

**CITY OF SHEPHERDSVILLE**  
**MONDAY, MAY 23, 2022**  
**6:30 PM**

Invocation given by Perry Cooke.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Hockenbury called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

Council Members Stacey Cline, Lisa Carter, Bonnie Enlow, Mike Hibbard, Deb Huffman, and Kenny Newton were present.

Mayor Hockenbury thanked all first responders, asked all active military and veterans to stand and thanked them for their service.

Mayor Hockenbury then asked all the people who recently won in the recent elections to stand and say their name and what position they were elected to and congratulated them.

Mayor Hockenbury asked for a motion to approve the 05/09/2022 regular meeting minutes. Motion made by Deb Huffman. 2nd by Lisa Carter. Motion carried 6-0.

Mayor Hockenbury asked for a motion to approve 05-16-2022 special meeting minutes. Motion made by Kenny Newton. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stacy Cline. Motion carried 6-0.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Works Department Director presented the park camera proposal and cost of \$27,000.00 that he requested be paid with ARPA funds.

Mayor Hockenbury asked for a motion to approve the purchase. Motion made by Bonnie Enlow. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kenny Newton. Motion carried 6-0. City attorney will present a resolution at the next meeting.

City attorney Tammy Baker had the first reading of Ordinance 022-054 amending ordinance 019-283 & 019-299 to change the current accounting clerk title to assistant finance officer. Mr. Hibbard asked how many positions they had for this title and City Attorney Tammy Baker said only one. "This is Gayla's position that should have been changed so it didn't confuse the new accounting clerks 1 & 2 title in other words she would be over the accounting clerk 1."

Mayor called upon the first sign in speaker that had signed up to speak about the Bullitt County Overlay, Mr. Steven Phelps. He explained how they developed the plan for the overlay and that it was adopted by the county in April of 2021.

Bonnie Enlow: I want to sponsor an ordinance to adopt it, I feel like it's a good idea. I think it's a great idea that we keep that area looking nice and clean. We've not done so

well in the city over the years. So, we need to start making that a priority. And I think, since we've extended our city boundaries out farther than we should, we should at least take care of what we put out there. And I think that in the long run will benefit tax base for citizens to speak, we're going to come here and we're going to spend money. It's not costing us anything to do this. And so, I think that it's a win all the way around for everybody. So, I'd like for us to look at adopting this

Stacey Cline: Can we look it over and address it at the next meeting because I just received it.

Mike Hibbard: How far... It appears on the map here that 245 runs pretty much right down the middle of this. So, how far on either side of 245 does this corridor extend as to exact footage?

Steven Phelps: As to exact footage I couldn't tell you. But I do know that along 245 by the fairgrounds there is a section that is B-1 and B-2 zoned, and it's going to incorporate that. So, whatever typically is that kind of relationship. It's mainly just the corridor area down the footage of the highway.

Lawrence Myer: They started in 16. When some planning zoning guys decided that they would start making rules and regulations just for our property. Because our property is only one zoned commercial after all the rest of property of 245 belongs to Bernheim Forest or Beams Distillery, and it's all zoned agricultural or residential. Our property has been zoned commercial since 1968. If the people up there had done their due diligence, they would have seen that this property was zoned commercial. And if they want to live there, that's fine. If he didn't want to live there, it's fine to. The only the only thing is this Bourbon Trail or so-called effects is our property. And so when they talk about it, they're basically burned us. Now if you're looking at your old lady thing her the map shows that it probably extends probably four or 500 feet from the centerline calls read here. You'll notice on Plenmar Dr. it goes back to Ricky Lane, which is a quarter of a mile off the 245. So that not only catches the front part of my property, but it gets the farm we own behind it as well. So, you know, you can't you know if you want to have that, you know, restricted footage off the centerline or something like it if people are going to go down the highway looking at the far blue yonder, I mean, they're coming out safe. I mean, but when they say that, you know, you're trying to be a tourism, that's not quite true. They just don't want to see it developed and it was zoned industrial long before they ever come out here. My Father bought this property in 1927.

