

**CITY OF SHEPHERDSVILLE**  
**MONDAY, June 14, 2021**  
**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.

Councilwomen Carter, Cline, Enlow, Huffman, Councilman Hibbard and Newton were present.

Mayor Hockenbury asked for a motion to approve the 6/14/2021 regular meeting minutes. Motion made by Lisa Carter. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stacey Cline. Motion carried 6-0.

Mayor Hockenbury asked for a motion to approve the 6/3/2021 special meeting minutes. Motion made by Stacey Cline. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lisa Carter. Motion carried 6-0.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Discussion on revisions to the Policy and Procedures Manual Chapters 3 and 8.

Mayor Hockenbury stated 7 bids were received for construction of the Arrowhead Pump Station Access Drive. Caliber Construction Inc. \$116,204.35; Trademark Excavating Company LLC \$181,616.34; Riverside Paving & Contracting 167,818.00; John Bell Construction LLC \$165,294.34; EZ Construction \$175,215.00; Flynn Brothers \$110,548.48; Excel Excavating Inc \$185,673.00. Our usual protocol is to review the bids and at the next meeting make a proposal to the Council.

Mike Hibbard addressed the Council on a proposal for the Shepherdsville Fair/Bullitt Blast. He stated people have approached us at another event and discussed with me the fact that this year at our City Fair and Bullitt Blast, that the people that had normally been involved in it were not this year. Some others that had taken up that role met with the Mayor, me and others and it just seemed like things were not progressing like they should. So, some citizens and I approached the Mayor asking what we can do with this, we took a look at what we had done in the past, which over the last couple years, other than providing personnel had not been that great. I took a look at the budget we are in right now. We do have some money that is not going to be used between in the next couple of weeks and I would like to make the motion at that we make an amendment to our 2020 2021 budget moving the following amounts of money In the admin budget \$35,000 from line 5320, which is our current Economic Development line, to line 5363 which is our City Fair/Bullitt Blast; The current balance in line 5320 line \$35,000. And to move \$15,000 from line 5353, which is Light Up Shepherdsville, to line 5363 the City Fair/Bullitt Blast. The current balance in that account is an estimated \$21,341. This will give us a total of \$50,000 in the City Fair/Bullitt Blast line in admin budget, of which we estimate covering \$47,200 to be spent covering all the Midway rides the City will provide this year; we will provide Public Works and Police and the City's donation of \$5,000 to the Trowel Club that they use for scholarships and food supply to our City workers which will be very nominal in addition to that, and that will bring our total commitment to \$47,200. All of the invoices for this event from any department or source will come to Admin for that line so we can get a better understanding of what we have spent and where this year. So, I will make that motion at this time. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kenny Newton. Motion carried in favor. 6-0.

Tony Thompson, A long time ago, we had no festival at all. Remember that? We were the largest city in the County. Actually, I was running another City Fair. I got with the Mayor at the time, and we started the

Shepherdsville City Fair. Both of them were going pretty well. And at that time, City paid for the Civil War reenactments. We combined it by request with the Bullitt County Tourism Board, so it has always been the Shepherdsville City Fair. And then it became slash Bullitt Blast . What has happened over the years, it is just harder to get sponsors. it is a different world we are living in now than it was even 12 years ago. One correction I would like to make about bikes is what we use that money for. I am part of the SoCal Trowel Club, what we used the money for is like tires, porta potties, garbage bags. Believe it or not, there's so much depth that you do not even think about. That money is what we use to put the event on. The sponsors have become harder to get. We are asking the City to step up what you just voted to do. Thanks for the \$5000 you said we use for scholarships we actually do not. We use that money for the City; any money that we make, it is all volunteer. Most of us have put money into the event out of our pockets over the years. any money that we make every bit goes back to the community, we use any proceeds that are left-over from paying all the bills, and we use that for scholarships. Every year we try to hire the Bullitt Central Athletic Department and they use that as a fundraiser. We have the Boy Scouts with our different church groups. So, all those people are working for the donations so it all kind of balances out and most of this money you see going out, it is actually going back into the community in some way. In addition to that, we run a website, which is the City Fair report. Pennsylvania, New York, you would be surprised how many people come from all over. And most of them are coming in the surrounding area in the region that people from all over; they eat meals, stay in, and they visit our local attractions. The website is actually [www.google.com](http://www.google.com). The fireworks will be on Saturday night. They are always on Saturday night, and they will go off around 10:20.

Mayor Hockenbury reported that the Audit is tentatively scheduled to be presented at the second meeting in June (28<sup>th</sup>).

Mayor Hockenbury reported the easements for the Arrowhead Project were almost complete.

