

**CITY OF SHEPHERDSVILLE**  
**MONDAY, February 28, 2022**  
**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 6:33 p.m.

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

Mayor Hockenbury asked for a motion to approve the 2/14/2022 regular meeting minutes. Motion made by Deb Huffman. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stacey Cline. Motion carried 6-0.

Mayor Hockenbury asked for a motion to approve the 2/23/2022 special meeting minutes. Motion made by Stacey Cline. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bonnie Enlow. Motion carried 6-0.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

City Attorney Tammy Baker read Resolution 22-11 adopting the standard revenue loss of \$10 million as allowed by the United States Treasury for purposes of American Rescue Plan expenditures. Mayor Hockenbury stated we have to adopt this Resolution so it makes reporting easier for governmental services under the ARPA expenditures. Stacey Cline made motion to approve. Deb Huffman 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 6-0. commotion.

City Attorney Tammy Baker had first reading of Ordinance 022-043.adopting the federal uniform administrative requirements, cost principles and audit requirements for federal awards codified at 2 CFR Part 200 only as it relates to expenditure of American Rescue Plan funds.

**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. Mayor Hockenbury asked the Council if they wanted to act on this Ordinance. There was no response from the Council. The Ordinance will remain **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. (ORDINANCDE 022-039 CONTAINS ONLY FIRE DEPARTMENT CHANGES.)**

Second 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 ORDINANCE AMENDMENT HAS ONLY FIRE DEPARTMENT CHANGES.** Bonnie Enlow made motion to approve. Deb Huffman 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 6-0.

Second 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. Bonnie Enlow made motion to approve. Lisa Carter 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 6-0.

Second reading of 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. Bonnie Enlow made motion to approve. Deb Huffman 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 6-0.

Second reading of 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. Stacey Cline made motion to approve. Bonnie Enlow 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 6-0.

### **SIGN IN SPEAKERS**

Mayor Hockenbury asked all speakers to limit comments to the 3 minutes.

Nathan Young: For the record, Nathan Young, 193 Old Hickory Hill Lane, Shepherdsville. I'm here to speak on behalf of Mark 12. I've had the opportunity to see the formation of Mark 12 and the growth of Mark 12 over the last few years, and it's been a huge privilege to be a part of that. I've had the privilege of being able to talk to a number of the guests that have stayed in the white flag shelter in the winter, and who have come to meals on Wednesday nights, we've gotten to know them and hear their stories. On a personal level, it's really changed some of my misconceptions and it's been really healthy for me and a lot of people within our church family too. Some of these people have come and joined us in worship, and I've gotten an opportunity to counsel some of them and encourage some of them and what I need to say tonight, more than anything is to Perry and his wife, Laura. Thank you for loving our community so deeply and for caring for those in our community that it seems like a lot of people just look at them as a nuisance, caring for those, you reflect Christ. I've been in ministry full time for 15 years and I say this with all sincerity the last 4 years have been the fun years, most meaningful and most growing years for myself because of this ministry. I know myself and other pastors and other churches are praying for you and praying that our City in our community would support you and be a partner in this because the problem of poverty is just simply not going to go away. So we need more people like you to keep advocating for them, keep educating our community, keep doing the work and I pray you guys would support them.

Faith Portman: I have a recorded video from a business owner that can't be here, and I have a letter from another business owner. I'll play the video first. My name is Crystal Troutman, we are owners of Troutman's Dry Goods the corner of Main Street. We have been a local business for six years and this is the first year that we've experienced such bad problems with the homeless. Sorry I wasn't able to make it tonight. I don't know if you guys will accept this, but I wanted to make a video on the impact that we've had with the homeless. We are all about helping people; we've donated to plenty of people in need, would give the shirt off my back to help somebody. But it has come to a point where it has been a huge nuisance for our town. We have had experiences; there was one homeless guy, and it's kind of obvious, you can tell a lot of these people either have severe mental problems, substance abuse or something going on. There was a gentleman that came in and he stands around the counter and makes my girls super freaked out. We asked if we could help him and he answered no, can't help me here. I don't have no money but he's hovering all over the top of the register. So, we had a call dispatch again. I feel like there's more important things for dispatch to do than have to come run off the homeless every five minutes. So that day, it escalated in there and they got really freaked out called dispatch again. They came and got him gone and no sooner than he was gone we had another one running through the store and had everybody freaked out, they follow customers around. Another time I had a young girl, maybe 17, shopping. Every step she would take this homeless man was up underneath of her walking on her heels, making her feel all uncomfortable. That's not good for my business, we told him to leave and tried to do the best we could ourselves to

