

CITY OF SHEPHERDSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, August 10, 2020
6:30 PM

Meeting held via YouTube link on website for public viewing.

City Engineer Arthur Jones gave the invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Hockenbury called the meeting to order at 6:33

ROLL CALL:

Present: Lisa Carter, Stacey Cline, Bonnie Enlow, Larry Hatfield, Kenny Newton.

Absent: Deb Huffman

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Lisa Carter made motion to approve 7/27/2020 meeting minutes. Stacey Cline 2nd. Motion carried 5/0/1 absent.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Mayor Hockenbury introduced Todd Preher, Manager Municipal Sales, Republic Services to talk about COVID. What we are seeing right now, what we saw, and what we see going forward with this pandemic, it has affected everybody, including your trash driver. I want to talk about things we have done, what we are doing, and our plans going forward and how we collect trash. In the past three years, the trash industry has seen two situations that have affected us now; the first one, primarily for the recycling industry, which really does not affect the residents out here as much. But when China Sword came about, it just kind of destroyed the recycling market. I want to ensure the city service is very important to us. I like to think of it as the gateway to the south for us as we look at opportunities possibly further south going down into Lebanon Junction. First and foremost, protecting our people. We sent including our call center where we have about 6000 people home. We are actively encouraging sick people to stay home. We actually provided anybody affected by the disease extra paid time off. Equipping employees with necessary personal protective equipment and implementing measures at our three national Customer Resource Centers because we still had to get trash picked up. We enhanced sanitizing protocols across the operation; deep cleaning disinfection plans in place for any of our operating locations impacted by COVID; developed a system to remedy any driver shortages; our procurement team is able to keep teams supplied during difficult times and we temporarily suspended yard and bulk routes to ensure focus on efficient collection and disposal of MSW and recycling. With that we got the extra guys coming in cleaning all the tech points, trying to keep things as clean as possible. And something that we are really proud of it goes back to supporting our customers through all this. We saw small and the large container volumes decrease dramatically and saw residential volumes increase as much as 30% during the shelter in place weeks. We are seeing residential routes filling trucks faster requiring more trips to the disposal site; additional hours, drivers and trucks are required to serve some routes on time; and because of the increase in waste obviously we saw an increase in our disposal costs. So as a new normal, basically the cleaning and sanitizing of fleet and facilities, increased amount of needed PPE, increased disposal costs for increased amount of weights, and higher bad debt from individually billed customers that we do not see going away anytime soon. Page 10 of the handout shows a graph for the residential changes. You see spikes March. The numbers on the left are the weights on how much the increase was not the actual weight of the container. This national average is 15 pounds, residential volumes are likely to remain elevated; probably at least through 2021, if not 2022. A lot of public is not willing to go out other than work, groceries, or barber. More employees will be afforded work from home opportunities. We are seeing the e commerce and at home deliveries rise. Some college students are electing to remain home for online learning.

The graph on the right of Page 11 shows the contrast and difference between the commercial disposal and the residential. So COVID-19 and how it impacts the contract with Shepherdsville, things in your contract or franchise fees. The annual price adjustments and effects of post collection costs are extensive route efficiencies, labor, obviously, the volume set out per container And we have also started to see an increase in the bad debt. Obviously, with people losing their jobs, we have worked with many of them. We had a plan put in place for those that were truly affected by COVID after it started not prior, but after, we had some pay back plans and stuff like that go into effect if needed. So, we are putting the customer first in that regards. So now comes example approaches to address the issue with the City Council. A couple different options we would really encourage you to take a look at; 1. we talked about at the beginning of the contract to use a utility to do billing. I don't know how much of an option that is. It would just help with the cost of mailing out separate invoices for us, including manpower, cost of materials and all that. I think it is right at \$5.50 per invoice; it is a significant amount; 4000 residents plus commercial. Another option is, I personally would like to stay away from, would be an addition to the pricing freeze for the residents. Come April we are looking at about a 2.7% increase, which is essentially 27 cents added to the 2% that is already in place. My favorite option, if the council would allow is to reduce some of the franchise fee that we give to the City. We would like to see a recession from \$15,000 we now pay annually be reduced by \$5000. Councilwoman Lisa Carter: Are you saying you want to do that and the 2.7% increase? Mr. Preher: No, we would like to have one option. If you wanted to split it up, we are open to anything that would help, and this is not anything to deepen the public services pockets. Ms. Carter: I don't personally know how we can adjust your contract at this point because we had other people to bid on the trash service in the City, and they actually bid lower on the doing the job. I think it needs to go back out to bid to make it fair to the previous people that we bid on the contract. I think it would only make it fair if we are going to have to do anything for it to go back after this. Mr. Preher: I really did not expect any action tonight. We will continue to do what we do, will continue to pick up trash.

B. Mayor Hockenbury: Next, an update on the Sewer budget amendment. We need to move \$100,000 out of line item 7031 in the Sewer Budget. It will be listed on the Agenda as a reminder to do so the money does not get spent.

