

**CITY OF SHEPHERD**  
**BOARD OF ALDERMEN**  
**Regular Called Meeting**  
28 N. Liberty, Shepherd City Council Chambers  
Monday, April 10, 2023, 6:30 PM  
**OFFICIAL MINUTES**

**Regular Called Meeting:**

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

**Members Absent:**

**City Staff Present:** City Secretary Debra Hagler, Larry Foerster

**Others Present:** Kris Eastham, Matthew Greer, Eddie Ray Charles, Gill Smith, Carla Mendez, Deputy Headley, JROTC with Leaders- Edward McDonald and Maurice Stephenson, Kristi Andrews, Alberta Lewis

**CALLED TO ORDER /INVOCATION**

Mayor Minton established a quorum called the meeting to order. Mark Porter led in prayer. The JROTC presented and the pledges were recited.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

The Mayor reminded those presented of the rules of public input-

Kris Eastham made a quick speech to express appreciation for the "Road Show" that TDEM held.

Sonny: Presented a request to have a Manufactured Home Storage area on the 8.77 acres on Hwy 59 North Bound Feeder. The Mayor reminded us that we have no zoning, however the City Attorney asked that this be an agenda item for the next meeting.

**PUBLIC INPUT FOR ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA:**

**None**

**REPORTS:**

**Clint Headley:** Deputy Headley announced a big arrest (Multi-County) in the Family Dollar "smash and grab" thieves had been caught. He announced that the Police Department was 2/3 approved.

**Matthew Greer:** He reported a few projects that he and the crew have been able to complete since he started. They were able to get many of the items on the TCEQ inspection report back into compliance. The Council was pleased with the list of items completed and the detailed report.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Discuss and take action to grant Gil Smith's request for the City to disannex his property.**

Mark Porter made a motion to deny this request. Susan Daniels seconded, and the motion passed with 3 voting yes. Ray Marrs and Curtis Ainsworth abstained from the vote. Mr. Smith has property that borders the City Limit edge. He requested to be disannexed stating he gets no City benefits, and he doesn't want the hassle involved with the permitting process as he has a building project on the horizon. Mayor Minton prepared a slide presentation showing many of the indirect benefits taxpayers have including things like parks, the library and election services.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Discuss and take action to allow Gundy Overturn to switch the layout of her lots at 40 Knighton.**

No Action was taken on this item as Ms. Overturn was not present to present her request.

**Discuss and take action to put \$5000.00 toward the cost of the Fireworks for the July 4<sup>th</sup> Event sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.**

Curtis Ainsworth made a motion to spend \$5000.00 towards the cost of the July 4<sup>th</sup> Firework Event. Mark Porter seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**Discuss and take action on request from Martina Guerrero for a Manufactured Home Variance on Ross Street.**

No Action was taken on this item. Ms. Guerrero was not present.

**Discuss and take action on request from Carla Mendez for a Manufactured Home Variance at 20 Richey Road**

No Action was taken on this item. It was determined that Ms. Mendez will be placing a 2023 home on 5 acres of land therefore a variance is not required.

Discuss and take action to hire a dog catcher.

**No Action was taken on this item. There was discussion and the council decided this is a better topic for a budget workshop.**

**Minutes:**

Yvonne Cones made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Curtis Ainsworth seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**Payment of the Bills:**

Mark Porter made a motion to pay the bills. Ray Marrs seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Groundbreaking ceremony for the new Helping Hands will be held on Sunday at 2:00pm  
Food Truck is this coming Friday.

**ADJOURNMENT: 7:24**

Yvonne Cones made a motion to adjourn, and Susan Daniels seconded. The motions passed with a unanimous vote.

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Charles Minton, Mayor  
Prepared by City Secretary, Debra Hagler