

CITY OF SHEPHERDSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY JUNE 12, 2023
6:30 PM

The invocation was done by Pastor Tom Elbert.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor José Cubero called the meeting to order at 6:33PM.

Council Present: Bonnie Enlow, Mike Hibbard, Paula Mangus, Jennifer Mendez, and Brad Whittaker. Faith Portman was absent.

Mayor Cubero explained that Councilwoman Faith Portman was out for family reasons and asked everyone to keep her in their prayers.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approved minutes for May 18th, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes as presented.

Motion to Approve: Jennifer Mendez **Second:** Paula Mangus

Ms. Enlow: Yes Mr. Whittaker: Yes Ms. Mendez: Yes

Ms. Portman: Absent Mr. Hibbard: Yes Ms. Mangus: Yes

Carried: 5 Yes – 1 Absent

Approve minutes for May 25th, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes as presented.

Motion to Approve: Paula Mangus **Second:** Jennifer Mendez

Ms. Enlow: Yes Mr. Whittaker: Yes Ms. Mendez: Yes

Ms. Portman: Absent Mr. Hibbard: Yes Ms. Mangus: Yes

Carried: 5 Yes – 1 Absent

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Cubero presented Kolton's Klubhouse a check for \$870.00 that was collected as a donation at the BluMine Walk.

Rob Campbell and Arthur Jones presented the plans for the park, aquatic center and downtown rejuvenation. Arthur Jones stated they were very excited to bring this to the citizens of Shepherdsville. He said that everything they had wanted for the past few years is finally coming to life now. Rob Campbell presented a slide show to show what was coming in the near future.

Mayor Cubero introduced Jeremy to the council and called him to the podium.

Jeremy Kubac introduced himself and explained to the council what his work history was as a transportation engineer and the duties that entailed. He stated that he was asked by the Mayor to take this position and was interested in bringing his experience to this position.

Mayor Cubero said Jeremy wasn't even in the position yet and was already letting them know what grants they can get to save the city money.

J.D. Chaney spoke on behalf of KLC about the loan the city was obtaining stating that this was a monumental event for the city. He said the city officials are unified in their decision to take this step to improve the quality of life for everyone who lives in and visits the community. He stated that this was the biggest loan they have made and that KLC was proud to partner with the city on this project to help Shepherdsville grow and prosper.

OLD BUSINESS

A. CITY ATTORNEY KATHERINE DOZIER TO PERFORM THE **SECOND** READING OF SUMMARY ORDINANCE 023-030 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SHEPHERDSVILLE, KENTUCKY AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CITY OF SHEPHERDSVILLE, BULLITT COUNTY, KENTUCKY ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2023, THROUGH JUNE

30, 2024, BY ESTIMATING REVENUES AND RESOURCES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF CITY GOVERNMENT.

Mayor Cubero stated that Faith Portman couldn't be here tonight, thanked Pastor Elbert for his kind words for Faith. He went on to say that Faith has been a part of the community for a long time, and she wanted to be here, we want to recognize her for what she has done for the city. He said she obviously needs to be where she's at, and when he spoke to her the day before that he said he would make sure and tell everybody that she appreciated all the hard work from everyone up here.

Bonnie Enlow said that Faith has been a large part of the community and she really wanted to be a part of this today, but she needs to be with her family right now and please pray for her family right now.

Motion to Approve: Bonnie Enlow Second: Paula Mangus
Ms. Enlow: Yes Mr. Whittaker: Yes Ms. Mendez: Yes
Ms. Portman: Absent Mr. Hibbard: Yes Ms. Mangus: Yes
Carried: 5 Yes – 1 Absent

Jennifer Mendez stated that she still didn't agree with the \$30,000,000.00 dollars not being appropriated – and voted yes.

Mayor Cubero said he knew if Faith was here that she would have voted yes. He went on to say he was really proud that J.D. made the comment, but they were just getting started – that this is the biggest event in Shepherdsville's history because they are working together to get things done. He said he was really proud of this group, and he knows they will continue to do good things because it is still all about Shepherdsville.

B. CITY ATTORNEY KATHERINE DOZIER TO PERFORM THE SECOND READING OF SUMMARY ORDINANCE 023-031 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CITY OF SHEPHERDSVILLE, BULLITT COUNTY, KENTUCKY SEWER OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2023, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024, BY ESTIMATING THE REVENUES AND RESOURCES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT.

