# SHEPHERD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL CALLED MEETING 28 N. Liberty, Shepherd, Texas 77371 Shepherd January 4, 2021 at 6:00pm

## **OFFICIAL MINUTES: Special Called Meeting**

**Members Present:** Sherry Roberts, Charles Minton, Amanda Addison, Mark Hamilton Jody Cronin, Freddy Ramos

Members Absent:Joe WilliamsonOthers Present:Debra Hagler, Lauren Migl, Rebecka Ramos

#### CALLED TO ORDER/INVOCATION/PLEDGE

Jody Cronin called the meeting to order. Sherry Roberts said the prayer and the pledges were stated.

## **APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Sherry Roberts made a motion to approve the minutes. Freddy Ramos seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

## **APPROVAL MONTHLY PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Sherry Roberts made a motion to pay the bills. Amanda Addison seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

## **CITIZEN PRESENTATIONS:**

None OLD BUSINESS: None NEW BUSINESS: Review the 2020 Sales Tax Report

There was no action taken on this item. Mayor Minton pointed out that it has increased each year. He stated there was a 14% increase from 2019-2020. With COVID being a factor more people shopped local. The board noticed and discussed the amount of revenue generated from businesses with no store front.

#### Discuss and Evaluate 2020 and take action necessary to set goals for 2021

Charles Minton made a motion to table this item and look at the prior goals. Freddy Ramos seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote. The board discussed increasing sales tax. Discussion on how to promote online businesses was held. Measurable goals are the desired. Focus and get motivated.

#### **MONTHLY REPORT FROM LAUREN:**

Lauren reported she wants to try another business brunch at a different time. Jody stated its exciting seeing growth. He expressed his appreciation to Lauren and that she has fulfilled the vison the EDC had when they hired her.

## **OPEN DISCUSSION & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Amanda volunteered to research Christmas decorations.

#### ADJOURN

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

Approved by: Joe Williamson, EDC President \*Prepared by Debra Hagler