Tammy Baker: How many feet does this go back. I heard once it was 500 ft.

No one knew.

Kenny Newton: We could adopt our own overlay with what we want in here. If the 500 ft isn't in here we can adopt what we want.

Mr. Myer spoke from the back of the room stating that according to the bylaws if you don't follow their plan they can refuse to issue permits.

Bonnie Enlow: Okay, we will look at it.

Mike Hibbard: My opinion on this is, it affects a finite area. It started in the county we have a couple of parcels out there now that are in the city. I would just have a concern that if we do this does it only apply to this area? Or does it then become the entire area of Shepherdsville? If you wanted to do something, a warehouse or anything else, right out here on 61 where they are currently doing...would this apply to anything new that didn't apply to something old. And possibly restrictions of how far off the highways and such you could be because it could possibly greatly diminish the available land for somebody to develop on. So, I mean, those are all considerations. Everything is going to be affected by what we do.

Stacy Cline: I want to go look at the property and read all that is on here, because I just got it tonight.

Deb Huffman: I've gotten calls that they don't want it. I haven't gotten any calls where people wanted it.

Kenny Newton: I want to look into it further. Like I said, if we look into it, we can change things and do it to fit our city.

Stacy Cline: I haven't gotten any calls.

Kenny Newton: Like Mike said this looks like it is only affecting a small portion and to me if you are going to do it then you should do it for all. If we are going to regulate it then we need to regulate it across the board.

The city attorney and council discussed different things they would have to look at and what could be changed.

Lisa Carter asked if any other cities had adopted the layout. No other city had; it was a county only adoption.

Sign in speaker Jo Coffman: She had a problem with the county layout and felt it would affect the Paroquet Springs Center. She felt Mr. Newton had a great idea about adopting their own. She felt they should start all over with it.

Tammy Baker explained the wording of the overlay concerning what they were and weren't allowed to do in the 500 ft range. It didn't change the zoning but does limit what is allowed to develop in that area.

Tammy Baker asked if she was being asked to draft an ordinance. The council agreed that this needed to be looked at before deciding to draft an ordinance. So, no ordinance was to be drafted at this time.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

City Attorney Tammy Baker did the second reading of the summary of Ordinance 022-052 amending Ordinance 011-078 relating to the imposition and administration of an Occupational Withholding Tax by persons and business entities conducting business, occupations, professions within the city limits of Shepherdsville changing the withholding percent from 1.5% to 2%.

Mayor Hockenbury called for a motion. Lisa Carter made a motion. Bonnie Enlow 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Mike Hibbard: You know, we've been involved in, quote, budget meetings. So far, all we've seen are... all the council has been presented with is information on the council's budget and our map money I understand. So, we haven't seen any projection, any suggested budget for admin, police, fire public works, okay. And I can't help but get the feeling that everybody is waiting to see if we got another... I understood that the estimate would be like \$2.8 million. So, are we just... is the administration just waiting to see if I got some more money to plug into my want list? Or do you actually need it? Or can we anticipate if we pass this that the revenues can be used in areas other than day to day operation or just increasing day to day operation? Because once we've committed to that it's there, you know, so there's only there's only very few ways of reducing that day-to-day operation.

Bonnie Enlow: I can address that. We've got we need fire trucks. They cost boo-coos money over a million dollars apiece. We need the sewer needs new clarifiers we are talking about several million dollars to get our clarifiers up to date, we need two more clarifiers. We're hit with the same thing costs have gone up to blacktop your roads has jumped tremendously, and we want to get all the roads in the Shepherdsville. We want to get them done, we're gonna have to get a loan. And we're going to pay all the city roads, we're going to get the fire equipment downstream to protect the citizens, there is a lot of stuff that we need. And the only way we can do it is by this, it's a half a percent. It's not going to affect citizens who don't work or retire, they're not going to affect them. It will affect the people that work in the city of Shepherdsville. A large part of the amount of people that work in Shepherdsville are from other areas because they're coming down to these warehouses. And we have to pay the bills I mean, you're all stuff is all going on gas is going to our fire trucks are all diesel, diesel fuel is 5.19 a gallon, we've got to pay for this somehow, all the police vehicles, our fuel has just gone crazy in price. And we're just battling trying to get all this stuff paid. And that's why we need this, we need this money to do that. And it was the least tax that we could do to affect the least amount of citizens here that we could do and not affect the elderly, the retired people on fixed incomes, disability that wouldn't affect them.

