

# **SHEPHERD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **REGULAR MEETING**

28 N. Liberty, Shepherd, Texas 77371  
Shepherd November 2, 2020 at 6:00pm

#### **OFFICIAL MINUTES: Regular Called Meeting**

**Members Present:** Joe Williamson, Sherry Roberts, Charles Minton, Amanda Addison, Mark Hamilton

**Members Absent:** Jody Cronin, Freddy Ramos

**Others Present:** Debra Hagler, Lauren Migl,

#### **CALLED TO ORDER/INVOCATION/PLEDGE**

Joe Williamson called the meeting to order. Sherry Roberts said the prayer and the pledges were stated.

#### **APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Charles Minton made a motion to approve the minutes after the correction is made. Sherry Roberts seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote. The incorrect minutes reflected that Sherry Roberts was at the previous meeting when in fact she was not.

#### **APPROVAL MONTHLY PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Charles Minton 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:**

##### **Discuss and take any action necessary on Business Brunch scheduled for November 19th.**

Charles Minton made a motion to use the funding set aside for the "Be Kind" campaign as a party budget for the Business Brunch. Sherry Roberts seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. Lauren stated she wants to serve soup and have a waffle bar. She wants a fall theme and will be mailing invitations. Amanda Addison offered to help.

##### **Discuss and take action to renovate and add plumbing to the available EDC spaces.**

Mark Hamilton made a motion to table this item to get more price quotes. Amanda Addison seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote. 3 of the rental spaces do not have plumbing. Joe provided a quote for \$4500 to add plumbing to these three spaces and connect it to the existing services. Charles Minton made the comment that this is an investment and should be considered.

##### **Discuss and take action to approve rental by a Smoke Shop.**

Charles made a motion to deny this. Sherry Roberts seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote. The EDC board was not against the Smoke shop but the decision was in consideration of the existing business and the clientele they currently have, specifically the elderly ladies at the Beauty Shop and children at the Day care.

**Discuss and take action to consider property acquisition to extend Railroad Ave south to Hwy 59.**

Mark Hamilton made a motion to take no action on this item. Amanda Addison seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote. Charles Minton presented this idea and stated it was whimsical because it gets the City closer to a goal but it doesn't get the City to the finish line. This property acquisition has been discussed as an additional route to Hwy 59 especially in an emergency situation with the Rail Road.

**Report from Lauren Migl**

Lauren reported a new plastic business that will start with 4-5 employees and expects to grow to 15 employees. She also reported on the Halloween event at the Gazebo Park calling it a success with 16 businesses joining in. She has ideas to make it better next year including getting the school involved.

**OPEN DISCUSSION & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A reminder was given regarding the Ribbon Cutting for Fierce Nutrition and the Business Brunch.**

**ADJOURN**

Charles Minton made a motion to adjourn. Amanda Addison seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

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