deescalate it. But we ended up having to call dispatch on that too because it's making my customers uncomfortable. They panhandle in the parking lot asking for money asking for cash trying to sell something that doesn't have value. It just looks really bad on a business. And as businessowners, we're trying to do the best we can. But of course, we want to remain having a good name within the community. I don't want to be seen as somebody that doesn't want to help other people because I do. But this has gotten out of hand. We have salesmen coming in bringing bags of stuff to show us for the upcoming season. And one of the local homeless people that has been around for a little bit, a little here, there, and everywhere, lately. Miss Portman stated the letter she was asked to read, will be sent to the Mayor.

Perry Cooke: My name is Perry Cook, I'm the Executive Director of Mark 12 Ministries. My address is 6504 Route Road, Fishersville, Kentucky 40299. God has placed on my heart this Community. I know I don't live in the Community but my heart breaks for the Community. Faith, I'm so glad you shared that clip because homelessness is a huge problem. And you know, without a Resource Center for people to go to during the day; they go to the library, they go to these businesses, and they disrupt normal business in our Community. And as we continue to try to say there's no homeless problem, and we don't need a Ministry like Mark 12 It's just going to get worse. We're trying our best as a Ministry to minister to those but unfortunately, we're closed during the day. We don't have a home. We don't have a place to do ministry. I know there's a lot of questions about where the homeless are coming from. All I can say is Room in the Inn became part of Mark 12 January 1st of this year. I can't speak to how it operated prior to Mark 12. But I can tell you how it's moving forward. I want to apologize. I'm going to hand this out and wrap up. I should have done this when I first came to a City Council meeting 3 or 4 years ago when I first talked about why White Flag. I want to give you my resume. I know some people have been interested in who's this parent club. Why does he want to do ministry in our county? I will tell you as I was sharing with a friend today, this county reminds me a lot of the hills and hollers of Brownsville, Kentucky that I used to go to as a child, where my father was from. I feel a heart for the people in this county and especially this town. So again, thank you for allowing me to speak about this terrible rising problem we have in our community. I just hope that as the Lord said, as you have treated the least of these my brother, you have treated me.

Herb Hibbs: I live on Castleman Branch Road, Shepherdsville 40165. Several Council Meetings lately, I've listened to him in 12 ministries. I haven't had the opportunity to go over there and be part of that. I know Charlie for 20 years I have seen him walking up and down the road all the time. And I bet all of our local businesses do a whole lot for him. We try to protect him because he lives here. He's a great guy. I know he likes walking around and everything. I haven't had the opportunity, but I'm going to make sure to get over to see them. Some of the things that I will talk about; mufflers, money disbursement, infrastructure. The recent rain we've had, if you went through the City of Shepherdsville, the water was all the way up to the road. All the way up to the houses. Everything's covered up there. I have plenty of pictures. This has been going on over 20 years and nothing's changed. A couple houses got taken care of, but the whole City needs some of that money to get the sewers fixed, first responders, the ones that are out in the community. I was Reserve Deputy Sheriff under Sholar, we deliver food. We stood out there and helped the people that drove and delivered food all throughout to our residents all the way through Bullitt County to help them out, unloaded all the food from semi-trucks, put it in the church. We did everything that we could and it's all voluntary for me. I enjoy that first responders are the ones who keep the City running and doing what we need to do. I know they have something in that they are asking for, a fire truck. As a Reserve Deputy I had to buy everything on my own. I have over \$5,000 and almost all the stuff I had to buy my own. We don't get best. We don't get anything. But I do that because the City of Shepherdsville, our residents, and I want to do that. So, I would like to see the members of the Council take the time; really look into all the disbursements where they should go and who really deserves it and what our City deserves. We listen to everybody talk about the City Park and stuff we need to do. We have

to get the kids somewhere to go; we've got to fix that up, so they got a place to play; maybe it's a skatepark, maybe it's something else. But we have to do stuff in our City to make it look a lot better. You can ride up and down 44, on the west side before you get across 65, we need to clean it up and make sure everybody wants to go into the City. I want to go to these businesses that want people. But we have to clean it up.

