

**CITY OF SHEPHERDSVILLE**  
**MONDAY, July 26, 2021**  
**6:30 PM**

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

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

Councilwomen Carter, Enlow, Huffman, Councilmen Hibbard and Newton were present.

Mayor Hockenbury asked for a motion to approve the 7/12/2021 regular meeting minutes. Motion made by Lisa Carter. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Deb Huffman. Motion carried 5-0-1 absent (SC).

Mayor Hockenbury asked for a motion to approve the 7/20/2021 special meeting minutes. Motion made by Deb Huffman. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lisa Carter. Motion carried 5-0-1 absent.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Doug Barr was in attendance to further discuss extended hours to sell alcohol. ABC Officer Jerry Pile also attended this meeting. Mayor Hockenbury asked Mr. Pile if he had any comment. Jerry Pile: You know I'm neutral; times are changing. I don't have a problem. Mt. Washington is open until 2 as well as Hillview. Upon further discussion Kenny Newton made motion to have City Attorney Tammy Baker to draft an Ordinance adding Sunday package liquor sales and changing by the drink Monday – Saturday to 6:00 am - 2:00 and extending Sunday hours to 12:00 pm to 12:00 am. Discussion on noise came up; Mike Hibbard feels the noise should be monitored. It was decided to review the noise Ordinance and make changes as necessary. Lisa Carter 2<sup>nd</sup>. Can businesses still opt out if they just don't want the Sunday sales license. If businesses don't want a Sunday Sales license, they do not have to purchase one. Motion carried 4 in favor; 1 against; 1 absent.

City Attorney Tammy Baker to have second reading of ORDINANCE NO. 021-027 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.

Question: When did we get those today? Yes today. Question: I would like to ask Tonya to add a Scenario Six of 13.9% for real 13.6% for personal; that would be what we had in 2019 and look at what the figures for would be.

City Attorney Tammy Baker to have second reading of ORDINANCE NO. 021-028 ESTABLISHING THE REAL PROPERTY AD VALOREM TAXES AND PROVIDING ASSESSMENT, EQUALIZATION AND COLLECTION PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF KRS 92.280, ET SEQ.

City Finance Director handed out some information for the Council to review before setting the tax rate. She stated she had laid out five scenarios, the first scenario uses property values for 2021 using the same tax rate, which gives us a revenue of \$2.6 million. Scenario two is the assessed values for real property the same 13.3%; personal property rates at 13.6%, which is what it was in 2019. Scenario three sees real property the same 13.3%; and an increase in personal property to 14.2%. Scenario four raises real property to 13.4% and raises personal property to 14.2%. Scenario five raises real to 13.5% and personal to 14.2% the revenue that will be generated is listed on the calculation sheet. Question: Are these five scenarios; or what would fit our budget without a downfall? I'm going to say that I don't want to raise it from what

it was last year because the extra 5% Insurance tax is not to sunset until what July of next year. The County voted to do away with it. Lisa Carter made motion just to keep it at what it was last year. Kenny Newton 2<sup>nd</sup>. Question: When does that have to be approved to turn it in? They want it as soon as possible. The bills go out in the beginning of October By beginning of September, I think that gives them time to do what they need to do. Discussion followed. As with everything, I'd like a little more time to look at it. Tonight, we're going to do the first reading; I have something to talk about. We're working on a budget; we're trying to cut money and it's going to be obvious; we're not going to get to where we want to be. nowhere near, We were able to cut a little over \$200,000 on sewer. I don't see that happening with any other departments. We're going to have to expand that access from this past year. The only thing that's going to happen is wages are going to go up prices of everything are going up. What if we don't have much carryover for next year? What do we do then? What are you going to cut? How many employees are you going to cut? I don't want to raise taxes either. And I've since I've been here, we've been pretty square about not raising taxes. But if we're not going to raise taxes, where are we going to come up with the money to keep paying out what we're paying out because we don't have it. There are not enough new houses being built or businesses coming in to make up for the difference of what we've got in our budget. Even at Scenario five, I don't even think we will break even. It's still \$120,000 below. I think y'all really need to think about this. I'm not looking to see anything great happen, but we did charge a one-time Real Property 13.9% and she's got on here for Scenario five 13.5%; that's still not above our highest. Your salaries go up because your compensating rate is going to go down. That may explain why you went from 13.9% down a little bit because when your assessments go up, your rate has to come down generally. I don't know that this is the answer. But you all really need to think about this seriously, we can't keep up; she's told us the trend we're in right now is going in the wrong direction. We have to cut a whole lot more spending. And I don't see how to keep up with all the services that we need to provide. Taxes have not been raised since 2012. I'm looking at as a business, we need to provide services, you can't afford to go backwards, or we'll lose our business. If we don't make the right decisions for the business, the business will make it for us, and we'll be back where we were in 2011; we're going to have to lay people off, we're going to have to cut wages, take back their insurance again. I don't want to see that happen. We all need to think about this. Mayor asked for any other comment. We have a first and a second to keep it the same. All in favor to keep it the same. Motion carried 3 in favor-1 against-1 absent.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

City Attorney Tammy Baker had second reading of Ordinance 021-024 on request from SRE Holding to change zoning from R-3 Residential to B-2 Central Business for 0.196 acres, more or less, located at 208 Highway 44. Bonnie Enlow made motion to approve. Kenny Newton 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 5-0-1 absent.

City Attorney Tammy Baker had second reading of Ordinance 021-025 on request from SRE Holding to change zoning from R-3 Residential to B-2 Central Business for 0.36 acres, more or less, located at 246 Highway 44. Lisa Carter made motion to accept. Deb Huffman 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 5-0-1 absent.

**Planning & Zoning Update** No Report

**Board of Adjustments Update** No Report

**SIGN IN SPEAKERS**

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS** None

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

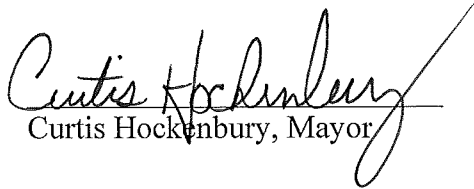
Bonnie Enlow: With this extremely high heat that we're having right now please check on your elderly neighbors and if they need fans or something we'll find a way to get them one. Also, when walking your dogs on the pavement; It's very hot, you will be surprised how fast it'll burn their feet and it's a terrible thing for them to go through to heal. I went to my meeting with the Kentucky Animal Control Advisory Board this week. They have awarded funds for spay and neuter. The County did not register for it this year so I'm hoping to get them to do that. I've already started talking to the Judge Executive. And I'm looking to start a 501(c) where we're going to start doing cats. We'll have more news on that soon.

Lisa Carter: Give Chief Troutman a "shoutout" to the firefighters who were pressure washing the sidewalk and pavement at City Hall recently. There's not very much striping out there. We might need to resurface the parking lot and stripe it. I am going to ask Tom if we can use MAP money on that.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** None

**ADJOURN**

Kenny Newton made motion to adjourn. Deb Huffman 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 5-0-1. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

  
Curtis Hockenbury, Mayor

  
Tammy Richmond, City Clerk