

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF SHIVELY HELD IN THE  
NEWMAN MEMORIAL BUILDING, 3920 DIXIE HIGHWAY  
ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2008**

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	Ms. Mayes	present
Mr. McDonald	present	Mr. Miller	present
Ms. Renn	present	Mr. Wathen	present

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

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Ms. Burton**, reported she received a phone call from a resident requesting garbage cans be placed by the Tarc bus stands.

**Ms. Mayes**, reported the Family Resource Center currently has 26 students in the backpack program and it has increased to 70 and there is a waiting list. We also need donations for our Christmas Angel Tree list. Rohm and Haas was a big sponsor but they are no longer open. Also, there is a company committed to helping feed 15 families for Thanksgiving and Christmas. She also reminded everyone about the “Halloween House Decorating” contest and the deadline is October 27, 2008.

**Mr. McDonald**, no report.

**Mr. Miller**, no report.

**Ms. Renn**, no report.

**Mr. Wathen**, no report.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Mitzi Kasitz, City Clerk read a letter dated October 13, 2008 from Sgt. Martin Humphreys, Shively Fire Department tendering his resignation.

Mitzi Kasitz, City Clerk also read an email dated September 26, 2008 from Jonathan Fulkerson thanking the entire city staff for all their hard work during the September windstorm.

Mitzi Kasitz, City Clerk then read a letter dated October 15, 2008 from Michael D. Shain commending Chief Ralph Miller and the Shively Police Department for assisting his

family during his father's funeral. They were very professional and he wanted to convey thanks and appreciation to them.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

M. O. No. 33, Series 2008 – Authorizing And Entering Into A Partnership Program For Capital Improvement With Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government Council. Introduced by Mr. McDonald. Motion by Mr. Wathen, second by Ms. Renn. All ayes.

Mayor Conner said this is to allow us to accept the funds from Mary Woolridge, Louisville/Metro Council for the concrete for the pergola in the park.

**ROLL CALL:**

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

First reading: Ordinance No. 10, Series 2008 – Relating To The Imposition And Administration Of An Occupational License Requirement, And Payment Of Occupational License Tax By Persons and Business Entities Conducting Businesses, Occupations And Professions Within The City Of Shively, Kentucky. Introduced by Mr. Wathen.

**CITIZENS PARTICIPATION:**

Mayor Conner said we have some attorneys with us tonight who want to talk about the proposal they have made to possibly purchase a certificate of delinquency for our delinquent property tax rolls. She then asked them to come forward.

Mr. Ken Henry and Mr. David Pedley from Woodford Finance Reserve spoke about purchasing the City's delinquent property tax rolls. Their company represents Woodford Finance and they are in the business of purchasing ad valorem taxes. They have experience working with another small city as well as various counties around the state. This process is a healthy one for the government because it provides funds for that government as well as protects the taxpayers who do pay their taxes on time. Another thing if anyone has a problem paying the amount due, we will work with them by setting up a payment plan.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

Mayor Conner said that was my concern exactly how your company would approach the collection process. We want the money collected but, we want to do it nicely.

Mr. Henry said we will be cooperative because we know foreclosures do happen and sometimes we find that the owner cannot be located.

Mr. Pedley said because PVA shows a different mailing address, we will send a notice to the homeowner and one to the occupant.

Mr. McDonald asked what is time frame between when the homeowner can pay their tax and your bill goes out?

Mr. Pedley said our bill will go out when the file is turned over to us.

Mr. Walt Cato, City Attorney asked are you two principals of Woodford Financial? Would your company submit a proposal or contract to the City? I recommend that you do that so we can review it.

Mr. Henry said yes we are both principals. We have not submitted a proposal yet because we wanted to find out if there was an interest but we can do that.

Mr. Pedley said if the city agrees to do this we would have all the delinquent property taxes off the books therefore becoming Woodford Finance's problem.

Mayor Conner reminded the council that if we decide to go with this, we're handing this off to them and we won't have any control over it. She also said this is not fair to those who pay their taxes every year and are probably struggling as well and for those who habitually just not pay we need to look at what's really fair. I did say this sounds too good to be true – what's the catch?

Mr. Henry said the catch is people are going to pay legal fees for collection and they're not going to like it and the longer they wait the more they're going to pay.

Mr. Miller asked what is the dollar amount we're talking about?

Mitzi Kasitz, City Clerk said \$242,000 and they thought they could purchase \$200,000.

Mr. Henry said the rest of those are the penalty ones, the remnant lots and trailers.

Mr. Wathen said so we're talking \$200,000 that's pretty good because we're not getting anything now.

Mayor Conner said exactly. She asked is this something you all want to decide tonight by entering into a proposal with them or do you want to discuss this at our next meeting?

We'll discuss it more at the next meeting.

Ms. Carol Hickman, 2520 Hampstead Drive complimented the Police, Fire and Works Departments for all their hard work during the September windstorm.

Ms. Burton then asked when will the pergola be completed?

Mayor Conner said there was an issue on where it was going to be placed and it was supposed to be moved so hopefully it will be soon. There will be a bench at the entrance along with a "Welcome To The Walking Path" sign and it will sit towards the street.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business to come before the Council, motion by Mr. Wathen, 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 8:40 p.m.

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**MAYOR**

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**CITY CLERK**