J.D. Worner: 411 Bel Air Drive. We've been trying to get our road fixed for years. It is the worst road in Bullitt County and probably Kentucky. A couple ladies came out a few months ago and rode back there. And I appreciate 20 gallons of blacktop dropped out there and dumped in the holes. I do appreciate what you did. But my taxes went up \$400 this year, and I got 20 \$30 buckets of blacktop on the whole Road. It's in as bad a shape if not worse now as it was when you came out. You were talking \$178,000 budgeted for Bel Air Drive and we ain't seen nothing. So, I'm just kind of curious where it stands, and I want to talk on that subject. Public Works Foreman Tom LaFollette: It is one of the roads that we do have as one of the roads to repair. It comes out of MAP funds. There won't be any road work until we stay with warm weather. Plants will not open until around the end of March. So, nothing will happen before then. Mr. Worner: It hasn't rained in 3 or 4 days; over half of Bel Air Drive is wet right now with water running across because we have no ditches, we have no culverts. They're all collapsed. And when you come out you just filled up the holes. We need some help.

Angie Arbaugh: 345 South Buckman St, Salt River Mental Health. I wanted to speak about the problems and issues I've had at my business around the homeless community. I currently keep my doors locked at all times during business hours because we've had several people walk in and out. I have to have clients call, drop children off, or come into the building, even if they're adults to lock the doors behind them. We go into our office spaces to do our therapy sessions. And if our doors are closed in our office spaces, we can't have individuals walking in and out, I didn't have to do this until about two years ago, when homeless would start walking through, threatening us in the back parking lot by the dumpster, or peering in our windows when it got dark in the winter. Recently we had a young lady peering in our window. When I ask what are you doing? She said looking at the baby. There was a kid in there reading in a book and I asked can I help you with something? No, I was just looking at him. I asked him to please go and then that same person came back two or three times within a 15-minute time of us trying to get groups in and out and having somebody at the door. There's often someone that tries to come in the building at the same time, and then come up with some question, like oh, y'all have a job here or something? You can clearly see what we're doing at our business when that happens. A lot of times we take our children and adults to the park and it's not safe. There are needles around, there are drugs everywhere. There are people walking up to us several times. And that just changes the therapy session to oh, let's talk about what's going on and how to keep us safe when this goes on. Instead of having this kid being able to play and socialize in our park area. Wednesday, I heard a gentleman come up and say, hey, if someone is at the jail, and they don't have a ride home, we go pick up the sex offender or drug addict and bring them here and feed them and give them a nice sleep. I was like, wow. Hopefully, I heard that wrong but that seems a little odd and a little dangerous, especially the clientele, the community, the residents that I know that are around our office. I know research has shown that if an individual is a drug addict, and they do drugs in a certain area, over and over and over, if you take that individual and place them in a different area, they can do that same amount of drugs, and OD because the environment is different. If anybody wants to research that, the book, and articles, I can get that to you, I just read it earlier. So, I wonder if we are really helping these people when we're going to pick them up from jail, or we bring them to a facility that's got the treatment for them, it's got resources for them, the transitional health, housing, are we just enabling them by bringing them in and feeding them and then taking them out into the community? I worry about safety very much. I'm having people sleeping on my back porch. When I get there at 9:00 in the morning, they're on the back porch, and I'll have to come back with someone to help me get in my building safely. We work really well together as far as keeping each other safe and going.

Perry Cooke: Can I challenge something really quick? So many times when people are released from jail and they don't have someone to come pick them up it's because their families are already participating in Al Anon and other support systems that are saying, you need to set boundaries with these people. When they commit these crimes, they need to be able to take care of themselves when they get out. It's no longer the family's responsibility to take care of them. And they're keeping boundaries to keep themselves safe so that the individual will eventually decide to make that change and find those resources.

