

CITY OF SHEPHERDSVILLE
MONDAY, February 14, 2022
6:30 PM

Invocation given by Pastor Tom Elbert, Divine Savior Lutheran Church and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Hockenbury called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Council Members Cline, Enlow, Hibbard, Huffman, and Newton were present.

Mayor Hockenbury asked for a motion to approve the 1/14/2022 regular meeting minutes. Motion made by Stacey Cline. 2nd by Deb Huffman. Motion carried 5-0-1 absent (LC).

Mayor Hockenbury announced City Hall will be closed February 21st in observance of President's Day

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion on ideas for disbursement of the ARPA funds. Would the Council want to have a special meeting for that? I think we could hear some people that have signed in to talk about this and we will make notes then we can have a special meeting. If we try to deal with this tonight, we are going to have a very long meeting. My name is Perry Cooke and I represent Mark 12 Ministries. My address is 189 Adam Shepherd Parkway, #17. I have had this discussion with you all before about the ARPA money and actually handed out at the last Council meeting recommendations the federal government has for the ARPA money to be used; and our Ministry falls in just about every one of those categories other than broadband and sewage. As far as helping the community, helping those that have been impacted by COVID and continue to be impacted by the results of COVID our Ministry is on the front line of that and certainly there is a lot of great things that can be done in this County and in this City with funding. Mayor Hockenbury: There's still some clarification on what the money can be spent for. I had meeting Friday with Congressman Brett Guthrie, several Mayors, the County Judge, and several magistrates. The Sheriff was also there. We are trying to get clarification on that. This Council has a desire to have a Special Meeting set up in the near future. After some discussion a Special Meeting was called for Wednesday, February 23rd at 6:30. All in favor.

City Attorney Tammy Baker had first reading by Summary of Ordinance 022-039 Amending the City of Shepherdsville, Bullitt County, Kentucky Annual Budget by line item for Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 thru June 30, 2022 by estimating the revenues and resources and appropriating funds for the operation of City Government. **(THIS NEW ORDINANCE AMENDMENT HAS ONLY FIRE DEPARTMENT CHANGES.)**

City Attorney Tammy Baker had first reading of Ordinance 022-040 annexing 30.57-acre tract, by consent, being 245 Forest Hill Road and contiguous to the existing boundary of the City of Shepherdsville. Eric Farris was in attendance on behalf of the applicant. Mr. Farris: I represent the applicants; the Reynolds family, they own property on either side of Forest Hill Road, and currently the boundary of the City bisects their property, so we would like to put all of their property under City jurisdiction. There is a contract with a developer who hopes to be able to put together a plan. They are still looking at that, evaluating floodplain issues, access and all those things. Hopefully, we will be able to come back with something. Right now, this is so that they can have their property in the City.

City Attorney Tammy Baker had first reading and public comment on Ordinance 022-041 a request from Mitchell and Patricia Hagan to rezone property being located at Belair Drive and Cooper Run Road from Agricultural to B-1, Highway Business. The property in question is 4.8128 acres, more or less, listed in the PVA office as Parcel No. 037-SE0-01-017C in the City of Shepherdsville. Attorney John Wooldridge was in attendance representing Mitchell and Patricia Hagen. This case was presented before the Bullitt County Planning Commission. I am sure all the Council members are familiar with Belair Road and Cooper Run Road. If you have been out there recently you can see that everything south of that has been pretty well cleared out. This piece of property sits facing Cooper Run. To the north of it it attaches to a core drilling place which is zoned industrial to the south and attaches to Jesse Flynn's outfit that is also light industrial to the west. This property basically will be utilized by Mr. Hagen and his family; it is going to be a family business. The building that is currently there will be utilized for the business property. While it does not meet the Comprehensive Plan, there has been substantial change in this area. It does have City sewers; it does have water. Everything in the area for the most part as you are breaking ground our residents that have been here for many years, property at the end of Belair Road is owned by some other individuals that will probably be commercial as well. At the meeting, no one who showed up to speak against it. If there is anybody that wishes to comment, I will be glad to answer those questions. Bonnie Enlow: I am assuming their entrance to this business will be on Cooper Run. Mr. Wooldridge: It is going to be off of Bel Air. There is a building there already they own on Bel Air. I anticipate what is going to happen at some point that whole area will go to Light Industrial, and Cooper Run Road will probably cease to exist with a new entrance on Preston highway. But that is not anticipated to be done in the near future. Bonnie Enlow: The only thing I am concerned about is how bad a shape Bel Air is. Mr. Wooldridge: Right, he is the first house on the left so if it becomes an issue, he has access on Cooper Run as well as Bel Air so if that becomes an issue, he needs to be asked to look for an alternate means of ingress and egress. I do not believe there is going to be any heavy truck traffic. He does a very light delivery with small vehicles, mostly pickup trucks and one-ton trucks.

