

**CITY OF SHEPHERDSVILLE  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, AUGUST 22, 2022  
6:30 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

With an invocation by Councilwoman Bonnie Enlow, and the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance, Mayor Hockenbury called the meeting to order at 6:30PM.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Lisa Carter, Stacey Cline, Bonnie Enlow, Mike Hibbard, Deb Huffman, and Kenny Newton.

The mayor recognized the Veterans in the audience as well as all the citizens running for office in the upcoming election.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approve 08/08/2022 regular meeting minutes as submitted.

**Motion to Approve:** Stacey Cline

**Second:** Lisa Carter

**Motion Carried:** 5 Yes - 1 Abstention (Deb Huffman was not at prior meeting.)

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. TAMMY BAKER TO HAVE SECOND READING OF SUMMARY ORDINANCE NO. 022-063 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 019-283 AND ADOPTING A PERSONNEL AND PAY RATE CLASSIFICATION PLAN FOR CITY EMPLOYEES AND NONELECTED CITY OFFICERS FOR THE CITY OF SHEPHERDSVILLE, BULLITT COUNTY, KENTUCKY.

**Motion to Table:** Bonnie Enlow

**Second:** Kenny Newton

**Motion Carried:** 6 Yes – 0 No

Bonnie Enlow felt they needed to fix the incentive issues in Public Works and the Sewer Department before passing this.

**PRESENTATION**

B. SEWER DEPARTMENT PRESENTED A QUOTE FOR A USED VACTOR 2100 TRUCK AND REQUESTED PERMISSION TO PURCHASE AT THE DISCOUNTED PRICE.

**Scott Fleming** explained that they found a unit out of Indianapolis that had been on a municipal lease with 18,000 miles on it and that they can save about 170,000 dollars on it going this route.

**Kenny Newton** asked if they had all the maintenance records performed on it up to this point.

**Scott Fleming** said that they did and explained that it is a 2018 model that was leased through them and that they did all the maintenance. He also said that they did get them to throw in an extended warranty as well. He went on to explain what the warranty covered and how long.

**Motion to Approve: Bonnie Enlow**

**Second: Deb Huffman**

**Motion Carried: : 6 Yes – 0 Against**

**Police Major Darren Patchin** presented the request for a new school resource officer. He stated the school board had approached them and asked if the city had the ability to somehow fund an additional SRO for the schools located within the city. He said after speaking with Tonya Taylor (Financial Officer) he said that there was 1.5 million that was considered excess that was not budgeted in this year's budget. He said they would like to take the 200,000 out of the excess funds. He said this SRO would cover Roby and Cedar Grove going on to explain which schools were covered currently and that with the future Bernheim Middle School annexation that it would also cover that. Breakdown of cost:

**\$140,000.00 in personnel**

**\$45,000.00 for a vehicle**

**\$10,000.00 for fuel**

**\$5,000.00 for equipment.**

Darren stated that they could probably get away with not getting the car.

**Lisa Carter** asked if we already had a car that the SRO could use.

**Major Patchin** said that they could manage without a vehicle.

**Bonnie Enlow** said she would be willing to do it without the vehicle purchase.

Further discussion on pay was had by the council prior to motion.

**Mike Hibbard** asked if ARPA funds were being used. They were not.

**Motion to Approve Resource Officer @ \$155,000.00: Bonnie Enlow**

**Second: Deb Huffman**

**Motion Carried: 6 Yes - 0 Against**

**Mayor Hockenbury** stated a budget amendment would have to be done.

## NEW BUSINESS

- A. TAMMY BAKER READ RESOLUTION 2022-25 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ANY DOCUMENTS WHICH ARE DEEMED NECESSARY BY THE U.S. TREASURY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS (ARPSLERF) PROGRAM; AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO HAVE FULL AUTHORITY ON AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACT AS THE AUTHORIZED CORRESPONDENT FOR THE PROPOSED PROJECT.

**Motion to Approve:** Deb Huffman

**Second:** Lisa Carter

Lisa Carter asked if this was only for one truck and not the ARM loan on another truck. It was confirmed that it was only for the one truck.

