

**CITY OF SHEPHERD
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
Regular Called Meeting
28 N. Liberty, Shepherd City Council Chambers
Monday, January 9, 2023, 6:30 PM
OFFICIAL MINUTES**

Regular Called Meeting:

Members Present: Charles Minton, Mark Porter, Curtis Ainsworth, Ray Marrs, Yvonne Cones, Susan Daniels

Members Absent:

City Staff Present: City Secretary Debra Hagler, Larry Foerster

Others Present: Alvie Ellis, Clint Headley, Janie, Steve Watson, Blue Gill Rep, Several from the Ragsdale Subdivision, JROTC and Srgt McDonald and Stephenson, Jennifer, Eddie Ray, Jerry Lee, Several from the Dixon Subdivision.

CALLED TO ORDER /INVOCATION

Mayor Minton established a quorum called the meeting to order. Yvonne Cones led in prayer. The pledges were recited while the JROTC presented the flags.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Dogs running lose in the subdivision was a topic of discussion. Mayor Minton committed to contacting Sam Houston who is over Animal Control for the County.

Jerry Lee brought up drainage and road repairs being needed. He suggested resources be found in other places.

PUBLIC INPUT FOR ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA:

None

REPORTS:

Deputy Headley presented his End of Year Report. He also reported that the computer system has been fixed. He informed council that he is still waiting for the state to inspect the facility.

OLD BUSINESS

Discuss and take action on request from Jeff Langham to purchase a portion of the alley of Block 64

Mark Porter made a motion to schedule a public hearing regarding this matter. Curtis Ainsworth seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote. Steve Watson was present as Mr. Jeff Langham representative. He states that Mr. Langham wants to give an easement for the current water line and have it to show on the plat maps. Mr. Langham is asking the city to abandon the last 100 feet of alley beyond the old water tower, and he would like to purchase this. He owns the property on each side of the alley and the removal of the alley makes his property more valuable.

NEW BUSINESS

Discuss and take action to approve the Bluegill subdivision plat.

Curtis Ainsworth made a motion to approve this subdivision plat. Yvonne Cones seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous. This subdivision will allow for 17 homesites at the corner of Lilley and S. Byrd Ave.

Discuss and take action on concerns from Quinetta Griffin regarding potholes on Railroad Ave.

Ms. Griffin was not present- No action was taken on this item. Several from this neighborhood spoke regarding road conditions and improper drainage. It was stated that this is affecting vehicle suspension- Several stated culverts are stopped up and therefore drainage is blocked. They were in unity stating nothing is being done and stating the City should be showing some effort.

Discuss and take action on concerns from Leah Alford regarding potholes on road in Ragsdale and a ditch with an exposed pipe.

No action was taken on this item but several citizens from this subdivision were present. They discussed collapsed culverts, they discussed how the drainage has been bad since the new High School was built. The roads are narrow. There is an exposed pipe with a homeowner's yard washing away because of the drainage in the area. They all stated "Ya'll don't fix nothing." The Mayor explained the budget process and the lack of a tax base. The Bid Infrastructure Bill was mentioned as well as grants. One gentleman wanted to know how he can de-annex. Ray Marrs states the City

must start somewhere. Where does the water go? Homeowners have to do their part in keeping culverts draining. The citizens complained that when the holes are patched they are not being packed. The possibility of a bond was mentioned.

Discuss and take action on concerns from Alvie Ellis regarding trash on Shoemaker Road

No action was taken on this item. Mr. Ellis expressed concern about the amount of trash being thrown out in this location. Deputy Headley explained that they have to be caught in the act to get a ticket. It was discussed to get with Sheriff Capers and see if the prisoners can put this section of road on their rotation.

Discuss and take action to approve the 2023 Holiday schedule for the City.

Mark Porter made a motion to approve the 2023 Holiday schedule. Curtis Ainsworth seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Minutes:

Yvonne Cones made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Mark Porter seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Payment of the Bills:

Mark Porter made a motion to pay the bills. Susan Daniels seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Yvonne Cones made a motion to adjourn, and Curtis Ainsworth seconded. The motions passed with a unanimous vote.

Charles Minton, Mayor
Prepared by City Secretary, Debra Hagler