City Attorney Tammy Baker had first reading and public comment on Ordinance 022-042 a request from LTD Investments of Bullitt County, LLC to rezone property being located at 566 Cedar Grove Road from R-1, Residential to B-2, Central Business. The property in question is 2.28 acres, more or less, listed in the PVA office as Parcel No. 037-000-00-013CA in the City of Shepherdsville. This also has a favorable recommendation from the Bullitt County Planning and Zoning Commission. Bonnie Enlow: Reading through the paperwork, it says that they are going to have to build the property up to the 100-year flood map. That area already gets major flooding. There are many houses that get flooded. My concern is if we start building that up those houses are very, very close to this. How is that going to affect them if somebody builds there and builds it up? That water's got to go somewhere; and there is no place there for them to fit in a retention pond? I just wanted you all to realize this. Be aware of that because I am very concerned about it for the people on that road.

City Attorney Tammy Baker read Resolution of Adoption of the KIPDA Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. This Mitigation Plan can be viewed on KIPDA's website. Bonnie Enlow made motion to adopt. Kenny Newton 2nd. Motion carried 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

Second reading by Summary of Ordinance 021-037 amending Ordinance 019-037 and adopting a personnel and pay rate classification plan for City employees and nonelected City Officers. (TABLED INDEFINITELY)

Second reading by Summary of Ordinance 021-038 Amending the City of Shepherdsville, Bullitt County, Kentucky Annual Budget by line item for Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 thru June 30, 2022 by estimating the revenues and resources and appropriating funds for the operation of City Government. (**TABLED—TAMMY BAKER DIRECTED TO DRAFT A NEW ORDINANCE WITH ONLY FIRE DEPARTMENT CHANGES—ORDINANCE 022-039**)

SIGN IN SPEAKERS

Pastor Nathan Young, Mercy Hill Baptist Church, Brandon Asbury, Pastor Keith Rodriguez, North Bullitt Christian Church, and Pastor Perry Cooke, Mark 12 Ministries spoke in regard to the homeless situation in Shepherdsville and encouraged the Council to assist in their endeavor. Pastor Cooke offered two recommendations for use of the Community Center. The first is for Mark 12 to enter into a short term, probably 12-month lease with the City to take into account what revenue was generated by the Community Center from 2017 to 2019 when it was in use, we realize that it has not been in use for the last few years. We would lease it for whatever that dollar amount of revenue generated by people renting it. The next proposal, which we hope you really consider as a long- term solution with us. An agreement for three to five years, \$1 a year, very similar to what Bullitt County did with Housing First. Mark 12 would pay for all the maintenance, all utilities and also renovation of the building. We would then have an opportunity to go to other Cities in this County and talk to them about how they are using their ARPA money to fund facility grants to be able to beautify and renovate the Community Center. It is not just Shelter; I know that we are known for the White Flag Shelter. We have done that for the last four years; we have ministered to over 400 individuals. And yes, they are not all from Bullitt County. They are from all over the Commonwealth. We get calls from Five Star, from the Hotels, Mr. Gatti's, we actually have law enforcement drop off people they find in ditches, shivering cold, and they bring them to the shelter, and we take care of them. We do not ask questions.

