

**CITY OF SHEPHERDSVILLE**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2022**  
**6:30 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approve 09/26/2022 regular meeting minutes as submitted.

**Motion to Approve:** Bonnie Enlow

**Second:** Lisa Carter

**Motion Carried:** 5 Yes – 1 Abstention

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. TAMMY BAKER READ ORDINANCE 022-070 (Previously read as 022-065 due to a clerical error) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BULLITT COUNTY/CITY ZONING ORDER AND BULLITT COUNTY/CITY ZONING MAP AS AMENDED, CHANGING THE ZONING OF 4 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, LOCATED AT 470 OLD PRESTON HIGHWAY SOUTH IN THE CITY OF SHEPHERDSVILLE, KENTUCKY, ALSO KNOWN AS PARCEL 037-E00-15-025 FROM AGRICULTURAL TO I-G GENERAL INDUSTRIAL.

**Motion to bring off the table:** Bonnie Enlow

**Second:** Deb Huffman

**Motion Carried:** 5 Yes – 0 No

The Mr. Troy Johnson and family member David Johnson were present to answer any questions the council had about the requested rezone to IG for a crematorium. Troy Johnson explained that his dad has owned this property for 50 years and that have decided to open a crematorium. He apologized for not being at the public hearing and explained that he was unaware that he had to be here. He said he had called and spoke with the council members after he found out he missed it.

**David Johnson** then took the podium to give a bit of the background of the people involved in the crematorium and their experience in the field, the hours of operation and that they will be doing both human and animal remains. He stated they would have two different facilities for that. He also stated that the county did place a restriction that it could not be anything other than a crematorium.

**Stacey Cline** asked if this was open to the public or would it be a third-party consumer business. Mr. Johnson stated that they would serve both the public and work with any funeral homes that need their services. She then asked what they would do to control the odor.

**David Johnson** said that with the modern-day crematory equipment that is all taken care of. He said it isn't like in the 60's where they had problems with the odor, now they have odor scrubbers, a Fire Marshall monitoring system that links our system directly to the fire department that is controlled and monitored that can be adjusted so that we have no odor regulations as far as that issue. He went on to say that the animal portion of it, that they would

be the first in the state to be able to cremate animals with a water process so there will be no odor to that.

**Stacey Cline** asked how many bodies they would be able to hold.

**David Johnson** stated that they could do up to 5 bodies per day but that he didn't see that happening right away – not until the business grew. He explained Crematory guidelines which are different than funeral home guidelines.

**Bonnie Enlow** inquired about the smoke that would come from it.

**David Johnson** said that you might see a small amount at start up in the morning, but it won't produce ongoing smoke.

**Bonnie Enlow** asked about smoke that could land on surrounding areas.

**David Johnson** said no and explained there are a couple crematories in surrounding areas that do not have that problem and they are in residential areas.

**Lisa Carter** asked where the restriction was that it could only be a crematorium. The council was able to find it in their packets.

**Mayor Hockenbury** then called for any sign-in speakers that concerned this rezoning.

**Jason Yokum** said he never received a notice about this rezone, and only saw a sign up for a day at most. He proceeded to explain that he worked near Cave Hill Cemetery and said it had a distinct smell when it was burning, and he and his guys didn't want to smell that every day. He said he invested his life in his two properties in town, then presented some paperwork from different counties that state differently that there is no odor, no smoke, etc. that there can be. He stated that he didn't have a problem with the zoning, he had a problem with a crematory being put there because he said he basically lives there as much as they work.

**Bonnie Enlow** asked a couple of questions about metals that are removed prior to cremation.

**David Johnson** stated that it isn't like it was in the old days and they have stricter rules and different regulations and better equipment. He said the auto body shop would emit more pollution than the crematory.

**Jonathan Arnold - 436 Old Preston Hwy South** - stated that he lived next door to the property and wasn't notified by the county but only had a driveway between their property. He said he didn't think it was the proper area for a crematorium.

**Bonnie Enlow** stated that to make a better decision maybe they could visit a couple of crematories that are operating in the area to see for themselves what they are doing and whether they smell anything... or like one of the pictures from 2015 it shows black smoke coming out of one.

**Jonathan Arnold** stated that this would kill his property value, that he would never be able to sell his house. He stated that went for everybody in Salt River.

**Tammy Baker** stated that the planning commission took their action on August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022, so our 60 days are tomorrow, and our Bullitt County Regulations say that we have to take action within 60 days, or the Planning Commission Findings is what becomes law. Which would be an approval.

**Deb Huffman** said there is a crematory near her mother's house, in a highly residential area, and there is no smoke that comes from it.

**Jonathan Arnold** said he didn't see any reason to put a crematory in a residential area. He stated that maybe they had done it in the past, in poor areas. He went on to say he believes he speaks for everyone in Salt River – that no one wants it there.

**Jo Coffman** asked if this was the only property they owned in Shepherdsville. They stated it was. She asked if the Attorney General License (which is required for crematories) was stricter. They explained it to her. She also spoke about the flood plain and asked what they would do with their equipment if it were to flood.

