

REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF SHIVELY HELD IN THE
NEWMAN MEMORIAL BUILDING, 3920 DIXIE HIGHWAY
ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Conner.

Opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Mayor Conner thanked everyone for coming out on a very cold night.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Conner	present		
Ms. Burton	present	Ms. Mayes	present
Mr. McDonald	present	Mr. Miller	present
Ms. Renn	present	Mr. Wathen	present

Motion made by Mr. McDonald, second by Mr. Wathen to approve the minutes from the last meeting as received. All ayes.

ROLL CALL:

Ms. Burton	yes	Ms. Mayes	yes
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Mr. McDonald	yes	Mr. Miller	yes
Ms. Renn	yes	Mr. Wathen	yes

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Ms. Burton, no report.

Ms. Mayes, reported on the Family Resource Center who donated book packs to underprivileged children. They started off with 45 and now it is up to 89. The children take the book packs home on Friday so they will have food to eat for the weekend and they bring them back on Monday. At the last meeting, they had a speaker who spoke on prenatal care and they are trying to drum up funds to help with this program. Anyone can call me for more information. Lastly, the Community Schools are not offering as many programs due to funding but, they are offering homework help, reading programs and they have a basketball team.

Mr. McDonald, no report.

Mr. Miller, reported he attended the Kentucky League of Cities training in Lexington last month. He feels very fortunate to have gone so he could learn more about small city government because there is a lot to his position that he didn't know. His legislative assistant also attended the conference and they both received a certificate.

Ms. Renn, no report.

Mr. Wathen, no report.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mayor Conner gave the following State of the City address:

Mayor's State of the City Address

This is my third year as the mayor of Shively, and I am still very honored by the trust the citizens have placed in me. Especially, after this past year and having been elected by the people of Shively. I am happy to report the "state" of Shively is very sound.

By being vigilant **everyday** our department managers help to keep the City on track financially. By doing business with Shively businesses, whenever possible, we cut cost. By constantly looking for better deals we cut cost. We look for new and improved technology to better serve our citizens. And I am convinced our services are "**second to none**".

New items and services this past year include: tasers for police officers almost entirely paid for with grant money, new police cars, new computer software for city hall, a new exhaust system for a fire truck that will help take care of the environment paid for with grant money, new equipment for the Works Department, and for the first time ever all works department employees, in an effort to be more effective, have obtained commercial drivers licenses and lastly the completion of a \$100,000.00 drainage project. This is to name only a few.

This past year we learned Dillard's is leaving Shively. But we are positive a new department store will take its place. We continue to work diligently with Shively and Pleasure Ridge Park's business associations to bring new and thriving businesses to our city.

We have recently learned Memorial Gardens will construct a new funeral home this spring at their West location. And they are also working on another project to build a mausoleum, which will be one of the largest in the country.

Our Walking Path Committee is "on track" and we should break ground spring of this year. The Walking Path is a welcome addition for many Shively citizens as well as others. One of the Walking Path Committee's goals is to obtain businesses, citizens, and or other organizations to sponsor benches to be placed along the way of the path.

We have three new city council members, Beverly Chester Burton, our first African American, Richard Miller and Rose Renn. I feel with these new eyes and ears plus the years of experience from the other three members, Patsy Mayes, Richard Mc Donald, and Ronnie Wathen we have a very good combination. I look forward to working with all of them the next two years.

I want to thank our City Clerk, Police Chief, Works Director and Fire Chief as well as all of the other employees and board members of Shively for their dedication and hard work throughout the year.

I'd like to leave you with some words from an **unknown** author but they bear repeating. "**The highest courage is to dare to be yourself in the face of adversity. Choosing right over wrong, ethics over convenience, and the truth over popularity....these are the choices that measure your life. Travel the path of integrity without looking back, for there is never a wrong time to do the right thing.**"

Thank you.