C. Mayor Hockenbury: Next is approve a Civil Service Commission replacement for Tom Rosselli whose term expired on July 24th. I have a person that will serve on the Civil Service Board, former Mayor Sherman Tinnell. Clinton Saul had to remove his name from consideration for health reasons. Councilwoman Bonnie Enlow: We have a dedicated person. I would like to add two people on the Civil Service Commission and keep Tom Rosselli as one because Tom Rosselli has a lot of knowledge and I cannot support taking him off of it. I realize you two do not get along but with the knowledge that man has, we cannot afford lawsuits that new people would possibly get us in trouble for because they do not know the rules like he does. The Ordinance is to protect us and to protect the employees; and if we do not have somebody in there that knows what they are doing... You cannot learn this on the fly. We need to I think we add two more people that have all learned to do this and keep Tom on for now, so he can educate these other people and teach them what needs to be done because if we don't do that we're going to end up in some serious trouble. Mayor Hockenbury: I can give another name, David Hedges also agreed to serve. He is Dr. McDade's son law. Ms. Enlow: You do not put somebody in a position and expect them to know what they are doing right away. And someone we bring in does is not going to know anything about it.

D. Mayor Hockenbury: Catherine Blazer and Justin Newberry were present to answer questions about the Enterprise Fleet Management contract. Does anyone have questions for Catherine? You have the contracts in front of you. One question, if the City starts this and something comes up that is not a good idea or new council or this council how quick can we get out? Ms. Blazer: On the contract there is no set term so at any point in time, if the council decides this is not the direction they want to go, they are a couple different things they can do. They can say take all your vehicles back Enterprise and sell them for you to put you in a positive equity position where you all can buy the vehicles and keep them, and we'll go away. At any point in time you could say, let us just

keep running this through, but we do not want to do anything in the future. We just want to kind of leave things as they are. We do not want to continue doing this. You could do that as well. Hopefully not. Councilman Hatfield: Well, you know, I am not for it and it is not because I do not like the deal it is because I think we are buying too many vehicles at the same time. I say do a few and see how it worked then next year I might go in with all. But I'm not wanting to throw all my eggs in one basket. Kenny Newton made motion to accept contract. Bonnie Enlow 2nd. Motion carried 4/1/1 absent (Larry Hatfield opposed)

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Jacob Hurst addressed the Council again asking for a reduction of sewer tap on fees in Highland Meadows. After more discussion, the Council took no action.

B. City Attorney Tammy Baker had second reading by Summary of Ordinance 020-009 an Ordinance repealing Ordinance 011-084 and establishing fees for usage of the City of Shepherdsville's wastewater treatment facilities. Kenny Newton made motion to approve. Bonnie Enlow second. Motion carried 5/0/1 absent

C. City Attorney Tammy Baker had second reading of Ordinance 020-010 an amendment to Ordinance 013-137. Bonnie Enlow made motion to approve. Lisa Carter 2nd. Motion carried 4/1/1 (Larry Hatfield opposed)

D. City Attorney Tammy Baker had second reading of Ordinance 020-011 an Ordinance pursuant to KRS 81A.412 annexing into the City of Shepherdsville, Bullitt County, Kentucky 46.79 acres of unincorporated territory of property owned of record by CDF Builders Inc, by consent of all property owners of record of the properties. Mayor Hockenbury: I believe we had we had a sign in speaker from about this. Ms. Willet: This property is right behind me and I guess my biggest concern I do not understand if I live in the County; this property is in the County. How did you get to the City? Mayor Hockenbury: That's what they are asking for. Right now their property is in the County. They are asking that it be annexed into the City but not where you live. Ms. Willet: I know that I just did not understand their asking when it is not in the City yet, so if the Ordinance passes tonight it would be annexed into the City connected by the road. It comes up 61 and connects to the Shaw property on 61. Ms. Willette: The other thing was about the sewers. Are you sure you guys can handle them sewers? Mayor Hockenbury: If we ever get our permits done, yes. Ms. Willet: I have sat in here several times hearing of backups in the city. That is what I mean, I do not care if you have sewers out there, but you have big warehouse to take care of. I just hope you all can manage it. Curt Greenwell and Daniel Greenwell addressed the Council: We're talking about the property that we bought. It does connect via 61 and as far as the sewers, we are going to be connected to the pump station. They will be single family homes, with everything coming in and out at one entrance. Also, this would be a phased development. It is going to take a few years to get to the subdivision completed. Right now, we got it 99 Homes and prices will be maybe a little below \$200,000 and go up to like \$250,000. Larry Hatfield made motion to accept. Kenny Newton 2nd. Motion carried 3/2/1 (Bonnie Enlow and Stacey Cline against).

