be completed in 22 – 24 months so a new road would run adjacent opening this up for housing, commercial and light industrial.
- * New development will be spurred with availability of water, sewer, and electric, at the current time, with gas available in 2020.
- * The quality of the sewer system will assist in the area’s development and growth and as that occurs will help the City pay off the sewer bond. A class sewer system is a major deterrent to expansion in other parts of the state.
- * It will create jobs and tax payments.

The City is to be commended in its forward thinking in this and Apple Way.

Mr. Ferris recalled the 18 million dollar bond for the “Beam extension” of the sewer system and ordinance 14-170 which called for tap and impact fees of \$2,500 per acre to the line, and the 2015 comprehensive plan that was redrawn by Bullitt County Planning Commission and adopted after eight hearings so that the whole corridor is zoned for interstate, e-commerce, manufacturing, and commercial.

Mr. Steven Phelps, 295 Lover's Leap Lane, pointed out the Bullitt County Circuit Court Div. I civil action 16-CI-00110 ruled upon by Judge Burress. In Sept. 2017, the S.E. Bullitt Community asked the Fiscal Court to designate Chapeze Lane a scenic by-way but was asked to not pursue that at that time. The community is still active and has options available to them to follow if the City chooses to annex the properties. The homeowners on the adjoining streets like the quiet and simply wish to be left alone.

Ms. Sara Wetmore, 217 Buffalo Trail, stated that Judge Burress has already ruled on this issue in favor of the homeowners, stating that if the City were to annex the properties, there would be damages that could be pursued, this was a blatant example of leap-frog annexation, and gerrymandering for the votes.

Mr. Frank Cramer, 260 Meadow Lane, felt the Miller property was not contiguous (Mr. Ferris explained how all the properties were contiguous as a whole and connected by Chapeze Lane), the annexation would open up new tax rebates, that the cluttering of Chapeze Lane could ruin the possibility of entertainment companies that would ultimately go to Nelson County, this is in his back yard, not to mention the noise and light pollution which is already not enforced in many other parts of the City. The City is not welcome "out here."

Resolution 018-31 – Authorizing changes in the City of Shepherdsville bank accounts at WesBanco. (police accounts)

Motion: Donna Burke

Second: Stacey Cline

Ayes carried, 1 absent.

Much discussion ensued regarding attempting to set a second reading date amongst councilmembers for second reading of Ordinance 018-276. It was finally decided to allow the second reading to continue to the regular meeting January.

Motion: Stacey Cline

Second: Gloria Taft

Ayes carried, 1 absent.

Resolution 018-32 – Authorizing changes in the City of Shepherdsville bank accounts at Limestone Bank.

Motion: Donna Burke

Second: Lisa Carter

Ayes carried, 1 absent.

Resolution 018-33 – Authorizing changes in the City of Shepherdsville bank accounts at First Harrison Bank. (Christmas cd, po money, operating fund, emergency reserve fund, rural water depreciation fund, capital project, bond interest sinking fund, sewer fund)

Motion: Donna Burke

Second: Stacey Cline

Ayes carried, 1 absent.

Resolution 018-34 – Authorizing changes in the City of Shepherdsville bank accounts at Republic Bank. (Alpha Way/Conestoga Pkwy sinking fund)

Motion: Gloria Taft

Second: Lisa Carter

Ayes carried, 1 absent.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning and Zoning - Mr. Daryl Lee was not present to give a report.

Board of Adjustments – Mr. Duane Price was not present to give a report.

Other Speakers

Mike Miller, Family Day Ministries, 138 S. Buckman, praised three outgoing members of the dias: Tammy Richmond, retiring City Clerk, (gave an example of assisting when Hurricane Harvey hit and helping the ministry collect around \$40,000 of supplies to take to Houston), Donna Burke, end of term Councilmember and member of the congregation, and Gloria Taft, end of term Councilmember and former member of the congregation. The Pastor praised all three for their love of the City and their outreach efforts.

Gary Burke, 248 Partridge Run, wished additional information about MRJ Development and if they are moving forward with the golf course and the undeveloped area at Heritage Hill. Scott Fleming, Wastewater Collections Supervisor, replied that at this time they are interested in the golf course.

