

**CITY OF SHEPHERDSVILLE**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, October 26, 2020**  
**6:30 PM**

Invocation given by Councilwoman Bonnie Enlow and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Hockenbury called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

All members were in attendance.

Mayor Hockenbury recognized Judge Executive Jerry Summers in the audience and thanked him for attending the meeting.

Mayor Hockenbury asked for a motion to approve the 10/12//2020 regular meeting minutes. Motion made by Stacey Cline. Lisa Carter 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 5-0-1 abstain (BE).

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Larry Hatfield made motion to approve Parade Permit for Toys for Tots, November 1, 2020, 2:00-3:00 p.m. from Beef O'Brady's parking lot in Hillview south to Conestoga Parkway left on Adam Shepherd to Paroquet Springs Conference Centre. Stacey Cline 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 6-0.

Mayor Hockenbury called Gary Brewer and the members of his band to the front of the room where City Attorney Tammy Baker read Proclamation naming October 26, 2020 Gary Brewer Day in honor of the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Gary Brewer and the Kentucky Ramblers start in the music industry

The Police Department submitted a request to surplus radios no longer being used by the Department. Bonnie Enlow made motion to surplus. Lisa Carter 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 6-0.

City Engineer Arthur Jones gave a presentation about improvements for Adam Shepherd Parkway, final design, and construction. He stated the Committee went through multiple options, and at the intersection we are proposing is a roundabout. We're looking at the percentage of traffic; about 400 to 450 people will pass through this intersection or go different directions. Now not only do we have a right-hand turn but there is also a dedicated right so there is the majority They do not have to worry about stopping, they are moving on. This is the results of a lot of different studies. I presented this to the Traffic Committee last week. We went through about a 1-1/2 to 2-hour presentation; after we got through all the other options, and we realized the best option is to instead of just create one, or one string around, not made yet. So, we are good at where we are. You are coming out of Walmart and you are going straight, you turn left, or you can go straight over by Feeder's. We are going to keep that open. There is a tiny restaurant going in. No red light there anymore. It is crazy how people do not pay attention to what is supposed to be a right turn. I get it if you are from out of town. Or they just sit there, and they do not come out, waiting for them to go ahead and go. Bardstown has a turnabout. And I think it is a great thing. I am not so keen on that concrete wall. Safety is paramount, The lighting is still in the plans as well that we can do The lighting is important. It is so dark through there; that piece of road is going to

be well lit. Maybe we can paint on the road to 65 north and south in the lane. First responders, firefighters, and police vehicles unfortunately with this barrier they are going to have to make a decision when you may be fighting traffic right now already. He is already going on to the other side of the road. This is going to make it even more of a decision. Most of the time, in my opinion, the left-hand side. We can schedule a public hearing. That study was done between 2011 in 2015, on the traffic study. There was a traffic study done during that period. And when we came up with this design, we did new traffic counts on everything. It was 2018 when we did that. Those numbers were projected out to 2040. There is no action tonight. Question: Is there any way we can get maps of the road itself and the traffic study count posted for the evening we do the meeting for the public? After some discussion it was decided to have a public meeting on Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m. at City Hall. (*Pioneer News* Editor Tom Barr stated he had not received notification about a Traffic Committee meeting. Arthur assured him he would receive notifications going forward.)

These two items will remain on the Agenda until they are completed. 1. Remove \$100,000 from Sewer Budget Line Item 7031, Office Updates and 2. Move Line Item 5773, MS4 Contracting Services out of the Sewer Budget and place in Public Works Budget. (*Will be completed when Audit is finalized.*)

Not all Council Members have been able to talk to the recommended designee to the Civil Service Commission Board. Deb Huffman made motion to table until all Council has the opportunity to speak to him. Larry Hatfield 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 6-0. (*Must be brought off table to discuss.*)

**Planning & Zoning Update** None

**Board of Adjustments Update** None

**SIGN IN SPEAKERS** None

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Councilwoman Bonnie Enlow highlighted the events Faith listed on her Council report.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Bonnie Enlow: I want to thank Faith, Public Works and everybody that had something to do with the Craft Fair. It was awesome. There were a lot of people there.

