

CITY OF SHEPHERDSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 25th, 2023
6:30 PM

The invocation was done by Bonnie Enlow.

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 September 11th, 2023, Regular Meeting were presented for approval.

Motion to Approve: Jennifer Mendez **Second:** Faith Portman

Ms. Enlow: Yes Mr. Whittaker: Yes Ms. Mendez: Yes

Ms. Portman: Yes Mr. Hibbard: Yes Ms. Mangus: Yes

Carried: 6 Yes – 0 No

Minutes for September 13th, 2023, Special Meeting Minutes were presented for approval.

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

Ms. Enlow: Yes Mr. Whittaker: Yes Ms. Mendez: Abstain

Ms. Portman: Yes Mr. Hibbard: Yes Ms. Mangus: Yes

Carried: 5 Yes – 1 Abstention

PRESENTATIONS:

JD Chaney from KLC awarded representative Russell Weber with the 2023 Kentucky Friend of City Award and spoke about his work on the CERS and work force development board.

Russell Weber thanked everyone in the community for the privilege and honor of being their voice for the past eleven years.

Jeremy Kubac gave an update on the property rezone on Hwy. 61 and Chapeze. He said he gave a favorable recommendation because of the other warehouses that surround the property, and the location on the state route near the interchanges. He states that he does have some concerns about new developments in that area and specifically Hwy 61. He spoke to the transportation cabinet and put a condition on the development. He was pleased with the response.

Mayor Cubero says that the city is raising the standards on new developments, and he thanked Mr. Kubac for addressing the issue.

Amber Odle said she was pleased about the growth of the Farmer's Market this year and she is excited for the next season. She reminded everyone of upcoming events such as the Craft Fair on September 30th, the ceremony for the Aquatic Center on October 4th, the Food Truck Invasion on October 8th, the Color Walk on October 14th, and the Halloween Spooktacular on October 20th.

Mayor Cubero encouraged everyone to attend the Spooktacular and the Color Walk to benefit children in the city. Proceeds from the Color Walk will benefit the Upper Room, an afterschool program that is focused on helping teens in the community. The proceeds from the Spooktacular will

help buy lunch for Bullitt Central students. He thanked Amber and welcomed her on her first day as a full-time employee.

Mayor Cubero announced that Shepherdsville will support the American Traveling Wall Tribute with Warrior Rounds. It will be on July 25th, 2024. It is a 360 ft wall that includes 70,000 names of fallen veterans. 1,109 of the names on the wall were from Bullitt County.

James Thornton spoke about how he became involved with Warrior Rounds and the American Traveling Wall.

Mayor Cubero thanked Mr. Thornton and told him he is so excited to be a part of this.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

ATTORNEY KATHERINE DOZIER PERFORMED THE **FIRST** READING OF SUMMARY ORDINANCE **023-052** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 023-004 OF THE CITY OF SHEPHERDSVILLE RELATED TO PERSONNEL AND PAY RATE CLASSIFICATION PLAN FOR CITY EMPLOYEES AND NONELECTED CITY OFFICERS FOR THE CITY OF SHEPHERDSVILLE, BULLITT COUNTY, KENTUCKY. **Sponsored by: Faith Portman**

Katherine Dozier spoke on this ordinance and said it had come to her attention that the maximum pay rate for the Finance Director and Code Enforcement Officer was incorrect and needed to be fixed.

ATTORNEY KATHERINE DOZIER PERFORMED THE **FIRST** READING OF SUMMARY ORDINANCE **023-053** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 30.01 OF THE SHEPHERDSVILLE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SHEPHERDSVILLE, BULLITT COUNTY, KENTUCKY, RELATING TO THE REGULAR MEETING TIME AND PLACE OF CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS. **Sponsored by: Paula Mangus**

Ms. Enlow: does not want to change the start time to 5:30 because she does not think that time will be convenient for the citizens who work. She said it will be hard for her as well.

Mr. Hibbard: agreed with Ms. Enlow, he thinks the time change will make it harder for the citizens ability to attend. He believes that could mean less interest.

Mayor Cubero: said that he feels it would not affect the regular attendees. He wants to find a balance between the citizens and the employees.

Ms. Enlow: is concerned about the meetings that involve zoning changes and annexations. She feels that some people might not be able to leave work early to come and speak.

Ms. Mendez: says the current 6:30 time is a happy medium for those who work and those who do not. She said that traffic makes it difficult for people who work to make the earlier time.

Ms. Mangus: said she is for the time change because if someone really wants to be here, they will make the time. She also stated that other cities have a 4:30 start time, and they make it work.

