

CITY OF SHEPHERDSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, September 14, 2020
6:30 PM

Invocation given by Pastor Mike Miller, Family Day Ministries and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Hockenbury called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

All Council members present.

Mayor Hockenbury asked for a motion to approve the 8/10/2020 regular meeting minutes. Motion made by Kenny Newton 2nd by Stacey Cline. Motion carried 6-0. Mayor Hockenbury asked for a motion to approve the 9/2/2020 special meeting minutes. Deb Huffman made motion to approve. Lisa Carter 2nd. Motion carried 6-0. There are no 8/24/2020 minutes due to lack of a quorum being present.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Hockenbury stated Stephanie is aware of the amendment to Sewer Budget Line Item 7031 Office Updates. Councilwoman Carter also inquired about Line Item 5773 MS4 Contracting Services that needs to be moved out of the Sewer budget to the Public Works budget. The Clerk will add this to the meeting agenda going forward.

City Attorney Tammy Baker opened sealed bids for painting the Government Center. She stated there were three bids received. First one, Top Notch Painting, LLC the total \$62,500. Second one, from Ralph Meyers and Sean Wesley, the total \$39,000. Third one from Hammond's Painting, LLC. the total \$65,000. A copy of all three bids will be put in the Council's box and the information put in spreadsheet form for a recommendation at the next meeting.

City Attorney Baker had the first reading Ordinance 020-014. Mayor Hockenbury stated Lee Wilburn was present to answer any questions the Council might have.

Lee Wilburn, President and Co-Founder of Clermont Distillery Company and we are buying all of this land from the Myers family. On 245, we go to 65 South turn east on 245 toward Bardstown and it is the first track on the left. Then we have 40 acres roughly on the left or north side of the road, and on the south side we have 15 acres; everything except the Valero Gas Station which is about one acre. The three sections before you get to the Valero Station is where this property starts on the right or the sell side. We have had discussions with Bernheim, we've worked with them on projects before; they have some property that abuts there and there's a realignment coming with the school entrance so we're working with everybody; just so you know.

Reading of Resolution 20-06 regarding CDF Builders requesting an extension of time for a rezoning application. Larry Hatfield made motion to approve. Kenny Newton. 2nd. Motion carried 6-0.

Community Planning and Development Coordinator Faith Portman: I want to make a few announcements. First, we will be starting on the dog park within the next couple weeks. We will purchase items to go inside and Tammy Baker is paying for the fencing around the park. So, on behalf of Tammy's generous donation we are going to name it, Baker's Bark Park. All the signs were donated by A Plus Signs. Next, the City is sponsoring a movie night for City of Shepherdsville residents on October 16th at 7:30 p.m. at the Youth Football Field parking lot. If we do not have 100 cars there, we will allow people outside the City to come. The movie is Hocus Pocus. On October 17th from 10:00 to 4:00 in City Park we will be having a small craft fair. Last year, I sent an email out to everyone and I went around to all the small businesses and asked them for donations and many, many small businesses gave lots of money. As you all know, every employee in this City, got something. I am not going to do that this year because these same businesses are suffering right now struggling to keep their doors open. So, what I am asking is for the City to step up and pay employees an end of year incentive; Tammy Baker and I have met and talked about it. She knows all the legal ins and outs. I want to thank Councilwoman Bonnie Enlow because she has offered to sponsor this Ordinance. It will go into an Ordinance form. And I want to let you all know that I have spoken to every City in this community except for the small ones, but Mount Washington does a whole lot for their employees, way above and beyond what I am asking. I will let Tammy take over now. Thank you so much Tammy for all your hard work. Tammy Baker: This is possible it would have to be adopted through the pay scale and job classification Ordinance. It cannot be a holiday bonus or a Christmas bonus, it has to be tied to the job, either job performance, longevity, retention. It cannot just be throwing money out to the employees. KLC recommends doing it more like a longevity thing. But honestly, if you do that, you are not going to hit every employee because every employee is not going to hit a milestone every year. It has to be more of a retention type bonus. But it has to be in the pay scale and job classification and has to be tasked that can be considered part of the employee's income even if it is \$100. But it would have to be in the form of an amendment to the pay scale and job classification Ordinance. It just has to be taxed like income, whatever it is. Faith Portman: I just feel like these employees deserve it. Tammy Baker: We need a motion directing me to draft that amendment based on classification. And, again, voting tonight does not mean you are voting for; there has to be a first and second reading. It would just be to help me draft it and then you can consider the language and the amount, and would it be considered a bonus of some sort? Bonnie Enlow: It is definitely something to consider. It is going to be taxed at a higher rate. I will make a motion that we authorize Tammy to start paperwork and finish the rest of the research that she needs to do, all employees will receive \$150.00 with the exception of the mayor and the council. Kenny Newton 2nd. Motion failed 2 in favor, 4 opposed (LH, DH, LC, SC).