Department Head/Specialty Reports

Accounting - Ms. Stephanie Kellerman, Controller, reported that 2 vendors had been contacted and information given on mold remediation in the front area of the building.

Community Planning- Ms. Faith Portman thanked employees, the Mayor, members of Council who helped with Light Up as it went well.

Engineering – Mr. Arthur Jones shared with Councilmembers earlier information on most recent proposal on design and survey for design and improvement project on Adam Shepherd Pkwy, Conestoga Pkwy, and Hwy 44. Looking at it currently on the sewer side and have it almost completed. Shared model for traffic scope, explained it, and looked to the future.

Council Comments

Stacey Cline: Thank everyone who assisted with Light Up. Thank Tammy for all her years.

Donna Burke: Bonnie Enlow asked her to schedule the next Traffic Study meeting for 5:30PM January 14, 2019. Ms. Carter thought the time was 6:30PM for the Monday

following the Council meeting so that more public could attend. Ms. Burke stated that they decided on right before the Council meeting since the meetings stopped all together. Thank everyone for allowing to serve on Council. Enjoyed working with all. Thank Tammy.

Lisa Carter: Enjoyed working with everyone, Tammy enjoy retirement.

Mike Hibbard Sr.: read a prepared statement “ I began attending the City Council meetings in 2015 and after seeing and listening to much discord between the councilmembers and the lack of attendance by some others, I thought maybe I should run for office. So, in 2016, I did just that and was elected to serve on the City Council. One of the statements I made during my campaign was “The City Council and Mayor must work together in all aspects. They must communicate with respect and transparency regarding all facets of city government to regain public trust. These thoughts and ideals remain the same today; however, over the last two years I have come to realize that not everyone shares these ideals. This includes elected and nonelected and employees. On many occasions, just asking why certain things were done was met with much opposition and sometimes anger. Oftentimes answers were considerably delayed and sometimes I received no answer at all. I was told I was harassing or terrorizing the employees, but when asked, I was told they never felt harassed or terrorized. As was reported in the November 12, 2018 edition of the Pioneer News, after the election, Mayor Hockenbury stated, and I quote, “I’m thrilled to death to bring some stability to the seat. Things have not been smooth over the last two years. And Hockenbury said it is his fault. The key to the next four years is better communication with his councilmembers.” Myself and others have promoted that very concept from the very beginning. We wonder sometimes why it has taken over two years to come to that conclusion. To the incoming councilmembers: devote the time required to do the work the voters elected you to do. City Council was never an elected position in which you get paid to just show up every two weeks for a meeting, attend to what business is on the agenda, and then go home until the next meeting. If you think it is, you are sadly mistaken and even more sadly misled. You were elected to do so much more and the people that voted for you are counting on you to be there for all of them and not just a select few. It has been my honor to serve you and the community for the past two years. My deepest regret is that I was not able to accomplish more but I sincerely and honestly tried. But I was always just one vote. I asked a lot of questions for all of you and I was motivated by my concerns how business and things were done and are still being done. And I hope you will continue asking these important questions. And most importantly, I hope our Mayor keeps his promise to communicate better with this new council or they might continue in the footsteps of the past. Time will tell. Thank you very much and I have done everything I can to support this city as I promised in the beginning.”

Gloria Taft: Hopes the Code Enforcement Officer and the new council will complete the new code enforcement ordinance which is very much needed. It is felt that 70 to 80 zoning letters need to be sent for properties with violations. There were questions on sidewalks for Keystone Crossing. Praise for Tammy Richmond.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made to adjourn to executive session at 7:56PM to discuss land acquisition. Invitation to join was extended to the incoming City Attorney Tammy Baker.

Motion: Donna Burke

Second: Stacey Cline

Ayes carried, 1 absent.

Motion made to return to regular session at 8:30 PM with no action having been taken in the executive session. Motion carried 5-0, 1 absent.

Motion: Donna Burke

Second: Lisa Carter

Ayes carried, 1 absent.

After general discussion, motion to adjourn made by Donna Burke, seconded by Gloria Taft, at 8:35 PM. Ayes carried.

Mayor Curtis L. Hockenbury

City Clerk C.R. Wirthlin