

CITY OF SHEPHERD
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
Regular Called Meeting
28 N. Liberty, Shepherd City Council Chambers
Monday, June 10, 2024, 6:30 PM
OFFICIAL MINUTES

REGULAR CALLED MEETING:

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

Members Absent:

City Staff Present: City Secretary Debra Hagler, City Attorney Larry Foerster, Anthony Whitten, Clint Headley

Others Present: Trina Powers, Linda Bridges, Robert & Audra Thomas, Ibrahim Abdulla, Ray Vann, Tammy Russell, Billy LaCoste

CALLED TO ORDER /INVOCATION

Mayor Minton called the meeting to order, Larry Foerster led in prayer and the pledges were recited.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

PUBLIC INPUT FOR ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA:

REPORTS:

No Library Report.

No Public Works Report

Clint Headley expressed his gratitude for the special called meeting and approving the agreement with DETCOG for the emergency radio services. He further reported that all of the reserves are on COPSYNC now. Code Enforcement forms are available to the reserves. He stated that primarily the reserves work on the weekends and are working with the Sheriff's Department on narcotic traffic.

The mayor stated he received positive feedback from the visibility of the officers at the Library's Chili Cookoff event.

OLD BUSINESS:

No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

Discuss and take action regarding a package of polices and resolutions pertaining to the financial and civil rights requirements of the Texas General Land Office under Contract No. 24-065-003-E160.

Susan Daniels made the motion to accept this packet of polices and resolution pertaining to this grant. Yvonne Cones seconded, and the motion was passed with a unanimous vote. Grant Administrator, Ray Vann, stated this is the same exact set of paperwork that was previously signed for the sewer project grant. This grant will be for a new water well. For grant purposes Mayor Minton and Mayor Pro Tem Mark Porter have authority to sign documents. Mr. Vann stated that this is at least 9-12 months away from starting. Environmental study is the next step before starting the design phase.

Discuss and take action on suggestion from Ebony Lowe for the City to plant fruit trees in the park.

Ms. Lowe was not present to discuss this suggestion therefore no action was taken.

Discuss and take action to grant a variance to Mr. Robert Thomas to allow him to put a storage container on his property located at 271 Ross that will be covered with hardy plank or lattice and additional landscaping to beautify.

Curtis Ainsworth made a motion to grant a variance to Mr. Thomas to install a 20-foot container on his property located at 271 Ross in consideration that this container will not be seen from the street. Susan Daniels seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. Mr. Thomas and his wife explained that this storage will be used for lawn equipment, and they intend to make it part of the landscape. They took this opportunity to express concern about an empty neighboring home that has very high grass. This concern will be directed to Chief Headley.

Discuss and take action on request from Ibrahim Abdullah to divide his property located at 120 Pittman.

Mark Porter made a motion to send the notices as required to have a public hearing at the next meeting.

Yvonne Cones seconded this, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote. Mr. Abdullah made a request to divide his property at 120 Pittman. As this is part of the original townsite it falls under the subdivision replat guidelines.

Neighbors within 200 feet must be notified. A public hearing will be held at the next meeting. Then the council can make a decision on his request to divide the property into two parcels. One parcel being 2 acres and the other 2.5 acres. The question was asked if this will be enough property to install a sewer system since this location does not have city sewer. The answer is yes. City Attorney Larry Foerster asked if each division will have road access. Mr. Ibrahim stated at the current time one of the neighbors has a horse barn on the undeveloped road.

Discuss and take action regarding a contract with ED-IT for Computer services including maintenance and repairs.

Curtis Ainsworth made a motion to enter into a contract with ED-IT for computer tech needs. Mark Porter seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote. A board member asked about getting other quotes. The Mayor explained this had been done in the past when we were searching for an. Susan commented that the pricing is good compared to what her office pays. Ray Vann suggested using ARPA funds to pay for it.

Discuss and take action to add the sale of “on premise alcohol” to the November ballot.

Mark Porter made a motion to investigate this further. Curtis Ainsworth seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous vote. City Attorney stated registered voters must present a petition. He added that there is a lot of red tape involved in this procedure.

Discussion and possible action on selection of new city attorney.

Mark Porter made a motion to invite Kenneth for an interview at our next meeting. Yvonne Cones seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Minutes:

Yvonne Cones made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Curtis Ainsworth seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

During this portion of the meeting. Mr. Abdullah mentioned the garden and horse barn when the attorney asked about street access.

121 Page was a late arrival- She asked about the possibility of building a covered parking area at her home. She was directed to get a permit. She mentioned two homes near her that need mowing as the grass is very tall. Both will be forwarded to Chief Headley for action.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:24pm

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

Charles Minton, Mayor
Prepared by City Secretary, Debra Hagler