Motion to Approve: Bonnie Enlow Second: Paula Mangus
Ms. Enlow: Yes Mr. Whittaker: Yes Ms. Mendez: Yes
Ms. Portman: Absent Mr. Hibbard: Yes Ms. Mangus: Yes
Carried: 5 Yes – 1 Absent

SIGN IN SPEAKERS: None

PLANNING AND ZONING UPDATE: None

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS None

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

Fire Chief Layne Troutman said it was a great night for the city.

Police Chief Steve Schmidt said that they passed their accreditation today and that will save the city 10%.

Scott Fleming said he really appreciated everyone working together.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Paula Mangus spoke about the upcoming Beautification Meeting and the recent fundraiser they had where the Mayor got a pie in his face as part of the fundraiser. She also had shirts there for purchase that will also go towards City Beautification.

Mike Hibbard said this is one of the largest budgets the City of Shepherdsville has ever had, and you can tell by the crowd that shows up when there is money to be had. (laughter) He said rest assure everybody, all of them and the Mayor have committed to making sure the citizens get the best and biggest bang for their buck out of all of this. He went on to say that sometimes in

government this is lacking, but they are all going to make every effort they can to make sure all of this is accounted for and spent properly and that they all get the best possible results from this money, and he felt they deserved it.

Jennifer Mendez we have been doing budget meetings for 2 and a half months now and wanted to thank Tonya for all her help in making them understand it. She also thanked Scott and Arthur saying they were always helping her attend the meetings. She thanked everyone for working with the council.

Brad Whittaker said he wanted everyone to know that for him the park plan is just a jumping off point for him, that there are a lot of things he would like to see added to this layer. He further explained that he would like to make this the nerve center of Shepherdsville to build on and branch out and connect this city. He said the new sidewalk over by paroquet springs turned out great and that anything that makes the city look better, connects the city, and makes it more pedestrian friendly he felt is a great thing. He said that the fact that it had been paid for by ARPA Funds helped mitigate his concerns.

Bonnie Enlow thanked everyone for coming and said this was the biggest moment Shepherdsville has ever had and she had to give it to the city employees who worked very hard on the planning. She said we just get to look at it, and see how wonderful it is, but employees did all the work not them. Again, she thanked them.

Jennifer Mendez said she was impressed with the river plans as well showing different areas people could get in to kayak etc. and she loved that.

Mayor Cubero said the connectivity is going to have bike trails etc., and we hope to do this connectivity all through Bullitt County. He said this is our public investment and we are still trying to get private investment. He said the citizens will have a lot of services available that they haven't had before. He said he agreed with Mike, that he thought he was a good steward of money, and that they are going to let the public see how the money is being spent. He said if we can get some private investors to invest, that will put money into that account as well. He thanked everyone for coming out.

Brad Whittaker said he took the time to visit the Square Roots Facility at their grand opening and it is a fabulous facility in the Cedar Grove Industrial Park. He said it is controlled farming and they can ship directly to the consumer the same day it's harvested. He said it's cutting-edge high-tech farming that complements traditional farming. He said it was nice to be getting those types of investments here in the city because it goes along with what we are already doing. He said it showed that this is a place people want to be and that we have a workforce capable of filling those jobs.

Mayor Cubero thanked everyone again for coming out and said that we were all working together as a team which is a key to making this a great city!

ADJOURN

Motion to Adjourn: Paula Mangus

Second: Mike Hibbard

Ms. Enlow: **Yes**

Mr. Whittaker: **Yes**

Ms. Mendez: **Yes**

Ms. Portman: **Absent**

Mr. Hibbard: **Yes**

Ms. Mangus: **Yes**

Carried: 5 Yes – 1 Absent

Time: 7:22 pm



Mayor José Cubero



City Clerk Brenda Weidekamp

Minutes approved at a regular council meeting held on June 26, 2023.

Motion to Approve: Paula Mangus

Second: Jennifer Mendez

Ms. Enlow: **Yes**

Mr. Whittaker: **Yes**

Ms. Mendez: **Yes**

Ms. Portman: **Abstained**

Mr. Hibbard: **Yes**

Ms. Mangus: **Yes**

Carried: 5 Yes – 1 Abstention