

**CITY OF SHEPHERD
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
Regular Called Meeting
28 N. Liberty, Shepherd City Council Chambers
Monday, January 8, 2024, 6:30 PM
OFFICIAL MINUTES**

REGULAR CALLED MEETING:

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

Members Absent:

City Staff Present: City Secretary Debra Hagler, City Attorney Larry Foerster

Others Present: Terri MacIntyre, Naina Magon & Dave Hawes from Hawes Hill & Associates, Anthony Whitten, Ray Atchley, Clint Headley, Sheriff Capers, Deputy Calhoon and Cody Brooks.

CALLED TO ORDER /INVOCATION

Mayor Minton called the meeting to order. Mark Porter led in prayer and the pledges were recited.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

PUBLIC INPUT FOR ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA: None

REPORTS:

Terri MacIntyre: Terri submitted a printed report with year end statics for 2023. She announced her annual Tea Party event would be the last Friday of the month. The council gave her kudos for a job well done.

Clint Headley: He emailed his report.

Matthew Greer: He reported the TCEQ inspection ended with four violations. He stated the FEMA Road Project has been completed. Council Member Ainsworth stated he has spoken with someone that was happy with the result of the road project.

OLD BUSINESS: No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation from Constable Atchley and Sheriff Capers.

No action was required on this item. The Sheriff came to present a Certificate of Appreciation to the Council for the part the city played in helping when the plant was on fire. He added that one phone call was all it took to get the shelter open.

Discuss and take any action, if necessary, on presentation from Hawes Hill Firm on the use of Tax Incremental Reinvestment Zones to stimulate city economic development.

No Action was required on this item. Hawe Hill representative Naina Magon explained that TIRZ is a tool that Cities can use to control or regulate the type of economic growth. It is not a new tax it is a reallocation of taxes. Once a TIRZ agreement is established the defined area will pay a base rate of taxes until the agreement is completed. This period is no longer than 30 years. The Councils next step is to schedule a workshop and determine the growth goals for the City. The City will determine if this is something they want to pursue and partner with the county.

Approved the 2024 Holiday Schedule.

Yvonne Cones made a motion to adopt the same Holiday Schedule as San Jacinto County for 2024. Curtis Ainsworth seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Minutes:

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

Payment of the Bills:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT: 7:26pm

Curtis Ainsworth made a motion to adjourn, and Susan Daniels seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Charles Minton, Mayor
Prepared by City Secretary, Debra Hagler