Shepherdsville Police Sergeant Billy Allen: I am currently a day shift supervisor in patrol. I am not calling anybody out or anything like that. This is just a perspective of what we have been dealing with and the complaints we have been getting. I just want to shed some light on some recent problems that our Patrol Officers have been having on a daily basis. Over the past several weeks we responded to a mass number of calls regarding suspicious person, trespassing, disorderly persons, intoxicated subjects throughout the entire City. The individuals we have been coming in contact with are choosing to live this lifestyle. We have offered help. There are 8 to 15 regulars, and we are keeping track of them. There are individuals who are choosing to live a lifestyle on the street and panhandling for free money, taking free handouts, and refusing to make an attempt to better themselves or be a productive member of our society. We made repeated rounds on the same individuals. The individuals we respond to have been offered help from Officers; several officers have bought hotel stays, which did not last long because the next day we get called back and they are intoxicated, refusing to leave the hotel room. We have offered assistance in finding jobs, every restaurant, warehouse, place of employment that I know of in Shepherdsville right now is currently hiring. In several instances we have offered rides to local or surrounding areas wherever assistance and drug treatment or other commodities for their situation is offered. The subjects we have been dealing with have completely refused assistance. Yesterday, same thing intoxicated absolutely refuses help. We offer to take them wherever they want to go. We are responding to complaints daily from business owners, managers and employees about the same subjects cursing, shouting, making threatening statements and just being outright rude when they are asked to leave the business or the property because of that type of behavior. When they refuse to leave the Police Department will get a call for service. There are several subjects within the area who is trespassed nearly every store, restaurant, or gas station within the City. We have made several runs to the Library for subjects overdosing in front of families and children. When we make contact with these individuals, we tend to gather personal information in order to make a positive ID when conversing with them. One of those questions is what residence do they stay at? Again, this is not every case, but some have stated they are from Mobile, Nashville, Indianapolis even

as far north as Michigan. Business owners, managers, and employees have been expressing their anger and frustrations to Patrol Officers on a daily basis regarding the situations I have just described. I have been in law enforcement for 13 years; I have worked for Shepherdsville 8 years and 4 years prior with Bullitt County Sheriff's Department. I have never heard the complaints in the past several weeks, a couple of months that I have been hearing lately. I have with me a list. This past weekend I ran a CAD search through dispatch. Anytime a call comes into dispatch for police, fire EMS, whatever the case may be the call is recorded on CAD sheets. From February 1st to the morning of February 13th, 12 days, 25 calls for service. All the same trespassing disorderly people being intoxicated. The subjects we have been dealing with, there has been the same 8 to 15 all are stating to officers that they are currently using the Shelter at the Community Center on a nightly basis. Evidently, there is a problem, when they are released from the shelter in the morning, they are causing several problems within businesses in the community. We know the intentions of the Shelter are good, we really do. I just want to give you guys another perspective on what we have been dealing with.

