

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

REGULAR CALLED MEETING:

Members Present: Mark Porter, Yvonne Cones, Curtis Ainsworth, Ray Marrs,

Members Absent: Charles Minton, Susan Daniels,

City Staff Present: City Secretary Debra Hagler, City Attorney Larry Foerster, Terri MacIntyre, Matthew Greer.

Others Present: Mr. & Mrs. Walter Vaquero, Tammy Russell, Bill LaCoste.

CALLED TO ORDER /INVOCATION

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

PUBLIC INPUT: Mr. Ibrahim Abdalla presented a drawing of how he would like to divide his property. He was aware that the Council could take no action as this item was not on the agenda. He stated he has 5 acres and responded he has no sewer access when asked.

PUBLIC INPUT FOR ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA:

REPORTS:

Library: Terri gave a quarterly report for the First quarter of 2024. She announced the Fund-Raising Event that the Friends of the Library have scheduled in May. She ended her presentation by stating she is looking for volunteers.

Public Works: Matt gave a report about some of the projects his department has been working on. He reported the O'Reilly's taps are complete. The line extension on Industrial Blvd is complete. He reported on the most recent Wastewater Treatment Plant Inspection. He stated he had 30 enforcement type violations and had been able to clear 26 of them thus far. He stated that he will be needing to have a communication system installed with the cost of \$46,000.00, however he has it available within his budget. He stated that he would be asking for more money at budget for the other three violations.

Mark Porter gave an update on an interview he and the Mayor had with a potential City Attorney to fill Larry's vacancy. He stated that he and the Mayor want to interview others in order to present the council with options. He also gave an update for EDC and the fact that they are hoping to have a TIRZ project and how that there had been some communication with Buckee's and there is an interest from them.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discuss and take action on request from Tammy Russell to abandon and allow her to purchase the undeveloped portion of Ross Ave between 5th Street and 10th Street.

Curtis Ainsworth made the motion to abandon this road easement between 5th and 10th Street which is approximately 80 x 30feet. Yvonne Cones seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote. Mark Poter stated he hadn't had a chance to view this section of property until after the last meeting and he then requested this item be on the next agenda because he can understand why Ms. Russel would want the barrier of trees. Larry stated the property has to be offered to both parties if it is going to be sold. He stated that by looking at the SJCAD a price per square foot can be determined and the purchase price. Legal fees and Public Notice fees will be included in the sale price.

Discuss and take action on Fabricated Home request from Jose H Martinez for 51 Page Ave.

No Action was taken on this item. The type of home will not meet the building requirements set forth by the codes the City adopted. Namely the wind factor.

Discuss and take action to approve Walter Vaquero division of a 2.67-acre track of property located at 111 Cronin Road.

Curtis Ainsworth made a motion to approve the division of Mr. Vaquero's property located at 111 Cronin. Yvonne Cones seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous vote. Mr. Vaquero presented the survey along with the metes and bounds for final approval. He will be splitting the property into two tracts. The council reminded him that no Manufactured Home can be placed on this property and that the new tract of land will need a 911 address. Mr. Vaquero will now need to file this property division with San Jacinto County.

Discuss and consider the pending delinquent hotel occupancy tax lawsuit against Aumsai Corporation and Rajesh C. Dalwadi and take action, if necessary, on the lawsuit.

Mark Porter made a motion to allow Lary to “non-suit without prejudice” this lawsuit after the May 10th payment clears. Ray Marrs seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Discuss and take action on a request from the Chamber of Commerce to pay \$5000.00 for fireworks for the annual July 4th Celebration.

Ray Marrs made a motion to “blow up \$5000.00” by paying \$5000.00 toward the July 4th celebration’s firework show. Curtis Ainsworth seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous vote.

Discuss and take action on request from Aivaro Villaverde for a Manufactured Home Variance at 423 Jill St for a 1998 American Home Star Single Wide Home.

No action was taken on this item. Ms. Vilaverde was required to present a HUD inspection and did not nor was she present.

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. Yvonne Cones seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT: 7:24pm

Curtis Ainsworth made a motion to adjourn, and Yvonne Cones seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Charles Minton, Mayor
Prepared by City Secretary, Debra Hagler