

**CITY OF SHEPHERDSVILLE**  
**MONDAY, MAY 9, 2022**  
**6:30 PM**

Invocation given by Councilwoman Bonnie Enlow.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Hockenbury called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

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

Mayor Hockenbury asked for a motion to approve the 4/25/2022 regular meeting minutes. Motion made by Lisa Carter. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stacy Cline. Motion carried 6-0.

**PRESENTATION:**

Mayor: Thank you all present. Students from Bullitt County School and Bullitt Advanced Math & Science Program will present their projects to the council. The floor is yours.

Mr. Ekbundt: Well, thank you. Thanks for the opportunity to be here. My name is Mike Ekbundt. I'm engineering director for engineering programs at GE Appliances. And I'm the sponsor for a whole bunch of engineering projects across the district in conjunction with Bullitt County Public Schools, the groups you are getting ready to hear from are from Bullitt Central High School, there's two groups from there led by their teacher, Eric Connor, and three groups from the Bullitt Advanced Math and Science program led by their teacher Chip Davidson. So, these are folks have been working on this for the entire school year, I sent them out into the public to find a problem to solve. You got to hear some of their ideas a few months ago, and they're back to show you how far how far they got. So, pending your responses and interest in continuing with these projects. These are going to be potentially moved to another program that I'm starting at University of Louisville next fall where engineering students at speed school will continue development. So, we're looking forward to hearing your feedback and thank you again for the chance to be here. First group come on up.

The first group of students presented a picnic table with adjustable benches that would accommodate wheelchairs. The estimated cost for the table, treated lumber is roughly going to come out to \$150. The galvanized steel for the 15 feet is roughly \$180. The labor is hard to predict with how long it would take to build them...

Mike Hibbard: Can you send that design to us?

Student: Yes.

The mayor and council praised them on their hard work and dedication.

The second group of students presented a movable temporary sidewalk that would accommodate wheelchairs that would provide access to festivals and other activities held at the park. They discussed different materials and costs as well as ease of use and packability.

Mike Hibbard: What is your production time for these.

Students: 6 months possibly.

Mike Hibbard: Do you have a timeframe on the first presentation?

Mr. Ekbundt: If they stick with the original design it would be faster than the that. The mayor and council praised them on their hard work and dedication.

The third group of students presented their adjustable water fountain spigot. They said they got their original design from the ones they saw in Bernheim Forest and just designed around it. It would adjust to fit tall, short and wheelchair bound people. The mayor and council praised them on their hard work and dedication.

The fourth group of students presented a plan for a shelter that was also wheelchair accessible that had a slanted roof, water barrels to catch rainwater, fans to mist and cool down those using it and a solar panel to save on electricity. The mayor and council praised them on their hard work and dedication.

The fifth group of students presented a Hand Truck Track and play yard with a look out tower in the center that would accommodate all children alike but would give children that normally can't ride rides, the ability to use a hand truck and ride around on the platform. The mayor and council praised them on their hard work and dedication.

Mr. Ekbundt explained that the kids had done these designs with all the children in mind.

The mayor and council thanked them for their wonderful presentations.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Major Darren Patchin addressed the council requesting that they allow the surplus and destruction of the police departments old cameras as they have their new ones in use now. A motion was made to destroy the surplus cameras by Bonnie Enlow. Deb Huffman 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 6-0

City attorney Tammy Baker did the first reading of Ordinance 022-052 amending Ordinance 001-078 relating to the imposition and administration of an Occupational Withholding Tax by persons and business entities conducting business, occupation, professions within the City limits of Shepherdsville.

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

### **OLD BUSINESS:** None

### **SIGN IN SPEAKERS:**

Tammy Baker stated prior to Mr. Clark speaking that she had spoken with Arthur Jones, and the City is going to get the city tree removed that had fallen onto his property.

Larry Clark: He asked when they were going to remove it. They said soon.

Steven Phelps: He spoke about the tourism corridor overlay and the fact that several of the council had not seen it and that he emailed it to them the next day and asked if they



had an opportunity to look at it. He said he would like to have the council consider that overlay and act upon it. The Mayor and Council thanked him.

Wayne Downey: He wanted to know about the Bullitt County Comprehensive Plan and if they were working to update it since the last date he could find on it was 2015. The mayor explained that the county is the ones that do this but have recently invited a couple of people from the city to come to their meetings. He explained that the meetings are published in the Pioneer News. The county hired an engineer last time. They recommended getting on the county website or calling them to find out more information. He then spoke about roads that were breaking up. These roads were outside city limits. He also inquired about the need for Ethics Committee Members and asked if they needed to live inside city limits. He was told they do.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:** None

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Stacey Cline: We've had numerous calls on the homeless. Not sure if we can draft an ordinance, or what can be done, but it's really bad. She asked Darren if the draft he had provided the council was something they could look at to resolve the problem. Major Darren Patchin stated it was something he had found that Elizabethtown uses. She said she knows the police department is working on it, that they get a lot of calls. There are several business owners...  
I have several pictures as well as everybody else.

Bonnie Enlow: I've been at one of the businesses when one of the homeless showed up....

Stacy Cline: They are getting threatened; the list just goes on and on. She then asked Darren if he knew what we could do. Major Darren Patchin stated they were doing all they are legally allowed to do.

The mayor and council discussed several issues that the citizens had to deal with in the last few months and what they could possibly do to protect the citizens from the issues the city is having with the homeless and will try to come up with a solution in the near future.