Mayor Hockenbury reported we have got at least two to three months of design before median or work on 44 gets put into plans to be able to go out for.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

At the last meeting the Council voted to terminate the lease between the City and the AOC. They are currently using the building for Drug Court. Upon receiving this news, the AOC inquired if they could lease the space on a month-to-month basis for six months or until they find a place. Mayor Hockenbury agreed.

Mayor Hockenbury asked if there was going to be any action taken to repair the building. Three Council members toured the building. They found the building is actually sound. And Tom, you may disagree with me. I think that the building; I don't disagree that it is not safe to put a dollar value on what they are doing and then determine how much forward just a nice lot. But we actually have not got to your budget yet. The other thing is, they want to go month to month. Tom LaFollette: Yes. I personally think that it is salvageable. I think with the \$27,000 or \$28,000 that the City takes in for revenue, Lisa Carter: I think we should put monies back to maintain all of our buildings that the City owns. I asked several years ago after we paid the City Hall building off if we could continue to put the \$200,000 in that particular line item and we only seemed to want to put \$50,000 in. If we could up that figure, I think that would be a plus and then if we could I mean having rental properties, if anybody has, we always have to put money back for repairs at some point if you do not then it sneaks up on you. Were they not interested at all with still staying possibly in the building with some construction going on in that building? Tom: With the nature of the business a lot of information around there is confidential. Lisa: Do we know when the Community

Center is going to reopen? It is the same situation there. We need to invest some money in maintaining that building. We will talk about that during our budget meeting. If you can bring some proposals Tom to the Public Works budget hearing that would be great. Mayor where we are now on the Lease the Council voted last time to terminate. Motion made by Lisa Carter to lease 200 Frank E Simon Ave to the AOC on a month-to-month lease for six months Deb Huffman 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3 in favor-2 opposed-1 abstained.

**Planning & Zoning Update** No Report

**Board of Adjustments Update** No Report

**SIGN IN SPEAKERS:**

James Warner, 411 Bel Air Drive was present at the meeting to discuss Bel Air Drive.

Carrie Lucas 325 Tara Circle and MaryLynn Johanboeke 340 Tara Circle in Bratcher Estates were present to discuss water drainage issues at their homes.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Chief Layne Troutman: It has been brought to my attention that last year's budget when we budgeted for some stuff, some supplies that we would need, we put everything into a Capital Projects budget line, which was the wrong move. I am here tonight to ask if we can move some money. I would like to move \$15,000 out of 7650 Other Purchased Assets. There is currently \$81,000 still in that line and this would be to buy a phone that we use to fight fires with. Also, other nozzles and things of that nature for firefighting. It is moving 7650 to 5445. Bonnie Enlow made motion to move \$15,000 from line 7650 to line 5445. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed 6-0

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Lisa Carter: Has anyone else had any complaints about North Maple Street and Lee's Valley about how rough it is turning in off 44? for I know the state said 44 is their road, the side roads are the cities. I know they did pave up the roads and they did not do such a fun job. In my opinion, because I do live on one of those streets you go down; is there any way we can get with the State and try to split the cost of paving that to smooth those entrances going in, so you do not feel like you are on two wheels? I do not know who to talk to about that. I will check with Russell Weber and Tom Huff. We talked in the last budget meeting about changing Pay and Classification for Pat Welsh to receive \$2.00 on the hour. I would like to make a motion to go ahead and do that if I can get a second to go ahead. We are still working on his license for the Sewer Department, and I think he needs to be paid for his license. Everyone else gets paid for all their other certifications in the City. So, I do not know if anybody wants to make second the motion. I want to talk about that myself because they talk to me about that. You can correct me if I am wrong, but they are not just using Pat's. There is more than one, there is more than one individual. So, it is not just Pat's. You have to have a permit to run the plant. Licensed through the three questions. So lately, we have taken the service as a free license. Collection was, well they have to send us for those classes. That is not what you are asking for. Right? You are asking for it because we are using their license to be able to legally run the plant. Right? Correct. That is what they are asking for. The remainder, and I do not have an issue with it. But the problem is, if somebody changes their mind later on and decides to hire somebody to be overwhelmed, and run the plant, then they are going to lose that money? Because they are no longer being used? I do not want to see that happen to them, that they say you give them \$2 more an hour, but all three of them are getting it. I do not have a problem with that. But what happens if a future counsel feels the should he not be compensated for his license? I mean, he has been working since Chuck retired, and that was September of last year. I mean, they already had the license, and they are already being compensated