Tim Garrett: Good evening, my name is Tim Garrett from auto paint performance. I do the payroll for my employees, my company. So, I'm fairly familiar with the occupational tax and not happy about it. A one and a half percent to 2% is a fairly considerable jump. But Miss Enlow is correct, there is no getting around it, nothing's gonna get any cheaper. So, you're going to have to do it, it's going to be a little bit of a hardship for smaller companies. But as long as the service is rendered for the money are a good value, then nobody's really losing out on this. I actually wasn't here to speak on this issue at all tonight. But I'm just a minor consideration. K one is your Kentucky tax on payroll for the state and the city of Shepherdsville tax will surpass the k one rate with this addition. Again, just be judicious with the money, spend it wisely and carefully. And then there's just no getting around the increase because you're right, none of your expenses are gonna go down for the foreseeable future. And this is probably the best way to do it. half a percent is a pretty big bite. But hey,

compared to what's diesel's going up to, if there's only a half a percent, we should count ourselves lucky.

Mike Hibbard: I'd just like to respond again that, you know, obviously, you know, none of this revenue, I believe could be used for clarifier, but we do need but that has to come out of the sewer budget. Revenue from their roads were mentioned. That's fine. I don't mind doing this. If I can feel that the biggest bulk of this money, new revenue combined with what we're not using already, for roads or whatever. I think the I think at one meeting, Tom, did you say something about \$3 million would redo all the roads in the city and then we wouldn't have to worry about it for a good number of years. And I'm not I'm not promoting taking all of this and doing all the roads No and nothing else. But I'm simply saying that part of this, along with part of what we already have, and I don't know what the anticipated revenue for the city this next year is without this, haven't seen it. But combined with what we will have already and pass this and increase it by almost \$3 million, then I would expect to see those results fairly quickly and start on that and make some noticeable improvements in roads, and things like that. I just, I know, I know, we have to pay more. I know everything costs more, that'll have to be considered into the budget, okay. But I just want to see these increases in tax revenue, be able to be seen results, people can drive down the road and see what they're what your money's paying for.

Kenny Newton: I agree. That's it. that's kind of what's had me hesitant about, you know, Bolton for this, you know, because, you know, we've got, you know, splashpad, that's been budgeted for two years, it's been held up, I mean, and I'm not saying it's anybody's fault, but when citizens here, you're raising their taxes, and they don't see where this money's going. They just see you taking money, they don't see nothing getting done. They don't see the park getting any, you know, we had that \$15 million Park plan that nothing has gotten done. So, you know, that's, that's what keeps me hesitant from voting for a tax increase. When the citizens just aren't, they're not seeing where their tax money is going now.

Mike Hibbard: sooner or later, sooner or later, we'd have to increase if we didn't do any of the new projects, just a natural increase in wages and pension and cost of fuel, obviously, fuel is a major issue, and I can understand that every department is going over their fuel allotment. They're going to if they already have it, and that's just the way it is we can't control that. I'll make a very limited use. But I would like to see this money not just thrown in the general fund and put here and there and not be utilized where people can see it. And that's my concern.

Mayor Hockenbury asked for a vote on the motion and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 4-2. Kenny Newton and Stacy Cline voted no.

City attorney Tammy Baker had the second reading of 022-053 annexing 5.9 acres, more or less, by consent of Kenneth J. and Stacey M. Jones located 250 Phelps Road and contiguous to the existing boundary of the City of Shepherdsville.

