

TELECONFERENCE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF SHIVELY HELD IN THE
NEWMAN MEMORIAL BUILDING
3920 DIXIE HIGHWAY, SHIVELY, KENTUCKY
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2025, 6:45PM

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

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Council Member Ms. Burton-McBroom
Council Member Mr. Gibson (joined meeting at 6:50pm)
Council Member Ms. Gibson
Council Member Ms. Thompson
Council Member Ms. Wakaba

Absent:

Council Member Mr. Vincent



*Greetings from Mayor
Maria Johnson*

Greetings to all of you and welcome as we gather at the start of a new year. As we embark on 2025, I want to reflect on the incredible opportunities for the City of Shively.

There's a saying that resonates deeply with me: "365 days, 365 new chances." Each day of the year presents us with a fresh start—an opportunity to build on our successes, learn from our challenges, and strive toward an even brighter future. Together, as a community, we have 365 chances to make a difference, improve the lives of our residents, and move Shively forward.

The new year is not just a marker of time, but a renewed commitment to our shared goals. It is a chance to recommit ourselves to the values that unite us and the vision that guides us.

As we step into this year, I am proud to share with you the progress we have made, the challenges we face, and the plans we must undertake to ensure Shively continues to thrive.

On Sunday, January 4th, our city faced a significant snowstorm that brought 12 inches of snow to Shively. This storm tested our readiness and resilience, and I am incredibly proud to say that our city rose to the occasion. Each of our departments—the Fire Department, Police Department, City Hall staff, and Public Works Department went above and beyond the call of duty to ensure our city was prepared and our residents were safe. From clearing roads and ensuring emergency response services remained uninterrupted to providing critical updates and support to the community, their tireless efforts exemplified the true meaning of service. I want to thank every team member for their dedication and hard work during this challenging time.

Congratulations to all the winners of the 2024 Shively General Election! One new council member was elected in November, Sandra Gibson. Five incumbents, Tiffany Burton-McBroom, Kelly Gibson, Shanell Thompson, Wendell Vincent, and Danielle Wakaba were re-elected. I want to thank all the residents who attended the three Planning and Zoning neighborhood meetings. Your presence and active participation are a testament to your commitment to our community's growth and well-being. You have played an integral role in shaping Shively's future by voicing your concerns and sharing your perspectives. These discussions are vital in ensuring that our plans reflect the needs and aspirations of our residents. Your engagement inspires us to work even harder to make Shively a community we are all proud to call home. Thank you for your dedication and involvement.

Reflecting on the past year, I am excited to share a few key achievements from 2024 that highlight our progress and dedication to improving Shively. These accomplishments represent the hard

work of our city departments, the commitment of our community, and our shared vision for a brighter future.

When I took office in 2023, I inherited the challenge of several past-due audits for 2021, 2022, and 2023. These delays were a significant hurdle, but I am proud to share that, through determination and teamwork, we have completed those audits. This accomplishment reflects our commitment to transparency and accountability in city operations. While this was no small task, it was a necessary step toward restoring trust and ensuring Shively's financial stability. We are now actively working with the auditor to complete the 2024 audit, and once finalized, we will officially be back on track. Addressing this challenge has strengthened our foundation, and I am confident it sets the stage for a brighter and more efficient future.

In our diligent pursuit of maintaining community standards, we successfully addressed 1583 code enforcement cases, which not only improved our local environment but also resulted in the collection of \$103,000 in fines and penalties. In 2024 we had 19 new businesses open.

In 2024, Shively patrol officers demonstrated exceptional dedication and effectiveness in serving and protecting the community. Their efforts led to the recovery of 57 stolen vehicles and resulted in 34 arrests. Additionally, officers collaborated with community partners to address longstanding concerns, including the shutdown of Louisville Manor, a recognized nuisance in the area. This action earned gratitude from citizens and local business owners alike.

Shively Fire in 2024 completed a total of 373 Business Inspections, installed 26 home smoke detectors, conducted 20 inspections with Louisville Metro Code Inspectors for renovations-new construction-or commercial properties, and investigated 7 Code violation issues. 27 Company Inspections were done with the Fire crews to "pre-plan for large incidents" and get crews familiar with facilities in the community. They adopted and implemented requirements for inspecting and licensing food trucks in Jefferson County. Shively Fire & Louisville Metro Public Health & Wellness has partnered to increase naloxone access for those in need by managing an access box location 3930 Park Road. They participated in four county-wide inspection events and conducted 15 on-site inspections at the Shively Firehouse. The Fire Department collected for the 71st Annual WHAS Crusade for Children raising \$9,400. Also in 2024, Shively Fire Department hosted its 4th Annual Fire Safety Fair & Chili Cook off for the Fire Prevention month. This event was a huge success as it continues to grow each year in attendance, and has multiple agencies involved in support. The planning has already begun, and the event will be held on October 10, 2025,

In 2024, the Shively Works Department collected 5,318 tons of trash. Recycling efforts continue to grow, with 578.5 tons collected this year. Additionally, the department picked up 497.5 tons of yard waste and abated over 147 properties. They remain committed to making drainage improvements and addressing resident concerns. Notable projects include:

- **Neblett Avenue:** They installed 52 feet of drainage pipe and regraded 164 feet of drainage ditch.
- **Donna Road:** Reset a catch basin and regraded the area for improved stormwater collection.
- **Citywide Improvements:** Cleaned and regraded over 2,000 feet of drainage ditches, installed more than 300 feet of drainage pipe, and repaired or replaced multiple catch basins throughout Shively.

These efforts reflect the department's dedication to maintaining a cleaner, safer, and more resilient community.

As I close this address and look ahead to 2025, I want to thank those who have contributed so much to making Shively a remarkable community. To our City Attorney, Finn Cato, your dedication and commitment to serving Shively are truly invaluable. To our city employees, your hard work and perseverance ensure the success of our daily operations, and I am deeply grateful for your efforts. I also want to acknowledge our department heads for their exceptional leadership and for always stepping up to meet the challenges we face. To the City Council, I appreciate your partnership. And finally, to the residents of Shively, thank you for your trust, your input, and your unwavering support. You are the heart of this city, and your voices guide us forward.

As we step into 2025, we are still focusing on key priorities: strengthening our infrastructure, attracting new businesses, and maximizing efficiency in city operations. Together, we can achieve these goals and continue shaping Shively into a city where every resident feels empowered, every resource is used wisely, and every improvement is a step toward a brighter future. Let's move forward with purpose and pride, building on our successes and striving for even greater achievements in the year ahead.

Thank you for trusting me to be your mayor. It is an honor and privilege to serve our community and work alongside you to make Shively a better place for everyone.

Grateful for the opportunity to serve,

Maria

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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

ROLL CALL:

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

COUNCIL REPORTS:

Ms. Burton-McBroom, are there any updates on the Shively Plan.

Mr. Gibson, no report.

Ms. Gibson, no report.

Ms. Thompson, are there any update on the budget amendments.

Mr. Vincent, no report.

Ms. Wakaba, I make a motion for to approve a travel request for Officer Fritz, \$150.00 and Officer Rattler, \$150.00in Richmond KY. Second by Ms. Burton-McBroom.

ROLL CALL:

Ms. Burton-McBroom - yes Mr. Gibson - yes Ms. Gibson- yes

Ms. Thompson - yes Mr. Vincent - absent Ms. Wakaba - yes

Reminder: Free Budgeting Workshop, hosted by Shively Area Ministries, held at the Heritage, Thursday, February 27th, 10:30am.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: NONE

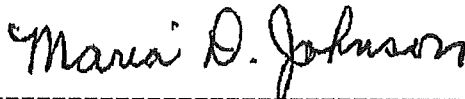
OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: BILLS OVER \$500.00

ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the council, motion by Ms. Wakaba, second by Ms. Gibson to adjourn the meeting.

All in favor signify by saying aye. Those opposed, no. Ayes have it, so ordered. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:17p.m.



Maria D. Johnson, Mayor



Attest: Mitzi R. Kasitz, Clerk