**Motion Carried:** 6 Yes – 0 Against

- B. TAMMY BAKER PERFORMED THE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 022-064 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BULLITT COUNTY/CITY ZONING ORDER AND BULLITT COUNTY/CITY ZONING MAP AS AMENDED, CHANGING THE ZONING OF 5.9 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, LOCATED AT 250 PHELPS LANE IN THE CITY OF SHEPHERDSVILLE, KENTUCKY, ALSO KNOWN AS PARCEL 036-000-00-029 FROM AGRICULTURAL TO R-3 RESIDENTIAL.

Bonnie Enlow asked what the plan was for this property. The attorney for the client stated that there would be 26 single family lots.

The council asked Mike Hill from Land Design & Development more questions about the lots and the entrances. He answered all their questions. No one was there to speak against the rezoning of this property.

Finance Officer Tonya Taylor had given the council three scenarios to choose from. After some discussion they chose the third option with Real Property to be set at **12.6** and Personal Property at **12.2**.

**Motion to Approve these rates:** Bonnie Enlow

**Second:** Lisa Carter

**Motion Carried:** 6 Yes – 0 Against

- C. TAMMY BAKER PERFORMED THE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 022-065 AN ORDINANCE 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.

D. TAMMY BAKER PERFORMED THE FIRST READING OF ORDINANCE 022-066 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE REAL PROPERTY AD VALOREM TAXES AND PROVIDING ASSESSMENT, EQUALIZATION AND COLLECTION PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF KRS 92.280, ET SEQ.

The council agreed to schedule a special meeting to pass the ordinances on Thursday August 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Planning and Zoning** – Nothing to report.

**Board of Adjustment** – Nothing to report

### SIGN IN SPEAKERS

**Jo Coffman** – 411 Centerview Dr. Ms. Coffman thanked Brenda and Nickie for a timely open record request that was filled.

**Gary Board** – 248 Partridge Run. Mr. Board passed out a map of the new interchange going in. He asked if anyone knew if this was the plan they intended to use.

**Mayor Hockenbury** stated that it was a state project, that they had already purchased all the easements and they are relocating the sewer lines.

**Scott Fleming** stated that they are going to proceed with that plan.

Mr. Board asked further questions and Mr. Fleming answered what he knew about the process.

**Robin Gehlbach** – 180 Big Country Court. Ms. Gehlbach was inquiring about a new building going up on Cedar Grove Rd. and the impact it will have on traffic. She then spoke about taxes and thanked them for lowering taxes.

**Gerald Rymer** – 279 Cedar Grove Rd. Mr. Rymer asked why we raised the occupational tax, if the city needed money, that they lowered the property taxes. The council explained that with the increase in property (businesses, homes etc.) that it increased the amount of taxes in the city and that they wanted to the benefit to go to the citizens.

### DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS – NONE

**Motion to put the Park Projects Out for Bid:** Kenny Newton

**Second:** Stacey Cline

**Motion Carried:** 5 Yes - 1 Absent

A discussion ensued considering using ARPA funds for the project. To be determined after bids come in.

## COUNCIL COMMENTS

**Lisa Carter** said that the council did vote to lower the occupational taxes back down to 1.5% but the mayor had vetoed it. She said her question was concerning the recent emails that they had received that said there has been a lot of extra money that was found and revenue that had come into the city... she said she believed it was about 5 million dollars.

**Mayor Hockenbury** said that she had mentioned that they overspent but the sewer collected a half a million more than they spent. He went on to say that the sewer was 2.2 million under budget, but it looked like it was overspent in the line item. He stated that this is what happens when you have a line-item budget... it is a guesstimate. That if you have to put in a pump at one of the pump stations you can go over that line-item amount.

**Lisa Carter** said her question was why they aren't lowering the occupational tax back down to 1.5% if we have all of this extra money, 5 to 7 million she thought she read. She asked if she was reading that wrong. She then said she would like to make a motion to lower the occupational tax back down to 1.5%

**Mayor Hockenbury** stated that that isn't on the agenda, so they weren't going to talk about that. He said there is no motion because it isn't on the agenda. He stated that they could put it on the next agenda.

