

SHEPHERD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

REGULAR CALLED MEETING

28 N. Liberty, Shepherd, Texas 77371

December 4, 2023, at 6:00pm

Members Present: Kurtz Stowers, Mark Hamilton, Freddy Ramos, Jody Cronin, Charles Minton, Mark Porter

Members Absent: Billy Lacoste,

Others Present: Debra Hagler, Lauren Migl

CALLED TO ORDER/INVOCATION/PLEDGE

Kurtz Stowers called the meeting to order. Jody Cronin also led in prayer and the pledges were recited.

APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mark Hamilton made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Freddy Ramos seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

APPROVAL MONTHLY PAYMENT OF BILLS

Jody Cronin made a motion to pay the bills. Mark Hamilton seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

CITIZEN PRESENTATIONS:

None

President Kurtz Stowers welcomed Mark Porter to the board. Mark Porter is filling the vacancy created by Amanda Addison's resignation.

OLD BUSINESS:

Update and take any action required for the "Santa is Coming To Shepherd" event scheduled for December 13th.

No action was required for this agenda item. Lauren reported she has the event planned. Flyers were sent to the school to go home with the students. She has coloring pages for the children to color while in line. The flyer encouraged parents to bring their cell phone for pictures. Kurtz asked Lauren if any help was needed. She stated it is good to go.

Update and take any action required for the EDC 101 Training Event.

This event is scheduled for January 16th and will begin at 9:00am at the Community Center. Local elected officials will be invited as well as the Chamber of Commerce. Coffee and muffins will be served. The Governor's Office will be speaking.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discuss and take action to provide gift baskets for teachers and if so to set a budget and select number of baskets.

Jody Cronin made a motion to create ten baskets valued at \$75.00. Charles Minton seconded the motion. The vote was unanimously approved.

Discuss and take action to select a project to help local businesses such as marketing.

Charles Minton made a motion to table this for further discussion at the next meeting. Jody Cronin seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote. Advertisement was discussed. Charles mentioned that Clark Addison may be able to help as he has a talent for video editing and promotional videos. Clark will be invited to attend the next EDC Meeting.

MONTHLY REPORT FROM LAUREN:

The French business that she mentioned at the last meeting made a site visit to four separate locations. Currently San Jacinto County is still in the running. They are looking for 30-45 acres. Lauren also reported on the O'Reilly's and informed the board that they should be starting construction in February. She informed the board that businesses are struggling and asking for help. She intends to meet with the SBL to gain information on resources available. She added that the Southeast Texas Health Center is in the process of constructing an addition to their building will have more doctors available. Lauren stated she has been networking and interest rates are predicted to be lower early in 2024. Lauren ended her report by stating she received multiple compliments from people loving the City's Christmas Decorations.

OPEN DISCUSSION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kurtz stated he had been informed of a broken swing set at the City Park. The public works department were informed, and repairs had been completed already.

ADJOURN: 6:52pm

Jody Cronin made a motion to adjourn. Charles Minton seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Approved by: _____
Jody Cronin, EDC President
*Prepared by Debra Hagler