**Further questions were asked and answered.**

**Motion to approve:** Kenny Newton

**Second:** Bonnie Enlow

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Lisa Carter: Abstained because of the parties not getting their letters.**

Lisa then asked what other businesses were around the property.



David Johnson said there was Tony's Body Shop, another body shop next to their property, a tire store across the street and a bath and remodeling place near those and a feed store down the street. He stated that the property had been a family business run as a gas and oil company for 50 years. They were a Marathon distributor that sold gas and oil out of that business.

**Stacey Cline: Against**

**Bonnie Enlow: Against**

**Mike Hibbard: Abstained because of all the confusion with this mess.**

**Deb Huffman: Abstained**

**Kenny Newton: Against**

**Tammy Baker told the council that the motion to approve the ordinance failed and they had to take affirmative action with findings of fact to not approve the zoning. She said if that is all they do, it takes effect, and they can sue, and you have no findings of fact. You have a to have affirmative action of findings of fact.**

**Kenny Newton made a motion to deny the zoning change because it does not meet the comprehensive plan and that it is too close to residential housing.**

**Second: Bonnie Enlow**

**Lisa Carter: Abstained**

**Stacey Cline: Yes**

**Bonnie Enlow: Yes**

**Mike Hibbard: Abstained**

**Deb Huffman: Abstained**

**Kenny Newton: Yes**

**Motion Carried: 3 Yes – 3 Abstention 6-0**

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

**Board of Adjustment** – Nothing to report

## SIGN IN SPEAKERS

**Gerald Rymer** – 279 Cedar Grove Rd. - Mr. Rymer asked who was responsible for making citizens pay fines when they are given citations and why the mayor had not made the gentleman on 5<sup>th</sup> street pay his fine.

**Mayor Hockenbury** stated that he would have to ask Mr. Cooper why he hadn't paid the fine.

**Questioning continued until it became disruptive and the Mayor asked Mr. Rymer to leave.**

**J.D. Worner** - 411 Belair Drive - discussed drainage issues on Belair Drive and what has been done so far and what needed to be done to repair it.

**Tom LaFollette** stated that he was on the current list of roads to repair.

**Bonnie Enlow** said it has been difficult to get blacktop to even do repairs in the last year.

**J.D. Worner** thanked the council for listening.

**Lisa Carter** asked Tom if he knew how much money they had in the project.

**Tom LaFollette** stated that he did not have that number readily available at this time.

## DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS – NONE

## COUNCIL COMMENTS

**Stacey Cline** asked the police officer in the back if speed patrol was being done in Mallard Lake because she had placed a request in because she had several calls about speeders. She then asked Tom LaFollette about possible speed bumps in Shady Glenn.

**Tom LaFollette** explained that every member in that subdivision would have to sign off to agree on speed bumps.

**Stacey Cline** asked if they could please do speed patrol in that subdivision also.

**Tom LaFollette** stated that they would make sure all signage was up in those subdivisions as well stating the speed.

**Stacey Cline** asked if it was district 5 she needed to call about the streetlight at Buckman and 44, that they were not changing at all in some cases and people are having to sit for long periods.

**Tom LaFollette** said he didn't have a good contact at district 5 anymore.

**The council members talked about how they had all been stuck at that light.**

**Deb Huffman** said she had someone call about our lights being out in our parking lot. She said a lot of people use this as a drop off place for their kids and it is dangerous not having lights.

**Kenny Newton** addressed Major Patchin about Mallard Lake and that a lot of his neighbors had called as well about speeding in that subdivision on Mallard Lake Blvd and the Reserves. He stated a lot of people cut through there.

**Lisa Carter** stated that no one said it – Adam Shepherd got paved. She went on to say that she still did have some complaints. She thought they were going to put in a right in – right out on Keystone Crossing so that folks couldn't make a left onto Adam Shepherd Pkwy. She said they had talked about getting signs on the road that stated I-65 this lane only. She said adhered to the ground would be wonderful. She said the road was wonderful but there are still no signs to 65. She asked Tom LaFollette about MAP money being used for it.

**Conversation continued about where a sign could be placed and whether the state would have to be involved, etc. Tom LaFollette said he would check on pricing of signage put on the road.**

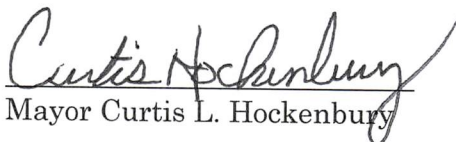
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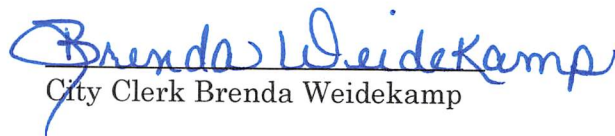
**Motion to Adjourn:** Kenny Newton

**Motion Carried:** 6 Yes – 0 No

**Second:** Mike Hibbard

**Time:** 7:35PM

  
Mayor Curtis L. Hockenbury

  
City Clerk Brenda Weidekamp