for the license. They are supposed to be, do you get an incentive for your license? Yeah, it is not much. But then there is the actual use of the text. And we need to find a way where it will not get taken away from them, is what I am saying. I mean, they work hard for that. I think they should have been paid for that certification. I have no problem raising the certification higher than 50 cents. I think that is a little embarrassing. We give 50 cents for something that important. But not everyone can pass the test. If you want to put something in that order to make the motion you are working on? That is the next one we are working on the price needs to be addressed. And working on every single guy that is underpriced exactly where the policy committee is next, the next we are going to be working on a flowchart with our third span of control where they will get more money, because I want to talk about that. Open up for you guys who are recognized because this is a big deal and our wastewater operators have been under-appreciated for decades at this point. But those guys are there for us each and every day. So as changing the incentive pay all for that. I think that is a good call. And right now, we did what we could. But knowing that we are going to understand you, and you to recognize that and I applaud you for that. It is a certification that right now in the state of Kentucky, most communities do not have a level three operator, we have three. And we will continue to be able to train our guys to that level, because that is who we want to be as a community. So, we have got to recognize that expertise. It is a big deal. I think they should be compensated. I mean the thing was, who made this format? Does anybody know? Are we going to have to hire additional employees for this? We will be hiring an Assistant Engineer, the intern Clerk. They have got that in their budget now. We went over the other day.

Stacey Cline: I want to ask about Superintendent. We are going to hire somebody for the superintendent. Are we ready to talk about names? When will we talk about names? Well, I am saying why can't we move people that are over there that have qualifications and stuff? Like Kenny said it best? I am not going to take it away from Kenny He's like, why can't we hire within? We have got some good workers over there that should be moved up before we hire a bunch of people. That is my opinion. Can we move on that? They would, put nobody above people who would not be the lowest level. That is what happens except that one position like the clerk. People that we have, that is what Arthur said. But I do want to say this, and I have said it for years now. The operations manager that only has collections needs to have his classes like the employees are required to do. I am just going to stand the ground and know he is going to be upset with me. But I have been asking. He promised me to give him year after year after year. How can he be qualified to tell people under him what to do if he has not had the classes? That is how I feel nothing personal. But I do not want somebody coming in and telling me how to do my job when they do not know dirt about it. Bonnie, I have to agree with that. And I have heard her bring that up in many, many times. And I remember, you were saying that they were going to get their classifications five years ago. So, you are going to be over them, then I think you need to require full-fledged security.

Tom, I got a complaint on Riverview. I do not know if y'all paved any of those potholes or anything because the complaint was a couple of weeks ago, and it just hit me. If anybody is here that called me about any complaints on roads, I actually call Tom and sort of bring it up in the meeting. And he gets it done. And the same goes for Ray Page. If there is any grass or other complaints, I call Ray and bring it to him from the meeting. So, I will address anything you call me about. I never have any problem with Ray. He always contacts me and tells me he has got it done.

Mike Hibbard: I have spoken before with Carrie and Mary Lynn. The City as a whole; I know, I have seen it addressed before. We are always talking about roads, we are always talking about drainage, two big issues in our City, two very expensive issues in our City. I do not know what we have to do but we have to quit passing the buck. We need to do something as Arthur said, at least we will have our mapping in place. We have had people over the years, come in, come back, come back again. And then they stop. It

does not mean the problem went away. I think they just gave up. Take it to safety. It is also a safety issue as well. With that, maybe we can just wait until FEMA puts the entire City in a floodplain and then maybe they will take care of it. I do not know but there has to be something; I have spoken with Arthur before about actually going from here to here and the water stops. I do not know what we can do about it. I do not know if it has been caused by developers. It is not just looking into it but trying to find out exactly with our Council that we have now. We have to commit to begin to make some progress on these points.

Bonnie Enlow: I appreciate all the employees here. We are open to do better for you all and still be responsible to the citizens for their money, but we got to take care of y'all too. Hopefully with the insurance paying more and us looking at the pay scales and reevaluating all of them that we can do something to help bring some better morale for everybody. Thank you for all the work you are doing.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Mayor Hockenbury asked for a motion to go into Executive Session with Bob Fouts. KRS 61.81(G). Stacy Cline made motion to adjourn to executive session. Lisa Carter 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 6-0.

Lisa Carter made motion to return to Regular Session Stacey Cline 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 6-0. Mayor Hockenbury reported there was no action taken in executive session.

Kenny Newton made motion to adjourn. Deb Huffman 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Kenny Newton made motion to come back in session. Stacey Cline 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 6-0.

We are back in session for the purpose to set a special meeting for the budget workshops. After some discussion Kenny Newton made the motion to hold the Fire and Police workshop on Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 6:30 and the remaining on Thursday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. Stacey Cline 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 6-0.

Kenny Newton made motion to adjourn. Mike Hibbard 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

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Curtis Hockenbury, Mayor

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Tammy Richmond, City Clerk