Cori Kessler: 349 S Buckman St #3. My son Zachary also lives in an apartment there. We are upstairs from these businesses. So, we deal with the fear of the neighborhood of what it's becoming. We lived in Hillview for over 20 years. My family has lived there since the 70s. When the neighborhood was built, I sold my home in Hillview so I could rent two apartments. My son has a disability but needs independence. He now can't take his trash out by himself. He now can't walk his dog by himself if the sun hasn't come up or the sun has already went down. It's not fair to my son who's 25 years old, who now has to have someone hold his hand to take the dog out or to take his own trash out. We didn't move from Hillview to Shepherdsville to be in an unsafe environment. My son deserves better than that. I don't know what the answer is, but something's got to give, it's bad. Our properties are being damaged our cars are being looked into. You can see the handprints on the car windows. My 14-month-old granddaughter lives with me I have to have my fiancé watch me from the porch get into my car in the morning when I leave because we don't know who's going to be creeping up on me. I'm out scraping the ice off my window here comes some guy, Hey, you got a cigarette, you got a cigarette just out of nowhere. You shouldn't have to live like that. We moved here to have somewhere nice to live so my son could be independent. He's got a nice park that he would love to go to with Angie and her group or independently; but he can't now because we are in fear; we can't open our windows on the porch because it is easily accessible, he can't open his window when it's nice out he has to keep it locked. We can't open our doors when it's nice out we have to keep the doors locked, because we don't know who's gonna walk right up our steps. There is a pair of eyeglasses on the porch right now. Nobody knows who they belong to. Which means somebody came up there, sat on the furniture, forgot their glasses. We have people showing up. It's just not fair, my son deserves better. I can live with it. But my son shouldn't have to. Something needs to be done. You know, helping the homeless like that; it could be me. I could be in that situation. Anything can happen. I can lose my job, my apartment burns, I can be in that position. And I would love for someone to be there to help me. That doesn't mean I'm going to be shooting up in someone's parking lot and damaging their property. And hoping there's a preacher there to come drop me off into another neighborhood. What's next? You're left there to fend for yourself and figure it out while your neighbors are fearful. It shouldn't be in our library. I can see the courthouse and 50 sheriff's cars from a bedroom window. I shouldn't have a fear in the world. Miss Baker's offices, I can look out and see her office from kitchen window. We should not be in fear. I'm surrounded by policemen and lawyers and a big old courthouse, and we can't leave our door unlocked.

Kerry Houston: 157 Tecumseh Dr. For the past year I have worked at Salt River Mental Health. For the past close to four years each of my special needs children have received services there. For the first two years we would park over by the auto paint store walk through; no real big issues. I will say over the past eight months, we've had several altercations with individuals in the parking lot and inside the facility. I myself, as an employee, park in the back parking lot near the dumpster that was just referenced by the previous resident. I've been approached by several men in aggressive tones within four feet of where I'm at. I don't think any man that I don't know should be within four feet of me in an empty parking lot; and that's in broad daylight. Angie Arbaugh mentioned, and this happened over the summer, around 7:00 pm someone was looking through the front of her business at a baby. That was my seven-year-old son reading a book while I was in the other office working. He came running through the hallway, I started reprimanding him for running; and he said Five Second Rule; five second rule is something that my children's therapist had to teach my children to run away from something that was dangerous. I opened

the door to see what it was, and a female kept saying, I want to talk to the baby, I want to see the baby. I grabbed my seven-year-old autistic child, grabbed my five-year-old autistic child, and went out the back exit at 7:00 pm. put them in my backseat. A man approached me while I was trying to get my children buckled into the car, wanting to talk to me and my babies. And that is the phrase that was used. I got in the car, closed the door, and drove off with my children unbuckled yelling, we're not buckled, it's not safe; because that's what they've been told. I circle the building, calling Angie the whole time hoping she wasn't going out the back door. And then I approached once everyone was gone, she was safe, and I haven't seen them since. My children walk into a room and forget why they're there. They go brush their teeth; they forget why they walk in the bathroom. But six months later, my daughter who's six with autism says remember that time you drove down the street and we wasn't buckled, that wasn't safe mom. So, she still remembers that mom was in a panic and had to drive away. And in her mind made an unsafe choice. As an employee there, I have worked with groups, one was doing a cooking class with some teenagers that are disabled. And a gentleman walked through the front of the business, walked past the meeting through the kitchen in the middle of four girls who are preteen girls. I don't know who this gentleman was that walked through, I asked if I could help him. He said no one can help me and walked out the back. We've seen this several times.

