

**CITY OF SHEPHERDSVILLE**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2023**  
**6:30 PM**

INVOCATION was done.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor José Cubero called the meeting to order at 6:37PM.

ROLL CALL

**Present:**, Mike Hibbard, Paula Mangus, Jennifer Mendez, Faith Portman and Brad Whittaker. **Bonnie Enlow was Absent.**

MINUTES FROM JANUARY 23<sup>rd</sup> 2023 REGULAR MEETING TO BE PRESENTED AT FEBRUARY 13<sup>th</sup> 2023 REGULAR MEETING

PRESENTATIONS

**Mayor Cubero:** Called upon Arthur Jones and Rob Campbell to the podium to Re-Present the City Park Master Plan to the citizens.

**Arthur Jones:** Thanked everyone for being here and supporting the improvements the City is trying to bring to Shepherdsville. He spoke about the aquatic center for the kids and seniors alike. He talked about community changing events over the next few years. He introduced Rob Campbell with QK4.

**Rob Campbell:** He spoke about their work in the past and showed projects that QK4 has done in other cities as well as the improvements at Church Hill Downs. He stated that they have the range and ability to help bring this project to fruition. He showed what process, if selected, they would use to complete this project.

**Mayor Cubero:** He thanked Mr. Campbell. He said we are just getting started folks. He said he feels so much pride and excitement. He stated he wants our sports to be in our city. He wants the kids to come here for their sports games, not elsewhere, He said the aquatic center is definitely coming. He continued to tell the citizens other projects they intend to do in the near future also such as cleaning up the areas in need of attention. He said his door is open if anyone wants to ask any questions or discuss the plans.

NEW BUSINESS:

**Mayor Cubero called for a motion to Appoint Rob Adams to the Code Enforcement Board.**

**Appointment of Rob Adams to the Code Enforcement Board**

**Motion to Approve:** Brad Whittaker

**Second:** Jennifer Mendez

Ms. Enlow: Absent

Mr. Whittaker: Yes

Ms. Mendez: Yes

Ms. Portman: Yes

Mr. Hibbard: Yes

Ms. Mangus: Yes

**Carried:** 5-1 Absent





## DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS

**Operations Manager Scott Fleming:** Said they are working on a sewer project on Hwy 44 West between Bratcher Estates and Salt Well Ct. that will help eliminate some of that flooding through there.

**Public Works Director Tom LaFollette:** said that they (City and CSX) had done some patch repairs on the tracks. He said they were supposed to meet in two weeks to come up with a plan for repairing those. He said it would be a major disruption to traffic but that they were needed. He said they would try to schedule them far enough apart that it wasn't as bad. .

**Mayor Cubero:** Stated that he was really impressed with the striping that they came right out and striped the road for the "No Left Turn" on to Adam Shepherd and that it was temporary until they got a raised curb put there. He thanked Tom.

**Fire Chief Layne Troutman:** Said if anyone knew anyone in the city – and or county that needs a smoke detector to please have them contact the fire department and they were furnish them to the citizens and even come out and install them. If they live outside the city he said he would put them in contact with the correct department that would come and install them.

**Mayor Cubero:** Gave his condolences to the family that lost members of their family in a recent fire that our Fire Department had responded to in Lebanon Junction.

**Police Chief Steve Schmidt** said he would be here after the meeting to answer any questions. He then went on to touch on a couple of things stating that people were wanting to see more police in neighborhoods and that he had been told that they were happy to see that happening. He spoke about different things they were going to be doing in the near future concerning interaction with the public and other agencies. He thanked everyone for their support.

**Mayor Cubero:** He let the audience know that some of the projects – such as the cleaning up of Wendy's corner was actually on the state to do but they hadn't gotten it done so they called and received permission to do it. He said they would be doing a lot more of that. He thanked Arthur for making those phone calls.

## COUNCIL COMMENTS

**Paula Mangus** said she was excited about all the progress in the city, and she heard from a citizen today that was concerned about the traffic on Cedar Grove Rd. in from of the Elementary School.

**Mayor Cubero** said some of that would be resolved with the construction of the 5-lane road. He stated that a lot of street scape will be done to help some of the flooding also.

**Mike Hibbard** stated that he will say this...I think tonight you guys have seen pretty much rubber stamp voting on these issues. He went on to say that it's because, and he could only speak for himself, that any concern he has had about any of these...he went to the Mayor ahead of time and we discussed it. So, now he said they knew what was going on and they didn't have to have these arguments in public. He thanked the Mayor for that and said he hopes it continues.

**Mayor Cubero** stated that it would, that is how a good operation works.

**Faith Portman** said the Mayor put her and Jennifer on a committee concerning events until the new person is hired. She said she started working on this last year and is super excited about it. She said it's called "A Food Truck Invasion". She stated that they had one in Hillview and it was a blowout. So, we are going to have 15 trucks and several vendors and an awesome band that she secured tonight.

She said they are called The Swerve, and that they do all kinds of music. She stated they would also have a bounce house. She said it would be all kinds of family fun and she hoped to see everyone come out. It is on Sunday May the 21<sup>st</sup> from 12:00 to 5:00 pm. In addition to that the Farmers Market is scheduled to start June 3<sup>rd</sup>, like always, and go through the last Saturday in September. She said the best news is that the City Fair – Bullitt Blast would be June the 30<sup>th</sup> and July the 1<sup>st</sup>. She said she and the Mayor had already booked 4 bands for it, one being a Journey Tribute band called Captured and a local band called the Penny Royals. She then said they had the carnival rides booked and it would be no cost to the city. They are the same company that does Hillview Fair and Bullitt County Fair.

**Mayor Cubero** said that as they are developing the park plan, that they want to have community activities...we want people to do things here. He felt this Food Truck Invasion was going to be awesome. He said we want to showcase and promote local, and that they were starting on the City Fair/Bullitt Blast and we would like to have one more event in the Fall. He wants to make sure we are doing things for the people in the community - within the community - so they don't have to drive elsewhere.

**Jennifer Mendez** wanted to say thank you for the work done on Beech Grove Rd. Because that is her neck of the woods and driving down it before was awful. She then thanked Faith Portman for her wealth of knowledge in planning these events because she felt lost. She said everyone would have so much fun at these events because Faith is awesome. Faith returned the sentiment.

**Brad Whittaker** said he stated that he enjoyed the KLC Conference and getting to know the other members and that it was very informative, He then referred to the Park project saying that he realizes that 30 million is a huge number and it scares a lot of people, but he really encouraged people to forget about the money for a second and really look at the project see what all is entailed in it. He said it wasn't just a park, it is a foundational transformative project that will make our community a destination rather than a pit stop. He felt this was a dynamic project we can build on as the years go on.

**Mayor Cubero** stated that we are getting a new website that will provide a lot more information about the project. He said we would also put it on our current website until the new one is up and running. He said it was a great time to be in Shepherdsville.

**The Mayor called for a motion to adjourn.**


**ADJOURN**

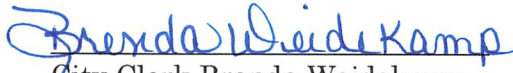
**Motion to Adjourn: Brad Whittaker**

**Motion Carried: 5 Yes – 1 Absent**

**Time: 7:47 pm**

**Second: Mike Hibbard**

  
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Mayor José Cubero

  
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City Clerk Brenda Weidekamp