Perry Cooke: We have been operating since December 3rd; literally a block over at Mercy Hill Church. I know the individuals he is talking about. And I think he makes a great argument for what I just presented. It is a lack of relationships with those that are mentally disabled. They are out there, alcoholics, drug addicts. There is some from here; yes, there are some that are not from our County. We have been operating since December 3 and it is the same individuals, like I said, over 50 that we have had in our Shelter, we have had some that are there every night. We have some that are working. If we had a facility, we would not send them to the library. It would be open all the time.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Fire Chief Layne Troutman: Council, the unscheduled overtime line item is over budget. We need to get people hired to cut out the unscheduled overtime but that has been a problem. Several firefighters are off with injuries; COVID absences, just understaffed on personnel right now. Three are off injured. We are in a hiring process; we started out with nine candidates; we are down to two. We just cannot find people that want to apply and work. There is no quick solution to it. We are getting ready to advertise to try to get more to apply. We have looked at doing recruit classes. Currently you have to, a certified firefighter to apply for the Department. We have looked at that but the timeframe right now, we really need to get people hired to alleviate our overtime. We keep three companies (trucks) staffed. We are averaging about \$30,000 a month in overtime. Right now, we are over \$56,000 in our scheduled overtime budget. To continue to keep coverage throughout the rest of this year, with what we are already over it is going to take about \$216,000. Bonnie Enlow: What do we need to do? Let us look at trying to find money in the budget somewhere to cover this, that is what I would like to do. I would like to get some people hired if we could find good, qualified candidates. We are looking at maybe starting our own class, if we have to, but that is quite a bit of time before we can use them. You are looking at probably 16 weeks just for the Fire Academy portion of it; probably 12 weeks of the EMT class portion of it. It is not a quick fix. Our overall budget is in pretty good shape. The only other area in our budget, we're over right now is the maintenance budget. That is because of two trucks. There was a recall on the engines, and they were out of service for quite some time, so we used the reserve apparatus, which costs a lot of money to keep up. Bonnie Enlow: Is there any place in your budget that you have available funds to move over? Chief Troutman: We may, part of the grant that we put in for to build the building to use for storage and training; we had to help with concrete for that. At the end of the year, our budget payroll budget will be good since we have not hired all people just yet that is going to be left over. Lisa Carter: in recruiting new firefighters, is there maybe an option to give them an incentive bonus to come to Shepherdsville so there could be the goal down the road to start our own fire class and try to take from the high schools, seniors that are just getting out that are looking for jobs? Chief Troutman: We have two or three of the candidates in this group that took jobs in Jefferson County because of benefits. The benefits are much better than we have. The

health insurance; most Jefferson County Departments you get a full family plan, and you do not pay anything. There is no co pays, nothing.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mike Hibbard: regarding the Mark 12 Ministry, my wife and I will go ahead, say this up front. My wife and I both volunteer there in the evenings, early mornings. We prepare meals and such. As far as finding these individuals out on the street causing problems. I have sat there and watched on cold nights, I would not keep an animal outside an Individual will walk in voluntarily, take advantage of a meal, maybe take some food with them, they have some bag lunches for the next day. They have worn clothing, clean socks, underwear, stuff like that on the shelf that they can avail themselves to. They will take some of that. And before they lock the door for the evening, they will leave and go back out into the cold. I am sure this is some of the people that our Police Department pick up. The individuals will voluntarily stay there. I know personally, we had to put an individual out because of the way he was treating the other individuals there. He then continued to do it outside and he finally left. Within a couple of hours, he was in jail again; and he is still there. That is what our Police Department deals with. That is what our Community deals with. They were there frequently; they were here often. And they chose not to take advantage and you cannot force them into doing it. So, all I can say is that I know anyone that wants help, will accept help. It is there. Those that do not, you cannot make them, and they will be society's problem

Deb Huffman asked if we had heard anything on the railroad tracks repair. No!

Kenny Newton inquired about the splash pad. We are still waiting on the tank.