SIGN IN SPEAKERS:

My name is Doug Barr and we have taken over the previous City Limits Bar and Grill, a family friendly bar and grill that we call Danny's Place. And along with every other business in the world, have been affected by COVID. We had to revamp ourselves with that aspect and they will allow us to reopen with a lot of the extra restrictions and all your extra safety equipment and cleanings drain the bank. A lot of extra expenses again and then even today, making it mandatory to close at 10pm for all restaurants and bars. We opened May of last year. And most businesses 98% fail their birth year to normal circumstances. The efforts that we put in to build a relationship with the community. What I would like to ask along with some other parcels. Debbie is here with The Depot coming today. We would just like to ask you for the opportunity when things come back to being a regular norm and this goes back as usual if we could extend the hours from 2pm to 10pm on Sundays to 12pm to 12am. A few extra hours might afford us a little breathing room to kind of recoup some of the cost losses that we have had and help us thrive. Sunday currently is 2pm to 10pm and we would like it to be 12pm to 12am. A lot of you know

when we do have sporting events and NASCAR and things of that nature they start at 11 or 12 o'clock in the day, and we lose a lot of customer base out of the County or out of bars because they will go to other places. I'm just kind of touching base. When I took this permit, I was not allowed to open until two o'clock. And that is all we have ever done. We have never even opened the doors till two o'clock. Because that was my understanding. And we try our best to follow the rules and regulations that are set forth. Okay say that when the pandemic is over and I'm aware of the new restrictions that happened today. And, you know, we are not asking you to break that by any means, but this is a way to give us an extra few hours for us. Mayor Hockenbury: Come back after the first year, because we would need somebody to sponsor an Ordinance to change it. So, the first meeting in the new year. I do not know, when the pandemic will change, and they could still change. You are in the same type of water. I mean, it will not change what the Governor says. Mr. Barr: Oh, yeah. Right. And I will tell you, I'm okay with it because I'm glad to see somebody that wants to work or excel. And we are not asking for nothing but give me some more hours to make more money. I know. I wouldn't ask you, I'm not naive enough to believe that you all want to affect it because I know the City and County, everybody's been affected in this manner, and every business in this community has been affected, and the thing is I'm asking for help; it'll help some of the other businesses that have come before you all to that you know this time choose not to participate. But I'm not afraid to work I do all maintenance and I'm proud of the work there and I appreciate it.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Arthur Jones, City Engineer: I wanted to formally invite any of you guys that had the opportunity to attend tomorrow at 2pm over at my office, we will be doing traffic discussions on Adam Shepherd, with design engineer tomorrow. And to let you guys know we have got out to bid right now, the Bernheim interceptor, the sewer line that is going from the Jim Beam line or the South Bullitt Interceptor, up to Bernheim Middle School. Bids will be due August the 24th at 5pm. And then you guys will open those as part of the meeting in two weeks. We are working hard on the traffic study. This is the design of the improvements of Adam Shepherd and Conestoga. Councilwoman Lisa Carter: Why wouldn't we have these in the evening to where citizens would like to see what is going on in our city with the roads? I mean, there has been talk about the roundabouts. I have heard positive things and negative things. The traffic study would be nice in the evening for people to come in and see it. I mean, most of us work during the day. So, this is not a study this is we are going to go into the design process and hey, this is what we have got. Mayor Hockenbury: what I think she means is to have who's on the Traffic Committee updates to what is going on Mr. Jones: You would like to have a traffic meeting in the evening to discuss what we're doing on it.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Ms. Carter: I would like to thank Tom and your guys for getting that alleyway straightened out. They truly appreciated that getting cleaned up so thank you again.

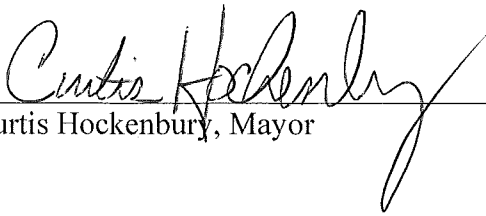
Mr. Newton: Tom how do we look on the Dog Park? There was a lady at the Park that asked about it. Public Works Foreman Tom LaFollette: We're still getting some things together. Mr. Newton: Okay, exactly what are we looking at for completion? I like to get back to her. Mr. LaFollette: The splashpad is going to be spring; probably do the dog park right after the splashpad. Mr. Newton: When I ran that was one of the things I said I wanted to get done. Setting goals, I would like to get done and I was told this is already in the works. Here it is almost two years later it is not done. I'm not one to sit around. I would like to think there was a dog park myself been done two years ago.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Lisa Carter made motion to adjourn to Executive Session. Kenny Newton 2nd. Motion carried 5/0/1.
Kenny Newton made motion to return to Regular Session. Larry Hatfield 2nd. Motion carried 5/0/1.
No action taken in Executive Session.

ADJOURN:

Bonnie Enlow made motion to adjourn. Lisa Carter second. Motion carried 5/0/1. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.



Curtis Hockenbury, Mayor



Tammy Richmond, City Clerk