Tim Garrett: I'm President of Auto Paint Performance, 349 S Buckman Street. If we make it until May, we will have been there 20 years. I'd like to distribute a photograph for you to pass around of my neighbor's dumpster. My neighbor is Aaron Williams at Excel Auto Sales. He and I together have been the bedrock of this corner of Shepherdsville for 20 years. In the time that we have been there the first 15 years we were there we did not have the problems that we have today. These problems are relatively recent, I would date them four to five years ago approximately. My own staff has been threatened by the homeless people; I personally have been threatened with death by the homeless people. We contacted the Police Department and discussed it with them. There are records. We have installed cameras; we have provided cameras, me and Excel Auto Sales have provided cameras for most of the businesses around; everyone has access as some of the longer serve businesses in the area. We feel a kinship with our neighbors, our customers, and the people that live there. So, we've made it a point to look out for each other. We have an informal block watch area and watch in the evening, our watch during the day and we try to be there for our neighbors. Miss Cori mentions, who is a valued neighbor, we don't want anything to happen to him. We actually do worry about this stuff. This is not strictly a business concern for me. It is a personal concern for me. I have a long list of notes that I intended to address, but I can't get to them in three minutes. So, what I'd like to ask for the City Council to consider is what is the endgame of all of this? Where are we going to go? Are we trying to create an environment similar to San Francisco on the Salt River? I understand the need to help the disadvantaged and understand the need to have empathy for those less fortunate than ourselves. However, I have empathy for my customers and my employees. I'm not qualified to be a theological scholar, but I think it is safe to say that the Bible does say he who does not work shall not eat. I've worked six days a week for 20 years, my business has suffered; a neighboring business who couldn't make it this evening, Advanced Print Solutions, they had a dozen catalytic converter stolen out of their parking lot at \$4,280 apiece very recently. I'm concerned that I've become on first name basis with the great majority of Shepherdsville City Police Department. So, I would ask the Council to address these issues, consider the ramifications. Please feel free to come see any of the business owners, myself, Aaron Williams, Robin from Turner Heating and Air, my neighbor, Dennis Pruitt and GBA, my neighbor Cori, my neighbor Zack. As a long-term business, I feel confident in saying that I know that these are relatively new problems, we did not have these issues. And that is the comment that I wanted to make most of all.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Bonnie Enlow: Stated she had not read the email Vickie Downing, Executive Director, Shepherdsville-Bullitt County Conventions/ Paroquet Springs Conference Centre sent the Council today, but she would

and appreciates their partnership with the City of Shepherdsville making Shepherdsville City Fair – Bullitt Blast an annual success. She (Bonnie) feels that the carnival rides at the City Fair should be bid out since the cost is approximately \$40,000 and the City is supposed to bid out anything over \$30,000. We could not bid it out last year because we were down to the wire. In regard to Hero Pay being used for employee retention using ARPA funds Bonnie Enlow made motion to pay a total of \$5000 in two payments. One-half to be paid in March; the second half to be paid in August. Stacey Cline 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 4 in favor- 3 abstentions. Mayor broke the tie with an in-favor vote.

Mike Hibbard: Stated there is no easy solution for the homeless situation. He asked any two people in the audience a ten second answer to what is the solution. Suggestion solutions were #1 Get rid of Perry Cooke; #2 Don't bring in people from other counties.

Pastor Mike Miller, Family Day Ministries addressed the Council stating that Metro Louisville is one of the best in the nation in dealing with the homeless. He suggested a 48-hour facility and then send them to Lexington.

Stacey Cline: Asked Public Works Foreman Tom LaFollette to look at potholes at 510 S Peak in The Point. She also stated that the homeless situation has gotten out of hand and needs to stop. It does not need to be in Shepherdsville.

Deb Huffman asked if we had heard anything from CSX on the railroad track repair. No!

Kenny Newton inquired about the splash pad. Public Works Foreman Tom LaFollette stated the restrictions have been relaxed. The cost will be less than anticipated and as soon as approved the tank will be ordered.

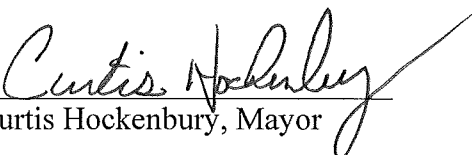
Lisa Carter: Asked that the trash on Hoot Owl be cleaned up.

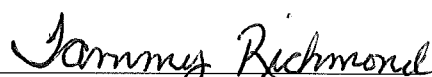
Mayor Hockenbury asked for a motion to adjourn to Executive Session, KRS 61.010, land acquisition. (Pastor Mike Miller will be invited to join Executive Session) Kenny Newton made motion to adjourn to Executive Session. Deb Huffman 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 6-0.

Kenny Newton made motion to return to Regular Session. Deb Huffman 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 6-0.

### ADJOURN

Mike Hibbard made motion to adjourn. Lisa Carter 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

  
Curtis Hockenbury, Mayor

  
Tammy Richmond, City Clerk