Stacy Cline asked if anyone knew why they were wanting to be annexed into the city.

Lisa Carter asked how it connected to the city. Attorney Eric Farris had not arrived yet to answer council questions, but Tammy Baker said he would be here after his meeting.

Kenny Newton made a motion to table it until Mr. Farris arrived. Stacy Cline 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 6-0

Mayor Hockenbury called the next sign in speaker – Larry Clark. Mr. Clark inquired about the ruts and stump that had been left behind when the city took out the tree that had fallen from the city easement. The Mayor stated that they would take care of it when the ground dried up.

**SIGN IN SPEAKERS:**

Sign in speaker Melissa Standridge was called to the podium: My name is Melissa Standridge. And I don't have an address, I'm homeless. She went on to explain that she had been in rehab for 30 days and that she was getting ready to graduate from the program. She stated that she now had a job at Cedar Grove Industrial Park for the last 5 months and was planning on getting a trailer and a car. She said Mark 12 Ministries had helped her and she hoped that the city would help them to purchase a property (Mark 12) for the homeless because they had helped so much and other homeless people.

Sign in speaker Perry Cooke was called to the podium. Mr. Cooke read from scripture then went on to explain why he was there. Mr. Cooke: So, I offer the same thing I offered two months ago, I'd love to sit down and talk to this council about real solutions about the homeless in our community. That's what I have offered from day one. I've asked you to consider taking some of that ARPA money and investing it in our future. See, Melissa is our future. I proposed half a million dollars. Look at Melissa. Melissa is a tax paying individual. She works here in town. She's paying her taxes, right. And she is contributing to this community. She's going to purchase a trailer. But she wasn't going to be able to do that when she was sleeping behind the five star. She needed just a little bit of encouragement to make that next step. And so that's all I'm asking is a conversation. I'm not asking for a commitment, we offered to buy a building for half a million dollars. We have again, never asked for any monies from the city or the county. We're of the of the few missions and organizations that work in this county. We've not asked for anything we are self-supported. Again. And so, I just wanted to again, offer it up to you. If you guys do and I said this last time I was here if you do not want Mark 12 to operate in Shepherdsville. I'm more than happy not to. And we have tried to step back a little bit after my last reception here in front of the council. But we want to help. We want to help folks that are in need.

Mayor: You want to contact number out again to the council in case they want to reach out to you. My email is Perry@Mark12.org. My personal phone number is 502-387-7321. I'd be more than happy to have any of you out to my house. We can have dinner, we can talk. I'm looking to help. I'm looking to bring solutions to a community that is in need. And that is really all that I would like to do with your partnership. Thank you.

Sign in speaker Lou Ann Moore was called to the podium: So, I've just got three quick comments on the beautification, I agreed to become a member of the Shepherdsville Beautification Committee that I understood was voted on by this council to form. I'm not sure what happened with that. Committee, I'm not for sure where we're at with all of that. But I do know that there's additional money in the general fund that I think we might be able to use for beautification. And I would respectfully request the council replace the \$16,000 that was taken from that beautification fund, so we can responsibly use that. To not only help Buckman street, but also the park system, the farmers market, just to make everything look better. Number two deals with beautification. Also, we have an ordinance here in Shepherdsville. And I don't know the number of the ordinance, but I know that we've used it in the past, to take down the dilapidated houses that are really an eyesore to Shepherdsville. The two that are across from the post office need to be torn down. They are they are just looking worse all the time. And also, I'd like to address the old stouts building, it's an eyesore. And every time we come around that direction, it just looks bad. And I know that probably the owner of that could probably fix it up some Yeah, but can we use that ordinance? And I don't know again, what the number of that ordinance is but can we use that ordinance to help facilitate getting that building at least painted or looking better?

Stacy Cline: There is garbage behind it.

