

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF SHIVELY HELD IN THE
NEWMAN MEMORIAL BUILDING, 3920 DIXIE HIGHWAY
ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2009**

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.

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Conner	present		
Ms. Burton	present	Mr. Dummitt	present
Ms. Mayes	present	Ms. Renn	present
Mr. Vance	present	Mr. Wathen	present

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

ROLL CALL:

Ms. Burton	yes	Mr. Dummitt	yes
Ms. Mayes	yes	Ms. Renn	yes
Mr. Vance	yes	Mr. Wathen	yes

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Ms. Burton, no report.

Mr. Dummitt, no report.

Ms. Mayes, no report.

Ms. Renn, no report.

Mr. Vance, no report.

Mr. Wathen, no report.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mayor Conner read the following State of the City address:

This is the required State of the City address due at the beginning of each year.

This is my fifth year as Mayor and I have enjoyed all aspects of this honorable position. And I will continue to represent Shively in a positive and respectable way.

Shively has continued to thrive in many ways and I guess in today's world one of the most important ways is financially. We have worked very hard to spend our money wisely and save a nice little nest egg for the future as well. And so far we've been able to do this without raising taxes. I am grateful to report that Shively is once again fiscally sound. And again it is due to careful planning and spending. After our annual audit this year we will have a surplus of approximately \$337,575.00.

We had a wild sort of year in 2008, didn't we? When I first started composing this message it was well before the January '09 Ice Storm but I felt I had to mention it so I've amended my remarks. In 2008 we experienced a tornado, an earthquake, a windstorm, and then last week an ice storm. Shively was blessed to have survived all of these natural disasters without any bodily injuries being sustained. A lot of property damage occurred but we now have experiences and memories that will be remembered and talked about for many years to come. Of course, the September '08 windstorm and January '09 ice storm caused the most damage for more Shively residents than the tornado or earthquake. The days that followed the wind and ice storms are ones that I know I will never forget. We were able to assist many citizens. Shively's personnel response time was second to none during these crises. We received a lot of assistance from various organizations and businesses. And we appreciate all of their support and help. We have applied to FEMA for money to help defray the cost of these disasters.

This month Shively management personnel and I were the first small city in Jefferson County to attend training for WebEOC. WebEOC is a web-based soft ware program provided, **at no charge**, from Louisville/Jefferson County Emergency Management Agency that will better our communication capabilities during crisis situations.

By the end of this year we will have the **largest police force** in Shively's history. This is due, in part, to a federal grant of \$225,000.00 made possible by our 3rd District Congressman **John Yarmuth**.

We have a **new fire truck** and one of the best things I can say about it is—it is paid for!

And after all of the appeals were processed the courts' ruling was upheld on the firefighters' pay and we were able to pay our firefighters back pay with money we had been saving just for that reason. And we were proud to be able to do so without controversy.

One project that is partially complete and one that I am most proud of is our island renovations. My hope is to complete a few more this year. With the economy as it is today we are holding off spending this extra money till springtime.

Our long awaited projects on Savage Drive and Luken Drive are underway and should be complete in the next few weeks.

As I am sure you have all noticed we changed our trash collection this past year. The change was made as an effort to collect the recycling items and trash in a more efficient manner. After much research we found that less and less people were having newspapers delivered to their residences. Which meant we were driving through the entire City twice weekly and there simply was very little to collect. And although we have all struggled to make these new adjustments it is another wise decision to help save your dollars.

Shively's **Code Enforcement Board** continues to be diligent in their duties. In 2008 they logged 707 cases with 681 being resolved. That means 82% of those cases have been resolved. I thank the code board for their tireless dedication.

Preparations have already begun for *your* 2009 Shively Festival. We continue to strive to make it bigger and better each year. So please mark your calendars for June 26 & 27 and come be a part of the fun and festivities. Bring a chair or blanket and enjoy the fireworks. We promise you'll have a great time.

Each manager of the four departments: fire, police, works, and city hall all merit recognition for their continued hard work in making sensible purchases. They all realize that it is your tax dollars being spent and they always try to get the most for the money spent.

I want to welcome new council members, Dale Dummitt and Delbert Vance. And I bid a fond farewell to former council members Dick Miller and Richard McDonald. The invaluable knowledge and insight each brought to Shively will be missed.

I want to thank the council for their support and assistance and I look forward to working with you.

Maria Robinson once said: “Nobody can go back and start a new beginning, but anyone can start today and make a new ending.”

I hope we can all work together towards making great new beginnings and endings.

Thank you.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

M.O. No. 6, Series 2009 – Approving Bills Over \$500.00. Introduced by Mr. Wathen. Motion by Ms. Renn, second by Ms. Burton. All ayes.

Ms. Mayes asked was Puro First the company that is repairing the roof at the Community Building?

Mitzi Kasitz, City Clerk said yes it’s just for emergency services to come out and secure the building.

ROLL CALL:

Ms. Burton	yes	Mr. Dummitt	yes
Ms. Mayes	yes	Ms. Renn	yes
Mr. Vance	yes	Mr. Wathen	yes

M.O. No. 7, Series 2009 – Authorizing The Purchase Of Three Vehicles For The Shively Police Department. Introduced by Ms. Mayes. Motion by Mr. Vance, second by Mr. Wathen. All ayes.

ROLL CALL:

Ms. Burton	yes	Mr. Dummitt	yes
Ms. Mayes	yes	Ms. Renn	yes
Mr. Vance	yes	Mr. Wathen	yes

Chief Miller then gave the following annual report for the Shively Police Department:

Officer Initiated Runs:	4,422	Arrests:	1,689
Dispatched Runs:	11,045	Citations:	2,203
2008 Run Totals	15,467	2008 Total	3,892

Mayor Conner announced on Monday, March 2, 2009 at 6:00 p.m., there will be a blessing ceremony for the new fire truck and everyone is invited. She also said a citizen requested the council discuss having the utility lines buried because of all the recent storms we have had.

Mr. Vance said his stepson lives in Oldham County where the lines are buried and he still loses power.

Mayor Conner said this doesn't mean you will never be without electricity but it is something we may want to think about.

Mr. Wathen asked do we need to send a letter to LG&E and ask them what they intend to do to prevent wires coming down again and see what kind of response we get?

Mayor Conner said we can do that and another suggestion this citizen had was for us to trim the trees back. I don't feel we are equipped to go throughout the City and trim trees and we will draft up a letter to send to LG&E. Lastly, she said she got a phone call from John Yarmuth's office and he is having a brief meeting at the Bristol on Wednesday from 5:30-6:30 p.m. to discuss the economic stimulus package and everyone is invited.

Ms. Mayes asked are we going to do anything with the parking in the yards that Mike Burden brought up?

Mike Burden, Code Enforcement Officer said if we could go ahead and write something up that would be good.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION:

None.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Council, motion by Ms. Mayes, second by Ms. Burton to adjourn the meeting.

All in favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed, no. Ayes have it, so ordered. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK