

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF SHIVELY HELD IN THE
NEWMAN MEMORIAL BUILDING
3920 DIXIE HIGHWAY, SHIVELY, KENTUCKY 40216 ON
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2020**

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm by Beverly Chester-Burton, Mayor.

Beverly Chester-Burton opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Mayor Beverly Chester-Burton
Council Member Lisa Beard
Council Member Chester Burrell
Council Member Tiffany Burton-McBroom
Council Member Maria Johnson
Council Member Shanell Thompson
Council Member Wendell Vincent

Absent:

Department Employees Present:

Police Chief Kevin Higdon
Public Works John Haywood
Fire Chief Greg Cambron
City Clerk Mitzi Kasitz

State of the City Address:

This the required, State of the City Address, due at the beginning of each year.

It is with great pleasure to report that the 2019 revenue for the City of Shively was \$11,533,000.00. The city will continue to work towards attracting businesses and homeowners to relocate within our city boundaries. Recently, we witnessed the groundbreaking of a new business on Dixie Highway. As you know, economic growth and improving the infrastructure will revitalize the community we live in.

As we enter a new year, let's celebrate the launch of the first Rapid Transit on Dixie Highway and the completion of the Shively Sidewalk Project, which included Garrs Lane, Mary Catherine and Farnsley Road. The Dixie Highway corridor is one of the busiest and most traveled routes in the Metro and the "Rapid Transit" will significantly enhance the level of services for residents and customers. This project construction started in 2017 and now the entire project is nearly complete.

As you drive the Dixie corridor, you will notice new medians from Crums Lane to Greenwood Road, redesigned curbs, sidewalk improvement and new modern shelters. These changes will make our roads safer and will be worth the time and investment. Additionally, while traffic may seem to be an issue during this time, it will definitely enhance the face of the city once completed.

The City of Shively recently purchased property on Crums Lane. Our public works department will be working towards creating new signage and a park like setting. This will cosmetically enhance the entrance into our city on Crums Lane. Hopefully, we will be able to work on other city entrances in the near future.

Our departments continue to work hard to maintain the quality of services you are accustomed to and deserve. Each department will share news on their progress.

City hall is developing new procedures for business license application approvals. This is our first time, since 2005, to deny a business application and now new policies and procedures are being written to allow the Mayor and Council the ability to take an active role in shaping the city image and vision for future years. Additionally, cameras have been installed at City Hall to keep employees and visitors safe.

The Fire Department made 2,321 runs in 2019. They continue to stay busy as they address various runs related to rescues, structural fires and other basic life support issues.

Last year, our Code Enforcement board was able to address 2,300 cases. Through their hard work, the city collected over 116,000 in fines. The purpose of code enforcement is to work with the residents and businesses of Shively to preserve and maintain the livability, values and integrity of our business and residential neighborhoods. The Code Enforcement Officer responds to complaints from the public to ensure that we promote a safe, healthy and attractive community.

The public works department has abated 143 properties and furnished 95 gallon totes to residents participating in the recycling program. This improvement enabled us to utilize the automated truck to reduce labor cost in collections.

The police department has added a traffic unit and since February 2019 the traffic unit has written a total of 884 citations within the city. The police department made a total of 18,200 runs in 2019. This averages out to 49 runs a day, which is a lot of activity for a department of our size.

To all the departments, thank you for your hard work and the service you give to Shively. To the veterans, thank you for your service and sacrifice. To the residents, always remember that your comments and input help us to make important decisions about the city. In closing, remember that “Shively is a community of peace and unity.” Let’s work together to show compassion, so that we may all live in harmony. As always, this is our home, our community and our city.

Peace, Happiness, Prosperity and Blessings to all.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Chester-Burton

Beverly Chester-Burton, Mayor
City of Shively

Approval of Minutes:

Motion made by Chester Burrell, second by Tiffany McBroom to approve the minutes from the January 20, 2019 council meeting as received.

ROLL CALL:

Lisa Beard – yes	Chester Burrell - yes	Tiffany Burton-McBroom - yes
Maria Johnson – yes	Shanell Thompson – yes	Wendell Vincent – yes

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Lisa Beard, no report.

Chester Burrell, no report.

Tiffany Burton-McBroom, no report.

Maria Johnson, I would like to make a motion for a travel request for Marcia Miller, in-service training, requested by Chief Kevin Higdon. Second by Tiffany Burton Mc-Broom. All ayes.