Lou Ann Moore: Oh, it's horrible. It's terrible. It's very, it's really bad. And the garbage could catch on fire. Very easy. The third is the 2%. Tax. Don't agree with it. Don't like it in this economic climate. As, as an owner of a business, don't want it. I just don't think it's a good idea for citizens.

Sign in speaker Steven Phelps was called to the podium: Clarification mostly. In last Monday's paper...

Attorney Tammy Baker: It needs to be retracted. It was published by mistake. It was an honest accidental mistake.

Steven Phelps: Okay. Thank you.

Mayor called to the audience's attention to several newly elected officials, and some currently running in Bullitt County and congratulated them.

Sign in speaker Nina Roby Bain was called to the podium: First of all, I speak from the heart and I kind of laid out the way I think I had initially intended on speaking about the recently approved Beautification Committee on which I serve. But the longer I thought about the activity of the Beautification Committee, and the more recent division of personnel involved in the spending of \$20,000, line, item budget, having been spoken for by someone other than the Beautification Committee, I had to reflect on what that actually meant for our city. I found myself reflecting back on their city when I was a third grader, living on the farm off bills, no road with my mom and daddy and my parents. And we would come into Shepherdsville downtown on Saturdays. And the old geezers with their bibbies sitting in the courthouse hall with the spittoons and everything, still have fond memories it not if they miss the spittoon, but I still have I bring the word up that was just mentioned twice. Change is necessary

over time, but it is the normal fear of the unknown, that usually stifles change from taking place. But if we continue in our current fashion, I should continue to see my personal community as stagnant. Before any change can be attempted we must get our citizens and businesses behind such a project involving change. beautification is defined as the action or process of improving the appearance of a person or a place. Other cities have gone through similar concerns. So, I've decided to look to the city approximately the same size as ours. I found that our city population in 2020 was 14,201. I found that in size and in 2020, the closest us was Bardstown.

My do I need to say anymore? I think not. I was immediately blown away. What have they done to make Bardstown? Such a visitor friendly historical in appearance, and an inviting and clean city? We currently have ordinances regarding abandoned and neglected properties, which are not being enforced. What message does that send to our visitors? I don't care who owns the properties? I just care that written ordinances are followed across the board without exceptions. When we don't follow the rules or regulations, why should we even care if others do? constantly leaving shopping carts blocking parking places, illegally using handicap placards, littering, persistently running red lights and intersections. I see these things every single time I am out. Don't want us to get some kind of plastic bag when we buy something that we could put our trash into or close to a waste disposal. Granted, we can ask people to clean up if we don't have a place to put trash. So therefore, you may have to create the creative and bring your own is adhering to the traffic lights properly going to keep all the roads safer. The possibility that my work too. Litter is a atrocious, trashy. And as far as I'm concerned reflects the city members of our community in the same fashion. There have been some days I feel I could gather enough items for an eclectic living room, bedroom then or maybe even start putting together my own car. We are a prime location to serve better as an inviting stop for tourist. We have our own great artists, outstanding crafts person in number of genres. Why isn't there a place to brag about these by displaying their fares? Why don't we have a nice one or two restaurants downtown Shepherdsville now if you need legal help, are you dying are already dead? You know you got your right. It's all there. It's all right there. I know how much I miss Kit and Ronnie Parker's restaurant. What do we have to actually do to draw anybody to downtown Shepherdsville? Yes, I was extremely upset about a person not being a member of the Beautification Committee speaking for the money established for that community. Upon reflection of action that took place, I determined it was based on personality differences and power. But was this the best way to progress and unite persons involved for a common cause? In this case, I think it could have been handled in a more professional and informative way. We have so much to do to catch up with the times and truly beautify our city, as proud and caring community in more ways than find natural dispositions. We have so many talented involved citizens in our community that could help assist in this process. Thank you.

The mayor thanked her.

Eric Farris arrived; the mayor called for a motion to take the Phelps annexation off the table. Kenny Newton made a motion. Deb Huffman 32<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 6-0.