Lisa Carter: I know Mike spoke on Mark 12 Ministry. I have done a little volunteering at the Mark 12 Shelter. And I would just like to say the first night that I visited the shelter, as I pulled down the street, there was an individual that was walking down the middle of the street. I pulled in the parking lot and this young lady says to me, do you know where the White Flag Shelter is. The night I was there it was very cold and all she had was a thin sweater on. I told her this was the location. She had been released from jail. She had been in jail for 30 days. And being in jail for 30 days, she did not have a cell phone, she had no way to contact anybody because she did not have a way to charge her phone. I had heard Perry speak of this prior in some meetings he had attended but until I physically witnessed a person that had been released from jail that was not from our County, trying to get back to downtown Louisville where she lived. It is very touching to the heart if you have a heart. This individual came in and there were folks in the Shelter that were volunteering to let her use their phone to try to get access to her family to come pick her up and it was on such short notice she was there till after 12:00. But she came in and had very little clothes on because, if you do not realize it was pretty warm in December and she did not have very many clothes. So, she went to the Goodwill, and they gave her some clothes. She walked all the way down from the jail, which is pretty good ways down the road, to Goodwill to get clothes and from Goodwill over to Mark 12 Ministry at the church. She was never so grateful for the help the volunteers gave her so she could get back home. She had two small children and she missed out on their Christmas because she was locked up. I did volunteer another night over there. Mike said he volunteered as well with Kieran. I have volunteered from 12:00 to 4:00. A lot of people do not realize that they have quiet time. And they have to be in at a certain time; at 10:00 the lights go out. It is not an all-night party for those folks. They have to be in there and quiet time means quiet time. In the four hours that I was there, I never experienced any issues with any of the folks that were there. A lot of them, there were several that night, had to get up and go to work the next morning. They had jobs trying to get themselves back on track volunteer to another day there on a Saturday. A lot of this we take for granted we go home to a warm house every night, we get to go home to take a hot shower, be able to wash your clothes. I took two loaves of bread, some cheese and some butter. Those folks that were in the Shelter that evening, we are never so thankful to have a hot grilled cheese sandwich. As we serve these people their food, made their food for them, they were very

grateful. I came out with a broom, and I asked the gentlemen, to move the chairs out so I could sweep, and a young gentleman got up and he said Yes, ma'am. Absolutely. He took the broom and just swept. I think for the most part, some of these people are really needing that help. And I would just like to say if we as a City work something out with this Ministry, I think it is something we need to do. I am sure the Police Department are having their issues. I do not necessarily think it is everybody that is in the Shelter though. If anybody would go down and just spend four hours volunteering, I think you have got to see the type of people that are in there and they are not choosing to be in there. Some of them have been sick, have had jobs, gotten sick and had to go for treatments and they have lost their jobs, and they have lost their apartments and then they are homeless. I think that the thing that really got me was the high school student from Bullitt East. My daughter was in her class, 2020 Bullitt Central. And when I heard the fact that the top student at Bullitt East High School lived in her parent's van for almost a year; that's heart wrenching. If you do not have a heart and you do not see it that way, I am sorry. It is time for us to help some people.

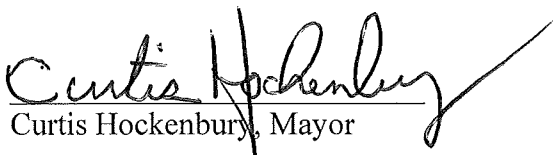
Mayor Hockenbury asked for a motion to adjourn to Executive Session, KRS 61.810, litigation and negotiations with a business entity. (Darren Patchin and Arthur Jones will be invited to join Executive Session) Kenny Newton made motion to adjourn to Executive Session. Lisa Carter 2nd. Motion carried 6-0.

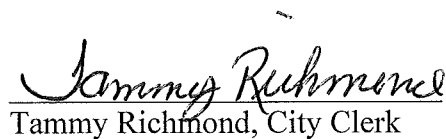
Bonnie Enlow made motion to return to Regular Session. Stacey Cline 2nd. Motion carried 6-0.

Deb Huffman made motion to approve off-site flood plain credits in lieu of fees in relation to C5 Bullitt II Logistics Center and Current Water Sports Dealership for property owned by Rolling Acres Farm LLC. Bonnie Enlow 2nd. Motion carried 6-0.

ADJOURN

Mike Hibbard made motion to adjourn. Lisa Carter 2nd. Motion carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.


Curtis Hockenbury, Mayor


Tammy Richmond, City Clerk