Stacey Cline: I agree with what Bonnie said. I would also like to thank the Readings for donating port-a-potties for both Movie Night and the Craft Fair.

Lisa Carter: Two weeks ago, we had a surplus list from the Sewer Department, when are those items going to be listed on govdeals.com; the scrap metal and whatnot? City Engineer Arthur Jones stated hopefully by the next Council meeting. The flyer Faith gave us about the employee appreciation banquet in December, I was wondering if we might be able to invite the Civil Service individuals, the Ethics Board and also any agency that works throughout the City throughout the year. About three weeks ago, I received a personal bill from Republic that had an extra charge on it. After going back and looking at it, they had charged me some additional fees that was not in the contract. They ended up crediting my

bill back, but I am going to post something on Facebook, because I think if citizens don't physically see what I'm talking about, they may have been charged that fee as well. Another item I had asked about, a matrix on the road, do we have any roads that are going to be paved in the spring? I did not get any street names, so what areas of the City are they going to do? I have had several complaints on CSX crossing. Have we heard back from them? Does anyone know why we pay those folks that \$30,000 every year? It goes to that railroad crossing, that was done during the development. Larry Hatfield: The railroad, as you very well know is very, very independent. I contacted a guy about eight months ago and he was going to check to see when it when this is going to be on for resurfacing. I still have his number and I will get it to you. Lisa Carter: For anybody that attended the Trunk or Treat at the Conference Centre Friday night for the fundraiser. It was a rainy night, but a lot of people turned out for that function. I appreciate and thank everybody that did that. Mayor I asked back in September about signed contracts that I would like to have a copy of; all open active signed contracts and I have yet to receive them. City Clerk Richmond: I have not copied them all, but they are on my desk. I will get them to you by end of the week. The job postings that recently went out for the Sewer Department. Is there any certain reason why those are not coming to the City Clerk? When we had the HR person, they insisted that they were always to come through the Admin Department. But I noticed on the add in the paper that they were directed to the Sewer Department. Those might need to be stamped and dated when they come into the City. I would also like to talk about the sewer rate reduction that occurred back in August and posted in the paper on August 19th. We passed that Ordinance August 10<sup>th</sup> and those rates have not gone into effect yet. I spoke to Scott and he said there was a problem with the water company not wanting to change the rate. I found that to be unacceptable when it has already been published in the paper, the Council voted on it. Why did they not want to change the rates? Arthur Jones: Right after we passed this Ordinance, we let them know our rates. We received a phone call telling us those changes are going to be super complicated to do, we cannot do that. It is a lot to do. The estimate is \$100,000-\$150,000 to make that change. Their complaint is that our rate structure is different than it was before. Lisa Carter: Well, that is a problem because we passed the Ordinance, we voted on it, it was published in the paper; it is law. Arthur Jones: The reason is, I think everybody else is based on 1,000 gallons ours is not. So, what I did is I took all 5000 of our customers and ranked and classified each of them into a customer bracket, then exported that to them saying here's your spreadsheet of all of our customers and their classification. They emailed back and said, you do not understand how complicated our databases are. I offered to come up and help them update the database, then fix this one for us. We had another meeting stating we really need to know how we can get this done. They said, We really do not know how long it is going to take; it is super complicated and will be a lot of money. We responded with we do not think it should cost that much. Please tell us how long it is going to take and if you cannot make the change in a timely fashion, we will start billing it ourselves. We do not want to bill, but we will. I asked them how much it would cost for them to tell us what the meter reading was. They still have not given us a number for how much it would cost for them to tell us what the meter reading is each month. Lisa Carter: We're taking in fees we are not legally entitled to. We will see if we can get her at the next meeting. This rate study went on from last June until January. It has been a whole year. Actually, if the right City did a reduction, then as far as I am concerned, everybody was overcharged from last year to now. It got lowered. Why was not it lowered last year, we never did a rate study before. Right now, every citizen in Shepherdsville they are being overcharged. Louisville Water in your conversations with them said it could take