The council asked a few questions concerning the location and how it was connected to the city and why they wanted to be annexed into the city. Eric explained what their plan was to rezone it to residential and develop the land.

When the council was satisfied with the Q & A the Mayor called for a motion. Lisa Carter made a motion to approve. Deb Huffman 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 6-0

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:** None

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Lisa Carter: Yes. I appreciate the persons that got up and spoke about the Beautification Committee. When we reformed that, we took some time not to just jump into it so quickly, we wanted to think about the things that we were going to do. But after coming in on the 11th, and finding out that the money had been spent, and then after going through the financial reports that go up to almost April. There's money in line items and public works that I think those funds should have been taken from. So, I would like to make a motion this evening... And I don't know the dollar amount as of today because it could have changed. But there are some line items... And I believe the baskets of the planters, the trash cans, I think those would be considered under capital expenses for the city. So, with that being said, I would like to make a motion to move some monies from line item, 7400, in public works, and put the \$16,000 back into the beautification line item. So that we can go ahead and purchase the items that we were wanting to purchase for our city. Because we haven't spent those monies in three years. And at the time that we got to spend these, someone else decided to take from those funds. So, I would like to make a motion to our council since everyone was in favor of the Beautification Committee to move \$16,000 back into the beautification line item. So, if someone would like to give me a second, that would be wonderful to move those funds, but I think it's only fair when we talk about trying to beautify our town. And we have these monies, you know, we want to raise the occupational tax, but yet we have monies in the budget year after year. And when certain people asked for those monies to be spent, it never happens. So, I as a taxpaying citizen, and Councilmember would like for somebody on this council to make a second because everyone was in favor of the Beautification Committee being reformed.

Public Works Director Tom LaFollette: Mayor, I have a question about that.

Attorney Tammy Baker: Before we have a discussion we need a 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Mike Hibbard 2<sup>nd</sup> Lisa Carter's motion.

The mayor called on Mr. LaFollette.

Tom LaFollette: So, are you saying the funds weren't spent on beautification?

Lisa Carter: Well, I'm not real for sure they were spent on landscaping. And you know, landscaping to me is considered a capital expense as well. I'm not for sure why I didn't come out of that particular line item.

Tom LaFollette: Would landscaping not be considered beautification for the city park and farmer's market?

Lisa Carter: But its capital expenditures too.

Tammy Baker: What is the title of that line item?

Lisa Carter: Capital Expenditures 7400 for park items.

Tammy Baker: On the beautification line item.

Lisa Carter: It just says beautification.

Tom LaFollette: Because it sounds like we just frivolously spent money and that wasn't the case. It was specifically spent on landscaping the park as well as the farmer's market. I just wanted to make that clear so there is not a misunderstanding.

Mayor: Thank you Tom.

Tammy Baker: I would agree if we're talking about landscaping, and you want a legal answer I would consider it beautification. There may be other line items it could fall under also. I don't think anyone did anything wrong.

Tom LaFollette: I don't have a line item for those things anymore because the council chose to create a beautification line item. So, I don't have a line item to do those things. What I do have is a line item for repairs to facilities in the park and things of that nature. So, I'm not sure what line item you are referring to.

Lisa Carter: 7400 Capital Expense for the park items. It's just a total that hasn't had 160,000 budgeted and as of February, only 29,000 had been spent out of the 160.

Tom LaFollette: That is part of the project we have been working on... trying to get that all-inclusive handicap play set and so forth. My understanding is that a capital purchase is an asset. And a piece of equipment like that is an asset.

Tammy Baker: Yes. Absolutely.

Lisa Carter: I'm looking at a couple other line items. Departmental projects – there was 100,000 budgeted and as of February there was still 99,000 still left in that.

Tom LaFollette: If you look now that's not there. Some of that was used on Forest Hill Rd. that we worked with the county on. It was a fantastic project.

Lisa Carter: So, was there any money spent on the community center to do rehab over there?

Tom LaFollette: There has not.

Lisa Carter: So, there is money in that particular line item of 34,800?

