

CITY OF SHEPHERDSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 11th, 2023
6:31 PM

The invocation was done by Tom Elbert.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor José Cubero called the meeting to order at 6:31PM.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for August 28th, 2023, Regular Meeting were presented for approval. (Typo on the agenda that stated August 14th).

Motion to Approve: Paula Mangus **Second:** Faith Portman

Ms. Enlow: Yes	Mr. Whittaker: Abstained	Ms. Mendez: Yes
Ms. Portman: Yes	Mr. Hibbard: Yes	Ms. Mangus: Yes

Carried: 5 Yes – 1 Abstention

PRESENTATIONS:

Cortney Burden briefly spoke about Active Hero's, a non-profit organization here in Bullitt County that benefits military veterans and those who are active duty to help strengthen their mental health as they transition back into civilian life. She reported that U of L has committed to giving \$100,000 towards the all-inclusive playground for the park. She also reported that she is working with four other companies looking to donate for future projects. The mayor replied that U of L is also interested in helping with other projects as well. He asked if anyone is interested in sponsoring a park bench on the walking trails in the park to reach out to Cortney. He stated that the ribbon cutting for the demolition of the former Stout's property is proposed for October 4th. Cortney touched base on the Downtown Business Association meeting that is to be held on September 26, 2023, at 6:00pm. She stated that city leaders will be there to give updates on plans for that area, however the city is being careful not to give out any misinformation due to moving pieces and unforeseen changes. The Mayor replied that the city will have renderings of upcoming projects. Ms. Burden said she is excited about the partnerships and thanked the council.

OLD BUSINESS:

ATTORNEY KATHERINE DOZIER PERFORMED THE **SECOND** READING OF SUMMARY ORDINANCE 023-047 **REZONING** PARCEL ID 046-000-00-022 FROM AG - AGRICULTURAL TO IL – LIGHT INDUSTRIAL.

Motion to Approve: Mike Hibbard **Second:** Brad Whittaker

Ms. Enlow: No	Mr. Whittaker: Yes	Ms. Mendez: Yes
Ms. Portman: Yes	Mr. Hibbard: Yes	Ms. Mangus: No

Carried: 4 Yes – 2 No

ATTORNEY KATHERINE DOZIER PERFORMED THE **SECOND** READING OF SUMMARY ORDINANCE 023-048 **REZONING** PARCEL ID 046-000-00-022A FROM AG - AGRICULTURAL TO IL – LIGHT INDUSTRIAL.

Motion to Approve: Mike Hibbard Second: Brad Whittaker
Ms. Enlow: No Mr. Whittaker: Yes Ms. Mendez: Yes
Ms. Portman: Yes Mr. Hibbard: Yes Ms. Mangus: No
Carried: 4 Yes – 2 No

NEW BUSINESS:

ATTORNEY KATHERINE DOZIER READ PROCLAMATION 23-02 RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER 22, 2023, AS CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS DAY.

Mayor Cubero presented the children with the Proclamation and thanked them for coming.

ATTORNEY KATHERINE DOZIER PERFORMED THE **FIRST** READING OF ORDINANCE 023-049 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE AD VALOREM TAX RATE FOR REAL PROPERTY FOR THE CITY OF SHEPHERDSVILLE, KENTUCKY FOR THE 2023 CALENDAR YEAR.

Mayor Cubero told about the Special Meeting on September 13, 2023, to vote on the ordinances. He reported that there was no change in the property tax rate (12.2%).

ATTORNEY KATHERINE DOZIER PERFORMED THE **FIRST** READING OF ORDINANCE 023-050 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE AD VALOREM TAX RATE FOR TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY AND PROPERTY OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANIES FOR THE CITY OF SHEPHERDSVILLE, KENTUCKY FOR THE 2023 CALENDAR YEAR.

Mayor Cubero reported that this is on personal property (commercial) and has been raised .3% making it 12.5%.

ATTORNEY KATHERINE DOZIER PERFORMED THE **FIRST** READING OF ORDINANCE 023-051 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE AD VALOREM TAX RATE FOR MOTOR VEHICLES AND WATERCRAFT FOR THE CITY OF SHEPHERDSVILLE, KENTUCKY FOR THE 2024 CALENDAR YEAR.

Mayor Cubero stated that this tax rate has been reduced from 12.8% to 12.5%.

He asked the council to look over the rates this week and let him or Tonya know if they have any questions.

PLANNING AND ZONING UPDATE: NONE

Mayor Cubero asked the council to attend the Planning and Zoning meeting on Thursday. He said Jeremy Kubac will be at the next City Council meeting to give updates.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS: Dwayne Price spoke about the special meeting for the property on Nancy Dr./Cupp Circle. He said due to the utility easement on the property, the board had to deny the project. He reported that the developer will redo the plans to make them fit and align the houses correctly. He also informed everyone about upcoming meetings.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Chief Schmidt- reported that the officers have stepped up on the traffic patrol in the city.

Chief Troutman- spoke about the progress on the website.

Mayor Cubero- said he hopes to launch the website by October 1st. He said it will be a one stop shop for information from all city departments and other local services.

Tom Lafollette- thanked Paula Mangus and Lynn Cubero for providing lunch for his department. He said they are working closely with the county and spoke about how Robert Watkins has been a huge help with projects. He also spoke about the partnership with the Bullitt County Detention Center. They have inmates helping with projects in the city and they have been great to work with.

Mayor Cubero- talked about upcoming meetings about property acquisitions. He thanked everyone for coming.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Bonnie Enlow: wants to remember September 11th and how it changed our country. She said we need to pray for America.

Brad Whittaker: No Comment

Jennifer Mendez: she said her heart and prayers go out to the Dennison family. She also wants everyone to remember the four lives lost in Ben-Gazi as well as September 11th.

Faith Portman: said she was proud of the Fire Department for posting about September 11th on their social media page. She thanked the employees for going above and beyond.

Mike Hibbard: talked about freedom of speech and how people get attacked for speaking up and he congratulated people who speak the truth and without malice towards others. He spoke on property taxes and how the city may have to lower them next year due to having more income.

Paula Mangus: thanked everyone for coming and said she loves Shepherdsville and is excited to see the changes.

Mayor Cubero: thanked everyone for coming and asked everyone to please remember September 11th and said we have so many things to be grateful for and said we have a great community to focus on.

ADJOURN

Motion to Adjourn: Jennifer Mendez **Second:** Mike Hibbard

Ms. Enlow: Yes

Mr. Whittaker: Yes

Ms. Mendez Yes

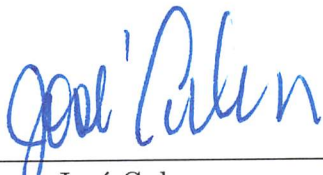
Ms. Portman Yes

Mr. Hibbard Yes

Ms. Mangus Yes

Carried: 6 Yes – 0 No

Time: 7:18PM



Mayor José Cubero



City Clerk Brenda Weidekamp