**Stacey Cline** stated that she didn't vote for the occupational tax increase.

**A conversation ensued about the veto and whether this was to override it or start with a new ordinance. Lisa Carter felt if we had that much money that filtered back in that they didn't think they had, that they should lower it back down to the 1.5%.**

**Mayor Hockenbury** said that he wouldn't do it because of some of the projects that need to be done like Beech Grove Rd from Pickles Market to the bypass now belongs to Shepherdsville and it's falling apart. He went on to say that we now have this emergency that is going to cost from 200,000 to 250,000 with the pipe imploding. He said why not put that money in savings.

**Lisa Carter** said the money is in a big pot and there is no breakdown of jobs and that if there are jobs that do need to be done.

**The council discussed different roads and the poor conditions of said roads. The mayor talked about the splash pad and when it would be ready.**

**Kenny Newton** questioned whether the three projects he had spoken about at the last meeting had been bid out. Brenda Weidekamp explained they were getting a plan together so they could start the floodplain permit so when the bids are accepted they can immediately start the project.

**Stacey Cline** asked where the city was with the paving. The mayor explained that they (Hall Contracting) were coming in Thursday at 10:00 to sit down with Tom. She said that something else she was noticing were shopping carts all over the place when you cross over the expressway as well as other areas around the city.

Several of the council members discussed the issue and asked if they could be picked up and returned to the stores. The mayor said he would call Ray Page and ask him to make contact with the stores and have them come get the carts.

**Mike Hibbard** he said when they were in the budget discussions it was brought to us a lot of big projects that we needed to do that had been recommended but not started for whatever reason... and that our current budget would take a high percentage of what we were anticipating for revenue at the time. He said it was brought to our attention that the easiest way to increase the revenue with the least amount of effect on the citizens of this city, was through the occupational tax. He was not for raising taxes but that he knew they would need more money. He said that was just a fact of life, things go up and you need more money and that he voted for that increase. He went on to say that when they got the budget proposals, he didn't feel enough went to those projects...close to half of it went into the day-to-day operations. He felt the citizens were getting short changed, so he did vote to repeal that. HE said that was passed – then vetoed and the new budget came right after that. He stated he didn't care to go through the same thing and a veto again and didn't know if he could do it again or not. His opinion was that they might as well keep it if they can commit...if the council can decide...where this money goes, and they could get it into the projects and into the roads.

**The council went on to discuss ARPA money and money in the budget for projects. The mayor suggested putting so much money a month into a savings account every month.**

**Mike Hibbard** said he would like to see projects put on paper and money allocated to those projects.

**Bonnie Enlow** thanked Brenda for the way the council packets and minutes were done.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – to discuss potential legal issues and land acquisition.

**Motion:** Mike Hibbard

**Second:** Kenny Newton

**Motion Carried:** 6 Yes – 0 Against

**Time:** 7:32PM

**RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION**

**Motion:** Kenny Newton

**Second:** Mike Hibbard

**Motion Carried:** 6 Yes – 0 Against

**Time:** 7:50PM

**NO ACTION TAKEN**

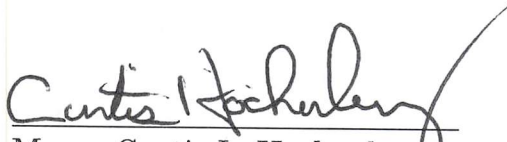
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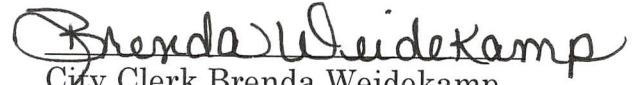
**Motion to Adjourn:** Mike Hibbard

**Second:** Kenny Newton

**Motion Carried:** 6 Yes – 0 Against

**Time:** 7:51PM.

  
Mayor Curtis L. Hockenbury

  
City Clerk Brenda Weidekamp