Sherry S. Conner, Mayor

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

M.O. No. 4, Series 2007 – Approving Bills Over \$500.00. Introduced by Mr. McDonald. Motion by Mr. Wathen, second by Ms. Renn. All ayes.

Ms. Mayes asked why is the Parks Department's water bill is so high because it is almost as much as City Hall's. The Police Department's is even lower.

Mitzi Kasitz, City Clerk said I'd like to ask John Haywood first but he isn't here tonight but, there was another water leak. I can call the Water Company again and let them know there is a problem. She also said Mr. Haywood put in two different meters which should make it more efficient.

ROLL CALL:

Ms. Burton	yes	Ms. Mayes	
yes			
Mr. McDonald	yes	Mr. Miller	yes
Ms. Renn	yes	Mr. Wathen	yes

M.O. No. 5, Series 2007 – Appointing a Member to the Civil Service Commission (Dennis Stengel). Introduced by Ms. Mayes. Motion by Mr. McDonald, second by Ms. Burton. All ayes.

Mr. Miller said he is not quite sure what the Civil Service Commission does and he would like to know something about the person being appointed before he votes on it. Is it possible to obtain a resume in the future from individuals being appointed before being voted on?

Mayor Conner said no because this is an appointment and they are not paid.

Mayor Conner said I do try and ask if anyone has someone in mind to fill these positions.

The Civil Service oversees the hiring of the police and firefighters, their physical and written testings, their oral interviews and to make their recommendations to me. Also, if an employee from either department has a grievance that could call for a hearing they oversee that too.

ROLL CALL:

Ms. Burton	yes	Ms. Mayes	yes
Mr. McDonald	yes	Mr. Miller	yes

Ms. Renn

yes

Mr. Wathen

yes

Mr. Walt Cato, City Attorney then swore in Mr. Stengel.

Mayor Conner then said with all the bad things that are going on with some sworn police officers (ours and LMPD) the recent article in the newspaper about the child left in the car at a daycare on Cane Run Road, Shively Police Officer (Keith Ferriell) is the one who found the car and child. So good things do happen that sometimes don't get told.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION:

Mr. Ricardo Aguayo, 3306 Wessel Road welcomed the new city council members and asked them to get involved with the STAR program regarding the air quality in Shively. Also, he would like to see an attendance policy put in place for the city council members.

Mr. Laddie Brown, 2405 Dixie Highway expressed concerns about Stages nightclub. He lives across the street from the establishment and said it seems like there is more violence that occurs there. People run and drive through my yard damaging my property not to mention the trash he has to pick up constantly and wondered if anyone else had complained?

Mayor Conner said yes I have had calls from several of the residents in that area. We know there is a problem there. When businesses come in the City there is a process they have to go through and if everything is in order and they have the proper paperwork, there is not a lot we can do to prevent them from opening that business. There is a process that may make them move on somewhere else or shut down and that process has begun.

Mr. Brown asked what is the City doing to try and curb some of the activity that goes on there? The police officers are doing a good job but a lot of things seem to happen between 2:00 - 4:00 a.m. so shouldn't they have discussions with the neighborhood in terms of trying to resolve some of these issues.

Mayor Conner asked when you say “they” are you referring to Stages?

Mr. Brown said yes Stages management.

Mayor Conner said before they opened, they told us how wonderful their establishment would be and what all they would be doing for the community and the youth in terms of getting them in off the street. I believe this particular night was an 18 years old and over event when the two shootings happened. They also told us originally they were going to talk to all the neighbors in that area.

Motion then made by Mr. McDonald, second by Mr. Wathen to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. All ayes.

Motion by Mr. McDonald, second by Mr. Wathen to reconvene the meeting. All ayes.

Mayor Conner stated let the record reflect that no decision was made and no action was taken.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Council, motion by Mr. McDonald, second by Mr. Wathen to adjourn the meeting.

All in favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed, no. Ayes have it, so ordered. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK