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City overturns planners for warehouse zoning

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SHEPHERDSVILLE – Seldom does elected officials get a loud ovation when they make a decision.

But, on Monday night, the large crowd openly praised members of the Shepherdsville City Council rejected rezoning requests on five tracts along Steven Drive.

The applicants wanted to rezone the property to IL Light Industrial to build three medium-

sized warehouses on the property.

With little discussion, the council quickly voted 5-0 to overturn each of the five favorable recommendations made by the Bullitt County Joint Planning Commission.

During the first reading at the prior meeting, attorney Jon Baker asked to address some of the reasons given by the city to overturn the recommendation.

He offered the opportunity to discuss his concerns rather to see litigation filed. The council denied any comments from the

attorney.

City attorney Katherine Dozier said that Baker had contacted her about the possibility of having a second public hearing on the rezoning case.

Baker said that he felt there were factual issues with the findings of fact that would be used to override the favorable recommendation by the planning commission.

He asked to reopen the public hearing; otherwise, there is the option of filing a suit in circuit court to contest the council's decision.

In each reading, a motion to override the planning commission request included findings of fact.

One finding concludes that although the county's recently-adopted future land use map shows the area just west of Interstate 65 and south of Cedar Grove Road should be industrial in use, the comprehensive plan "must be interpreted as a whole, including the goals and objectives relating to access,

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National leader tells Legion Post to find niche

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SHEPHERDSVILLE – Dan K. Wiley spends much of his year on the road.

As national commander for the American Legion organization, Wiley has the honor of visiting many local posts during his 340 days a year that he's on the road.

One of his recent stops was at the American Legion Post 157 in Shepherdsville.

Wiley was greeted a several dozen members of the post, as well as local officials.

"It's an honor to do this," he said of the many days traveling. "I get to travel to all 50 states and I've been all over the world."

During the 250th birthday of the country, Wiley said the organization leadership decided that everyone would be issued a challenge to do



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Those in attendance gathered for a group photo.

Local church shines light on food assistance with new pantry

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SHEPHERDSVILLE – Parishioners from St. Aloysius and St. Benedict Catholic Churches were hungry to provide a new community service.

Discussions with community members and local officials led church members to determine there was a need for more available food, leading to the establishment of the Revealing Light Shepherdsville Food Pantry.

"There seemed to be a need," said Fr. Adam Carrico, pastor for both churches. "We heard from teachers and local leaders that there's a food insecurity in Bullitt County."

Beginning April 14, St. Aloysius is hosting the community pantry on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. The pantry is located



Stephen Thomas

in a classroom of the parish's former school building.

Carrico credited co-coordinators Laura Amshoff and Helen Fackler, along with about 25 volunteers, for bringing the pantry to fruition.

Researching the local insecurity

issue, Fackler mentioned her shock in learning there were over 400 Bullitt County Public Schools students that were considered homeless.

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Transitional housing runs afoul with planning commission

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HILLVIEW – A request to rezone a tract off Highway 1020 will need the help of the Hillview City Council to open a transitional housing facility.

The Bullitt County Joint Planning Commission voted 6-5 on Thursday to give an unfavorable recommendation on a rezoning request by AH Properties to change just over 1 acre from R-1 Residential to R-3 Residential.

The Hillview City Council will make the final decision on the request.

Applicant Arlis Hill said his plan was to use the existing building, which had been a hardware store in the past, as a transitional housing unit. And he would build a second structure in the rear to also house individuals who have completed treatment and were looking for places to live.

When he purchased the property several years ago, Hill said he thought it was zoned commercial. Transitional housing is allowed in any residential zone but the multi-family use would

require the R-3 zoning.

The initial discussion with commissioners stated that each building would have around six units; however, by the end of the testimony, Hill said that he expected to have 18-20 people living in each structure.

Planning administrator Charlie Spalding said the actual number of tenants would be determined by building codes.

It was the number of possible occupants that seemed to turn the conversation.

Hill said he has done a lot of work to improve the existing building, where there are several tenants upstairs.

Another concern voiced by residents dealt with what could happen at the facility.

Hill said he already has a home with a transitional tenant and there had been no problems.

Morgan White, the operator of the program, said that there would be cameras and someone would be on-site around the clock. All the occupants must complete treatment programs.

Random drug screenings would be conducted on those

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ELECTION 2026

Voting locations set as primary nears

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SHEPHERDSVILLE – While there was a lot of noise about the upcoming election a few months ago, Bullitt County Clerk Kevin Mooney said things are falling into place for the May primary.

A dispute with the Bullitt County Public School System over the use of several schools for the three-day early voting period resulted in Mooney making some changes to the landscape.

Voters going early to cast ballots on May 14-16 will now have the ability to go to Paroquet Springs Conference Centre, First Baptist Church in Mount Washington, Pleasant Grove Baptist Church on Highway 44 East and the Jessie Schott Memorial Gymnasium in Hillview.

Mooney originally followed

the wishes of the Bullitt County Board of Elections but then the group opted to change sites after complaints by the school system. The plan was to use Mount Washington Elementary, Zoneton Middle and Eastside Middle for early voting.

Voters will be able to cast their ballots from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. on May 14-16. All the races will be for the Republican Party, with the exception of the non-partisan race for mayor in Lebanon Junction.

On election day, polls are open from 6 a.m. until 6 p.m. at Paroquet Springs Conference Centre, Bullitt East High, North Bullitt High, Bullitt Central High, Mount Washington First Baptist Church, Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Zoneton Middle, Jesse Schott Memorial Gym, Lebanon Junction Elementary and Nichols Elementary.

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