The mayor said he was available through email or at 502-543-2923.

Mike Hibbard: He stated he agreed with having ordinances but said they need to be enforced. He said there are all kinds of laws in this country that not enforced, and we deal with the aftermath.  
He went on to say: So, we're speaking about dealing in the aftermath. I guess I'll have to be the one to say something here. But we were notified here, just at that budget meeting, we had, that we're going to be facing a one point approximately a \$1.3 million balloon payment on a loan. That in all honesty, four of us on this council and I talked with one that was not but is still accessible. I believe our full intent was that that loan would be completely paid off at the end of the five-year term. That wasn't the note that was signed. And now we're faced with coming up with an additional 1.3 million that we did not anticipate. I think, by having a lower payment throughout that whole term and



the loan so far, we'll be paying more interest because we've kept the principal level higher through the loan. I don't know how, I don't know, I don't know who suggestion it was to do it that way. I don't think it was the councils at that time. Although reading the loan, I don't think there was anything illegal about it being signed. But it wasn't the end. It wasn't the way the council wanted that loan to be handled. I can tell you that. So, the only thing I can suggest unless someone else can come up with something better. And I spoke with some of my council members, is the fact that all loans, all contracts, be presented to the council prior to the mayor signing any mayor now future that prevents our if there is a misunderstanding, there'll be at least seven people involved in the misunderstanding instead of maybe one or two. So, we can't fix what's already happened. But I think that's the way we need to fix. Fix it in the future. So that there's so it doesn't happen again. And that's my suggestion. And if it takes an ordinance or municipal order, I'd like for Tammy to prepare to draw that up to be ready to be approved with the next council meeting.

Tammy Baker: What year was this signed.

Mike Hibbard 2018, and I got a copy of it, reading it. It did everything but say it has to be equal payments. It said what the monthly payment would be. And that monthly payment does not equate to the full balance of the loan. But it took four years for me to see it. And that's a little far in. So there again,

Lisa Carter: It was on last year's budget shortfall. So, they weren't going to be sure. So that's when it kind of started.

Mike Hibbard: I think Tammy can agree that intent is intent. Legality is legality.

Tammy Baker: Yep.

Mike Hibbard: So, let's make it legal. If you don't mind. The other thing is, and I won't blindside anyone, but I was looking, and I spoke with Tonya earlier. And I sent her an email today. And I will speak with her on a situation before I bring it up in public. And I think that's all I have tonight.

Lisa Carter: Brenda, would you be able to put a sign on the door, we're going to have another beautification meeting on Wednesday evening at 630. And then maybe at the next meeting, I'll present some of the things that we've been working on. At the last meeting, we had some paperwork that was delivered to us on our desk when we came in. And I had voted against passing the information that was presented, as some council members said that it came to us in an email, and I didn't get the email because of the fact that I work during the day. And so, I got it on my desk. But other council members apparently got that. So, I guess my question is, did anyone find the mistake that was on the paper that was voted on? Since I looked at it that evening, and when I got home, I looked over this information, and there was a mistake. So, what was actually voted on is not correct. And this has to do with your department. Darren, you wanted to move money from the insurance for the dash to line item 5334 for the canine unit. Also, the income from 4320 the restricted donations for 50,599. That also was to be moved to 5334. K-9 expense. So, did anyone look at that paperwork when they got home, we just vote on it and nobody caught it. Because we as a council did not and do not have in line item 5334 in our budget. And I'm sure that it's a mistake. But it's about 20 digits off.

So instead of it being line item 5334. It should be line item 5354 which reads K-9 expense units. So do we need to withdraw all of that and vote on the correct...

Tammy Baker: You need to fix it with a motion.

Lisa Carter: So, I would like to make the fix. So, that's one reason

Mayor: If you've got the right numbers...

Lisa Carter: because it was presented to me when I got here and after I got home and looked at it, it was incorrect. So, I would like to make a motion to remove all of that on the last vote for the insurance for Dash 15,000 to be moved to line item 5354 for the canine unit expense in the income restriction of 4320 that donation 50,005.99 to be moved to line item 5354 And that should cover the motion is that correct? Lisa made the motion. Bonnie 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 5-1 no vote (Kenny Newton).

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion to go into executive session concerning personnel made by Kenny Newton. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Deb Huffman. Motion carried 6-0 Time: 7:36 pm.

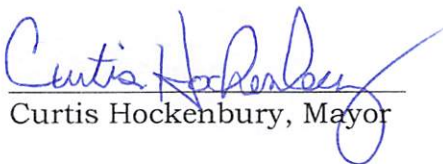
#### **RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION**

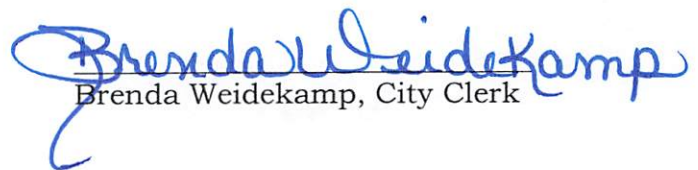
Motion made by Stacy Cline. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Deb Huffman. Motion carried 6-0. Time: 7:44 pm.

No action taken.

#### **ADJOURN**

Mike Hibbard made a motion to adjourn. Kenny Newton 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

  
Curtis Hockenbury, Mayor

  
Brenda Weidekamp, City Clerk