OLD BUSINESS:

Second reading of Ordinance 020-012 levying personal property and property of public service companies, ad valorem taxes and providing assessment, equalization, and collection pursuant to the provisions of KRS 92.280. Et. Seq. Motion by Kenny Newton to accept. Lisa Carter 2nd. Motion carried 6-0.

Reading of Ordinance 020-013 establishing the real property ad valorem taxes and preventing assessment equalization and collection pursuant to the provisions of KRS 92.280. Et. Seq. Lisa Carter made motion to approve. Deb Huffman 2nd. Motion carried 6-0.

Mayor Hockenbury nominated David Hedges to replace Tom Rosselli on the Civil Service Commission, whose term expired July 24, 2020. He stated Mr. Hedges lives in Heritage Hill subdivision. Deb Huffman made motion to approve. Motion died for lack of 2nd.

Board of Adjustment Appointee Duane Price reported they passed a variance for a small restaurant coming in beside Rally's.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Bonnie Enlow inquired whether billing our property taxes would be possible next year. City Clerk Richmond answered she had spoken with Gayla and the new software we recently purchased will bill our property taxes. Ms. Enlow also stated she knows that we have had a lot of employees off because of COVID and it has cost our taxpayers a lot of money. It is not our decision to make them work or not work, and we know that. But we are concerned about how much money this is costing our taxpayers. And I do not understand why Sewer would not be at work because it is not like they are next to each other. Same thing with Public Works. Everybody is pretty much off except for Admin and the Fire Department. This is just rough numbers. Only working approximately 20 hours a week and still getting paid for 40. In this process approximately \$148,000 just for Public Works. The Police Department's a little harder to figure because of the way they do their hours whether they are off one day or two days. I have been told both for one day that cost to us \$280,585. For Sewer it has cost us \$148,000. That totals \$576,585 for us to pay people to stay at home and that is not fair to the public. They are the ones paying this for everybody to work. Admin has been working 40 hours. Fire has been working their full hours. Tom's worked his full hours and everybody else has not. That is unfair to you all and I do not understand. Everybody should be back at work not at home. We need to spend our money wisely. I get doing it for the first couple weeks. But now I do not. So many people that you are paying to stay home, it is not necessary. So instead of working 20 hours a week, why can't someone work 40 hours a week and then furlough if they are not going to work the full time. What are the reasons for them to not be here? Public Works works outside so why are they not here? Tom works full time; he is around those people. They wear their masks when they are close to each other, such that they do not want to worry. I do not care whether you wear a mask or not. Everybody is back to work; you can go Kroger and Lowe's, and my church; we are all going to church. So, why aren't we back to work especially for the people who are not together? Why did the police need one day off to wash their car; to sanitize it, they sanitize the backseat every time they get a person around and take the whole day; this is not fair to the people. Mayor Hockenbury stated he was working on getting everyone back to work and it would about two weeks.

Stacey Cline inquired about the number of food trucks in Shepherdsville. She wants to make sure they are abiding by all laws and have their City permits to do business in the City.

Lisa Carter stated she had been told that Chuck Keith retired August 31st. She asked who is running the plant? Mayor Hockenbury stated there are three licensed operators that work

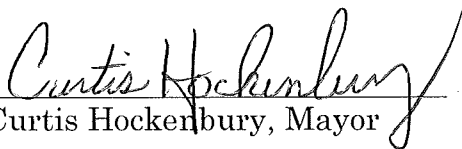
at the Plant. An inspector came out from the Division of Water and said an engineer can sign off on some paperwork. The license is in Pat Welch's name. She also asked that information on the Bernheim Sewer bids and paint bids be put in the Council's box.

Deb Huffman wanted to thank Tom for taking care of some issues she called in.

Larry Hatfield stated at the next meeting he would like to know when all employees are going back to work and for the Council to be updated on the easement progress for the Bernheim Sewer project.

Kenny Newton thanked all employees for the job they do.

Kenny Newton made motion to adjourn. Lisa Carter 2nd. Motion carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned 7:36 p.m.


Curtis Hockenbury, Mayor


Tammy Richmond, City Clerk