I would like to make a motion for a travel request for Officer Johnny Teague, in-service training, requested by Chief Kevin Higdon. Second by Tiffany Burton-McBroom. All Ayes.

I would like to remind everyone of the Valentine's party, Saturday 12-4 pm, at the community building.

Shanell Thompson, I attended the Census 2020 kick off meeting. You all have information in front of you and there are posters for the residents to put up in your churches or community to show how important it is to participate. In September 2020 S.E.O.Y. will host the University of Louisville to have an instructional meeting on how to STOP THE BLEED. To teach everyone when people are bleeding out how to stop the bleed. It will be at Ralph Avenue Baptist Church.

Wendell Vincent, no report.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

M.O. No. 5, Series 2020 – BILLS OVER \$500.00. Introduced by Shanell Thompson. Motion by Maria Johnson, second by Chester Burrell.

ROLL CALL:

Lisa Beard – yes

Chester Burrell – yes

Tiffany Burton-McBroom - yes

Maria Johnson – yes

Shanell Thompson – yes

Wendell Vincent – yes

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Bonnie Jung, Mayor Douglas Hills, legislative updates and JCPS crossing guards are needed, all are welcome to apply. February 20, 7 pm. Everyone is invited to the JCLC 65th Anniversary Celebration, I am the president. It is at the Tway House in Plainview, Mayor of Covington will be the speaker.

Bill Diuerf, Mayor of Jeffersontown, President of K.L.C.. All cities across the state are fighting for the same things. Mayors want to lead the city to be better for the next generation. All cities are working on a local option control in legislation, it will take changing the constitution of KY to allow cities to decide if they want to tax to raise money toward a certain project, it will take a referendum. The last two years small cities have not had the burden of publishing full ordinances in the local newspaper. You have the power to change votes in Frankfort be sure to call local legislators and let them know what you support.

Kevin Higdon, Police Chief, 2019 year in review report. Citations increased 89% this year to 2,403; criminal citations decreased 5% to 442; warrant citations increased 71% to 400; arrests increased 34% to 720; crime reports increased 9% to 991; case closure increased to 36% to 50%; collision reports increased from 803 to 872 and domestic violence reports decreased from 323 to 264. Our radio room was audited by the FBI and KSP, this is the 8th year in a row they had zero errors and zero unacceptable entries. The new K9 can search for drugs, felons and is also trained to bite. The special investigations unit has taken in \$712,000 in cash, the city will receive a percentage of this money, 15 to 35%. They also brought in over 60 weapons from convicted felons. This is the first time in 18 years the police department has been fully staffed. This is possible because you approved all personnel and equipment the department needs.

Greg Cambron, Fire Chief, 2019 year in review report. The fire department made 2,321 runs last year, down approximately 70 runs. Overall medical runs are the majority of runs we make. All 386 hydrants were tested

this year for flow pressure. We tested 14,250 feet of hose that is on our trucks. Our Narcan runs, administered to people that overdose, decreased to 13 in 2019.

John Haywood, Public Works Director, solid waste, yard waste, recycling and large was pickup disposed 6,968 tons this year. The sidewalk project was completed this year. The 95 gallon recycle cans were distributed this year. When I started with the department it took 336-man hours to collect the routes in the city. Automated trucks has reduced it to 104-man hours.

Mitzi Kasitz, Clerk, collections on past due taxes and focusing on those doing business in our city without a business license is at the forefront. Upgrades to software this year with help working smarter. Affordable housing in our city has brought in homeowners and tenants who are not use to keeping up homes and yards. Code enforcement works diligently to educate and enforce the ordinances of the city. The code department also assists the fire marshal, police department and public works department to issue citations to help with ordinance compliance.

Dean Nevitt, 1859 Farnsley Road, there is a problem with the concrete being poured without using a transit. I heard them say you do not get a driveway. The basin in my front yard has not been looked at once in 35 years. People walking the sidewalk must walk out in the street to continue to another driveway, walking east or west.

Ken Roberson, 2107 East Lane, safety concern about intersection at East and North Lane, you can not see if traffic is coming because of the bushes, I would like to see them trimmed back. I saw the public works department working on a house on North Lane. Will a lien be put on the property to cover the cost of the clean up?

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the council, motion by Maria Johnson, second by Chester Burrell to adjourn the meeting.

All in favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed, no. Ayes have it, so ordered. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m. All ayes present.

Beverly Chester-Burton, Mayor

Mitzi R. Kasitz, Clerk