six months to update. They have not mentioned anything about a credit at that point. Arthur Jones: It is true, they will have to credit it. I will have the crew here for next meeting. Definitely. Lisa Carter: Starting on the financials, we're three months behind on getting our financials; and in going through them in the Council's report on their financials, does anyone know when the Council is going to receive the laptops that they paid for back in August? City Clerk Richmond: They are sitting on Stephanie's desk. Lisa Carter: I know the last time I talked to Stephanie they had all we need. We can check on them tomorrow. I guess my first question if I can start over with the Council, when this budget was passed, was it specifically a summary budget or was it supposed to be a line item line? I guess my question is in the Sewer Department, for the sludge fees. Arthur Jones: sludge press speed, there was never a predicted amount put into that. Lisa Carter: So, do we have any idea as to how much wood we are going to receive? We were supposed to get a figure on that, but we never got a figure on that. The Sewer Department line item 5999; I am not sure if it is 5999 or 5900. When you look at the line item that has the numbers projected in it versus the detailed summary there are two different numbers. But in line item 5999 the budget amount was \$500, as of today, actual spent is \$402,000. 527% over in that particular line item. Is there any reason, Mayor why the Council has not been notified of these figures? Mayor Hockenbury: That's probably an accident that happened. Lisa Carter: But in the detail what part is the 5099? And then the \$403,000. How about the Arrowhead project? We have been working on that project for four years. Is there anything started on that project? I know we talked about line item 7031, the office update. I see there's money still on that, for some time now that money is to be taken out. In August on that account there were more money spent in that account because that money is supposed to be rolled out of that line item. So, nothing else is going to be spent from August on. Onto Public Works line item 5235. Computer connection internet services was budgeted for \$5000. They spent well above that total. Again, I do not think anybody got contacted from anybody saying that they were over. 7650 Other Assets Purchased looks like the Public Works building construction of \$200,000 and they spent another \$8,000 over in that line item. They bought a compactor. They actually had \$2,000 budgeted in that line item, they spent a total of \$13,511 over again, with no email to the Council. There is this problem with a budget that somebody should have been looking at. We were behind on our financials. Police Department, there was some equipment purchased, line item 7600, nothing put in the Budget and they spent \$13,000. I realize that probably is something they needed for their vehicles. Therefore, RS Wireless, installed 40 in-car mobile radios for the new radio system. This is a problem; they cannot be spending over their budget until they get permission from us. They have just overspent terribly. This needs to stop. It was voted in a line item budget; as a courtesy for the taxpayers we did not publish it as a line item to save tax dollars we published in summary but that doesn't affect the fact of what it was. We should be told this that is why we are voted in to look over the taxpayer's money and if we are not told how are we supposed to do our job? This is sort of like let us do it now and beg for forgiveness later. And we cannot keep doing it. I always say it is easier to ask for forgiveness than ask for permission.

Larry Hatfield: Asked about an invoice to KYTC that was paid for sewer line extensions when Highway 61 was widened.

Kenny Newton: Thanked Public Works and everybody that worked with the Craft Fair and movie night for their hard work.


**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

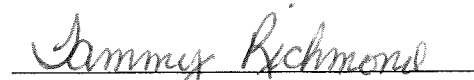
Lisa Carter made motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss KRS 61.810(1)(g) discussion between a public agency and a representative of a business entity regarding a specific proposal and KRS 61.810(1)(f) discussion of possible appointment of an employee . Stacey Cline 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 6-0.

Kenny Newton made motion to return to Regular Session. Lisa Carter 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 6-0. Mayor Hockenbury stated there was no action taken.

**ADJOURN**

Lisa Carter made motion to adjourn. Stacey Cline 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

  
Curtis Hockenbury, Mayor

  
Tammy Richmond, City Clerk