Tom LaFollette: I'm not denying that. What I want to make sure of is that no one thinks I have frivolously spent money that was for a particular thing.

Lisa Carter: No, I'm not saying you have. but I just felt like personally, that everyone knew that we were working on the beautification to work on Buckland Street, because that's all we hear is about how horrible Buckman street looks. So, as we've worked on it, and we come in on the 11th, to get a purchase order for these items, and on the fifth, the mayor had signed a purchase order and the money was gone. So, I just don't understand why it sat for three years with nothing being done. And then all of a sudden, we meet, have meeting after meeting and then boom, there's no money.

Vicki Downing: On top of your capital expenditure line that has \$139,000 of capital expenditure would include the benches, the parks and everything else that this Beautification Committee has spent countless hours meaning you can purchase those assets in that line. Am I correct? Benches and shrub buckets? This committee, could those assets be purchased from that line? Isn't that an asset?

Tammy Baker: I would think so, yes. And so, I'm sure there's maybe multiple line items were some of that stuff could have fallen? And I don't know if the confusion is that the line item says beautification, not Beautification Committee. I don't know. I would think those items do fall under beautification. But another thing I really don't know much other than what has been said tonight about, I don't know.

Tom LaFollette: If spent money out of the community center for landscaping for the park, you guys are the ones that said we had to have a line-item budget. I can't do that.

Lisa Carter:

We've amended the budget mostly several times throughout the year. So, what would be another time?

Tom LaFollette: That would be frivolously spending money out of a line item where I shouldn't.

Mayor: I want to take this knowledge to the next budget hearing and see what we can do with it from there. Soo, I'm not going to call for a vote.

Tammy Baker asked when the next budget meeting was. It was planned for Thursday the 26<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm.

Jo Coffman asked about speaking at the budget meeting. Tammy Baker explained the Budget Workshop was there for the Council to throw around ideas. Other people spoke from the audience.

Lisa Carter: I'm just gonna say I'm not bringing my motion off the table. I had a first and second. I'm not bringing my motion off the record. I just want that for the record tonight.

Mayor: Okay.

Deb Huffman: CSX? (No resolutions on that.)

Mike Hibbard: I think a lot of the people were commenting. And I can agree with Tom, to the point that the beautification money was not in his budget. Correct. However, I

think most of the people are seeing that the money that this beautification was spent on is in the park, where everyone has the assumption, I believe that that's pretty much in your domain as far as what goes, how you take care of the park, things are done in the park with the fencing and the playground equipment and everything else. And with the large amounts of money that are in line items, and I do believe in every department, except sewer, which we cannot use, that there are funds sitting idle, that we did not have to diminish, or we did not have to use the small amount of beautification money that existed. And possibly even within the admin budget, where beautification was. The people want some progress, and we can't be playing politics or anything else to go ahead and say, well, let's just do this and then we take this money away from here and then we can't do anything more because we don't have any money. We don't have 20,000 sitting here when we maybe have in the whole department 200,000 that's not being that has been appropriated but it's not going to be used by the end of this budget. And that's just that's just having money sit idle and not be used for a beneficial purpose. And I think that's what we are trying to, I am, trying to accomplish. Let's use the funds we have available and if they're sitting idle someplace that they're not going to be used for only half of it's been used then let's see how we can best use what's left. That's my opinion.

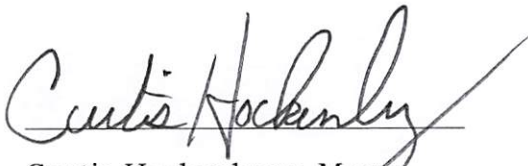
Mayor: Well said. Thank you.


**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** No

**ADJOURN:**

Mayor asked for a motion to adjourn.

Kenny Newton made a motion to adjourn. Stacy Cline 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed 6-0. 8:05pm

  
Curtis Hockenbury, Mayor

  
Brenda Weidekamp, City Clerk