PLANNING AND ZONING UPDATE: **Jeremy Kubac** presented his reasoning for voting yes for the IL rezone on Chapeze and Hwy 61.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS: None

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Chief Troutman reports that seven of the eleven recruits have passed the National Registry for EMT. If the next group passes, then the whole group will have passed on the first try. He also spoke about Trunk or Treat.

Chief Schmidt talked about how some of the officers went to Roby Elementary School to thank the students for delivering thank you cards to the Police Department. He reported that the department caught a few thieves in the area, and he also reported that there are now four officers that are trained as health and safety officers. Lastly, he thanked everyone for their support.

Mayor Cubero spoke on the evacuation seminar he and Ms. Mangus attended at the KLC Conference and how he would like to create a plan for the city in the event of an emergency. He also spoke on behalf of the Public Works Department and reported that they have been watering and trimming plants and painting stripes on Conestoga Pkwy.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Bonnie Enlow: No comment

Brad Whittaker: appreciates the opportunity to go to the KLC Conference. He spoke of the 15,000-20,000 new jobs that will be coming to the I 65 corridor and the affordable housing crisis that the city is facing. He thinks that the council needs to be planning for and looking for ways to gain affordable housing. Mr. Whittaker also said that he thinks Jeremy Kubac is doing a fabulous job on the planning and zoning board.

Mayor Cubero: added that there is a 500-unit apartment complex that features a pool and a dog park that is wanting to come to the area that will help with the housing crisis that the city is facing. He stated that we should be getting more information about that in the next few weeks.

Jennifer Mendez: is concerned about a big piece missing from the railroad crossing at Adam Shepherd Pkwy. She would like that to be addressed. She would also like to see some striping done at Joe B. Hall because visibility is hindered there, especially at night and when it is raining. She also suggested a 6:00pm start time for the council meetings.

Faith Portman: made a motion to name the new dog park after fallen K9 Officer, Dash. She believes it would be a good way to honor him.

Motion to approve: Faith Portman **Second:** Bonnie Enlow

Ms. Enlow: **Yes** Mr. Whittaker: **Yes** Ms. Mendez: **Yes**

Ms. Portman: **Yes** Mr. Hibbard: **Yes** Ms. Mangus: **Yes**

Carried: 6 Yes – 0 No

Ms. Portman also thanked Chief Troutman and firefighter Shelby Hamblen for allowing children in the community to tour the fire truck. She also thanked the Bullitt County Detention Center for allowing the inmates to help with city projects. She believes it is good for the inmates.

Mike Hibbard: spoke of the housing issue and some previously proposed units that were denied due to zoning issues and traffic concerns. He stated that you cannot continue to be against something and then want it. He went on to speak about where we could build

affordable housing. He said the city needs to think about where to add more housing and what kind of housing do we want/need. He stated that he sees people who do not live in the city with many opinions on what they think the city needs. He said that there are a lot of different pieces involved when making those decisions.

Mayor Cubero: stated that we are very welcoming to new housing, however we need to be aware of the floodplain issues. He says we have many opportunities, and it will be a challenge, however we just need to be creative and proactive.

Paula Mangus: noticed a lot of people working together to make Shepherdsville better and she is proud to be a part of it. She mentioned the window paintings on Buckman Street done by the art students from Bullitt Central. Ms. Mangus also reminded the citizens of the Beautification Committee Meeting that will be held on September 27th at 6:30pm.

Mayor Cubero: Would like to see more done on Buckman St. to give it a small-town feel. He thanked the council and said he appreciated what they have accomplished.

Katherine Dozier: made the council aware that the Police Department has dismissed the case against the city. She will let everyone know when it is official.

ADJOURN

Motion to Adjourn: Paula Mangus **Second:** Mike Hibbard

Ms. Enlow: **Yes**

Mr. Whittaker: **Yes**

Ms. Mendez: **Yes**

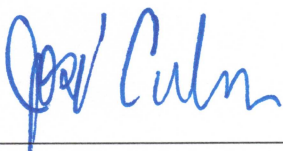
Ms. Portman: **Yes**

Mr. Hibbard: **Yes**

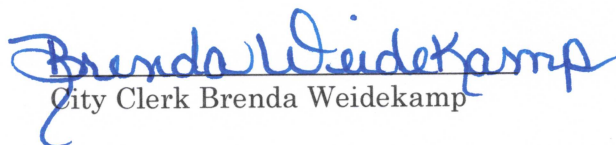
Ms. Mangus: **Yes**

Carried: 6 **Yes** – 0 **No**

Time: 7:37 PM



Mayor José Cubero



City Clerk Brenda Weidekamp