

TELECONFERENCE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF SHIVELY HELD IN THE
NEWMAN MEMORIAL BUILDING
3920 DIXIE HIGHWAY, SHIVELY, KENTUCKY
ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2023

Maria Johnson, Mayor, opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Council Member Ms. Bizzle
Council Member Ms. Burton-McBroom
Council Member Mr. Gibson
Council Member Mr. Vincent
Council Member Ms. Wakaba

Absent:

Council Member Ms. Thompson

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Ms. Bizzle, no report.

Ms. Burton-McBroom, no report.

Mr. Gibson, no report.

Ms. Thompson, absent.

Mr. Vincent, no report.

Ms. Wakaba, no report.



DAYS TOGETHER



As I stand before you today, filled with gratitude and a deep sense of responsibility, I reflect on the incredible journey of my first 365 days in office, marked by a steadfast commitment to fiscal accountability. I am honored to address you on this momentous occasion. Together, we have navigated challenges, embraced opportunities, and worked toward the prosperity of our beloved City of Shively community. I have ensured transparency, efficiency, and sound financial management throughout this inaugural year.

From July 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023, the city's total revenue was \$10,265,662.60, with a total expenditure of \$5,778,700.90.

The budget for the current fiscal year, July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2024, anticipates \$16,286,676 in revenue and authorizes expenditures of \$16,284,461. The breakdown is listed below:

Department Expenditures

Government: **\$3,772,310**

Fire Dept: **\$3,820,095**

Police Dept: **\$6,065,106**

Works Dept: **\$1,958,600**

Golf Course: **\$0**

Parks Dept: **\$390.350**

MAP (Municipal Aid Program) Expenditures

Street Paving: **\$100,000**

Snow Removal: **\$40,000**

MAP Allowable Expenses: **\$138,000**

I am excited to present to you the achievements of our fiscal year ending in 2023. This is long, but I encourage each of you to read it in its entirety because it will give you a better understanding of the hard work and dedication of the employees and those you elected to serve the great City of Shively.

Mayor Johnson

Completing Past Due Audits: Upon taking office in 2023, I was informed that the City of Shively had **past-due audits for 2020, 2021, and 2022**. I, along with City Hall, have been working diligently to ensure compliance with **KRS 91A.40**, the statute governing the submission of **annual and biennial city audits**. We are nearing completion of these efforts to bring the city into compliance and allowing us to resume receiving our **Federal Funds** that were withheld due to non-compliance with KRS 91A.40.

Brown-Forman Good Neighbor Initiative: We purchased and gave away 800 bottles of 30-second Outdoor Cleaner and 400 Kraft paper yard waste bags. Shively residents filed into City Hall to pick them up. We also repaired sidewalks throughout the city.

Tutoring Program: I collaborated with DuPont Manual High School National Honor Society and Laquiesha Bond, the Principal at Mill Creek Elementary School. Together, we initiated an after-school tutoring program for students at Mill Creek Elementary School.

Implemented **Shively Community Development Corporation 501 (c) 3, Food Truck Fridays, and Shively Hip-Hop Dance Team**.

Community Events: Hosted the **Annual Pancake Breakfast** and **Senior Citizens Halloween Party**.

Railroad Crossing: I contacted the Paducah and Louisville Railroad and had them replace the railroad crossing at Cane Run Road.

Speedway on Dixie Highway: I collaborated with the District Manager at the Speedway, 3915 Dixie Highway, and had them pave their parking lot.

Personnel: In 2023, we hired a new ABC Agent and ABC Administrator to enhance our team's capabilities and administrative functions.

Shively Emergency Operations Plan: All department heads collaborated to create guidelines and procedures for an Emergency Operations Plan for the City of Shively. This will be completed in 2024.

New Shively Library: I have been in communication with leaders regarding a new library for the City of Shively. Talks continue.

Grocery Store: I've assembled a dedicated search team with a charge to bring a grocery store to the Shively area, enhancing convenience and access to fresh produce for our residents.

Community/Partnership

BearFruit Gardening: The Farmers & Artisans Market ran from June 10th to October 28th.

City Hall

Community Events: City Hall/Mayor's Initiative includes Chair Yoga, Zumba, Free Shred-it, Easter Egg Hunt, Trick-or-Treat in Shively Park, Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) free income tax filing, AARP KY Old Tyme Ice Cream Social, Light Up Shively, Toys for Tots, Text My Gov, and **City Hall & Wendell Vincent** conducted the Halloween Home Decorating Contest.

New Businesses: In 2023 we had 28 new businesses opened.

Personnel: In 2023, we hired a new part-time Custodian.

Code Enforcement Department

In the diligent pursuit of maintaining community standards, we successfully addressed **1,419 code enforcement cases**, which not only contributed to the improvement of our local environment but also led to the collection of \$77,472.44 in fines and penalties.

Fire Department

Shively Fire Statistics: In 2023, the Fire Department responded to a total of 2,545 runs, which is a decrease of approximately 50 runs from the previous year. The breakdown of these runs include:

73% - Medical Runs (1883)

10% - Structure Fires/Fire Response (254)

12% - Automobile Accidents/Fires (305)

4% - Hazardous/Mitigation (No Fire) (77)

1% - Uncategorized Service/Good Intent (26)

Administration/Policy Updates: In 2023, the Department continued updating Policies & Procedures and Rules & Regulations, making them accessible to all members through a digital platform (OneDrive) on any device, including cell phones and PCs.

Training: Developed and implemented a **Formal Departmental Driver's Certification Program** designed to provide structured driver's training for all members from the time their employment starts, until their 2-year anniversary date. Three members attended the FDIC National Conference to receive training in Advanced Auto Extrication Techniques/Electric Vehicles.

Community Awareness/Technology: We have established a technology team that created an interactive media presence on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, Google, and Twitter. In 2023, we initiated the implementation of the **IROL Fire Inspection program**, designed to digitally track and assign fire safety inspections for businesses in the Shively community. The implementation is expected to be completed by the end of 2024.

Hydrants: Implemented a district-wide hydrant painting process, ensuring that 25% of Shively's hydrants will be painted each year.

Fire Prevention/Inspection: In 2023, Shively Fire completed a total of **458 fire inspections**. They also installed **29 home detectors**, conducted **54 inspections** with **Louisville Metro Code** building inspectors for renovation, new construction, or commercial properties, and investigated **7 code violation issues**. Additionally, **43 company** inspections were carried out with the fire crews to "pre-plan for large incidents" and familiarize crews with facilities in the community.

Crusade For Children: In 2023, Shively Fire collected \$10,152 for the **70th Annual WHAS Crusade for Children**.

Fire Safety Fair: In 2023, Shively FD hosted its **3rd Annual Fire Safety Fair & Chili Cook-Off** during Fire Prevention Month. The event was a huge success, attracting over 300 attendees, with multiple agencies providing support.

Apparatus & Equipment: Received a new custom-built **Seagrave Fire Apparatus**, which was put into service in January 2024. Also, we received and put into service a new **2024 Four-Wheel Drive Dodge Utility Vehicle**, intended for transporting personnel and equipment as needed throughout the District/Region. Additionally, we upgraded our **Rescue Stabilization** equipment, used for the large number of Vehicle Extrication runs in our community.

Personnel: In 2023, we hired one new firefighter who completed the Louisville Fire Academy and became a Nationally Registered EMT. Additionally, we hired a new Fire/Police Chaplain.

Police Department

Shively Police Statistics: In 2023, the Police department made 15,470 runs, an increase of 1,470 compared to the previous year.

Training: In 2023, our officers not only completed their regular 40 hours of in-service training but also participated in active shooter training. Additionally, our officers received additional de-escalation training in a simulator provided by KLC. This simulator training exposed officers to various scenarios, including interactions with mentally ill individuals, and handling domestic violence situations.

Equipment: We purchased **Riot Gear** thanks to a generous donation from **Galls** and **Body Armor**. Thanks to donations from a larger agency, we were able to equip our entire department with ballistic plates that our officers keep in their car in case of an active shooter events. **Body Cameras and Server**, we were able to update our bodycams and server that we have had for over 10 years and were beginning to fail. **Vehicles-** we purchased 4 new 2023 Dodge Durango's with all new equipment, and we also updated our graphic design to incorporate a staple color from our cars of the past. **Flock Cameras-** we have 15 flock cameras throughout the city that we can utilize to help us solve crimes. **Radar Signs -**we were able to purchase 14 stationary digital radar speed signs and a mobile digital radar speed sign that will be utilized in "hot" areas throughout the city for speeders.

Community Outreach: In 2023, we successfully completed our 2nd annual **Shively Police Calendar**. All proceeds from the calendar were donated to Shively Area Ministries, assisting families in the Shively area with their needs for food and bills. Our officers participated in the annual **Toys for Tots Motorcycle Cruise**. They volunteered to assist by blocking the biggest intersection in the cruise, located at Dixie and Greenwood Road. **Thanksgiving Food Drive:** This past Thanksgiving, we had the opportunity to team up with Shirley's Way and Shively Area Ministries to collect food for 20 families. We partnered with Shively Area Ministries' **Winter Warmth** program to collect new coats, gloves, hats, and scarves for families in need. For **Cram the Cruiser**, we teamed up with Cash Express to collect toys for kids in need this past Christmas. Several of our officers participated in the **Angel Tree** at Mill Creek Elementary School and adopted 15 kids from their Angel Tree.

Awards Banquet: In 2023, we hosted our first annual Shively Police Awards Banquet, where we were able to show officers and dispatchers our appreciation for all the hard work they put in for the citizens of this great community.

Department Accomplishments: In 2023, we underwent our liability review, conducted every three years by KLC. They assessed our policies, procedures, and training in various categories and assigned a grade. I am proud to announce that we received a perfect score of **100%** on our review.

Personnel: In 2023, we hired six officers (two of them were laterals, and four were recruits) along with one dispatcher. Currently, we are short two officers and are in the process of filling those positions.

Shively City Council

Monica Bizzle- Hosted **Operation Winter Warm Up**

Tiffany Burton-McBroom- Hosted **Shakespeare in The Park**

Kelly Gibson/Mayor Maria Johnson- Hosted **Writing a will, a living will, and Power of Attorney** workshop.

Danielle Wakaba- Hosted **Homeownership Expo**

Works Department

Trash: Trash is one of our big budget items. In 2023, the Shively Works Department picked up 5,152.88 tons of trash. Recycling continues to grow, with 461.19 tons collected this year. Additionally, we picked up 476.48 tons of yard waste.

Property Abatements: The Works Department and Code Enforcement are actively addressing abated properties and homeless camps. Sometimes, the solution is as simple as cutting the grass, while other instances require a comprehensive cleanup involving machinery and significant manpower. In total, we abated over 192 properties.

Drainage: The works department continues to make drainage improvements as well as addressing resident concerns. We have improved drainage in many areas:

Crum's Lane and Burrell Avenue- Installed 30 feet of pipe under the road and graded 80 feet of ditch line.

Bonny Lea Court- Removed and Installed 110 Feet of drainage pipe.

Wurtele Avenue- Regraded 90 feet of drainage pipe.

Mary Catherine- Installed 110 feet of drainage pipe.

Burrell Drive- Installed 80 feet of drainage pipe.

These examples showcase the ongoing efforts of the Works Department to maintain and repair pipes, culverts, and waterways.

Capital Improvements: The total cost for **road milling and paving** was \$231,980. **Speed humps** were installed on San Jose Avenue and Keifer Road. We replaced 194 feet of **sidewalks**. Additionally, significant renovations took place: the **Heritage Building** received a new roof, floor, and countertops, and the **Police Storage Building** had its roof replaced. Currently, **restrooms** in Shively Park are under construction. Moreover, we have initiated the resurfacing of the **tennis courts** in Shively Park and added a Pickleball court.

Personnel: In 2023, we rehired one Works Department Manager and hired one new Labor/Operator.

Special Thanks

I want to thank our City Attorney, Finn Cato, for his unwavering dedication and hard work in serving the City of Shively. I sincerely appreciate all our city employees' continual support and tireless daily efforts. I am immensely thankful to our department heads for consistently going above and beyond the call of duty. Your commitment truly means a lot. I also want to thank the City Council for their support. And to the Shively residents, thank you for your support and for trusting me to be your mayor. Looking ahead to 2024, we are committed to furthering our efforts to enhance infrastructure, attract new businesses, and optimize the efficiency of city operations. As we embark on the path ahead, let us continue building a thriving city where every resident is heard, and every dollar is invested wisely for the betterment of us all. Together, we will continue building a more vital and vibrant city.

Grateful for the opportunity to serve,

Maria D. Johnson

Mayor Maria D. Johnson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Ms. Wakaba to approve the minutes. Second by Mr. Vincent.

Mr. Gibson, at the last meeting I reported 3 individuals impersonating Western High School basketball players. I talked to the principal and the head basketball coach, they are not selling candy. They are impersonating high school boy basketball players, if they come to your door it is not legit, be on the lookout.

Motion made to make the correction to the minutes by Ms. Burton-McBroom. Second by Ms. Bizzle.

ROLL CALL:

Ms. Bizzle	yes	Ms. Burton-McBroom	yes	Mr. Gibson	yes
Ms. Thompson	absent	Mr. Vincent	yes	Ms. Wakaba	yes

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

BILLS OVER \$500.00

FIRST READING ORDINANCE #1 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SHIVELY ORDINANCE NO. 9, SERIES 2023 RELATING TO THE LEVYING AND COLLECTION OF AD VALOREM TAXES AND INCLUSION OF UNPAID CODE ENFORCEMENT LIENS ON AD VALOREM TAX BILLS FOR THE CITY OF SHIVELY, KENTUCKY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 ONLY TO RECTIFY THE ORDINANCE NUMBER AND SERIES NUMBER

Introduced by Ms. Wakaba.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the council, motion by Ms. Wakaba, second by Ms. Bizzle 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: 12 p.m.

Mitzi R. Kasitz

 Mitzi R. Kasitz, Clerk

Maria D. Johnson

 Maria D. Johnson, Mayor