

SHEPHERD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

REGULAR CALLED MEETING

28 N. Liberty, Shepherd, Texas 77371

February 6, 2023, at 6:00pm

Members Present: Jody Cronin, Amanda Addison, Charles Minton, Freddy Ramos

Members Absent: Billy Lacoste, Mark Hamilton, Kurtz Stowers,

Others Present: Debra Hagler, Lauren Migl, Dept. Headley

CALLED TO ORDER/INVOCATION/PLEDGE

Jody Cronin called the meeting to order. Jody also led in prayer and the pledges were stated.

APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Amanda Addison made a motion to approve the minutes. Charles Minton seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

APPROVAL MONTHLY PAYMENT OF BILLS

Charles Minton made a motion to pay the bills. Freddy Ramos seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

CITIZEN PRESENTATIONS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Discuss and take action to accept bid for parking lot stoppers and striping at the Community Center.

Amanda Addison made a motion to remove 15 of the parking stoppers and accept the bid. Charles Minton seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote. The board chose to only have stoppers at parking spaces facing the building.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discuss and take action required to install a Welcome to Shepherd sign at the South end of Shepherd.

Charles Minton made a motion to take this first step and contact TXDOT. Freddy Ramos seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. Lauren volunteered to contact TXDOT regarding this project. A location has not been determined at this time.

Discuss and take action to amend the budget and use fund balance to asphalt two City Streets.

No action was taken on this item. The City Attorney informed the EDC that this is not an acceptable expenditure.

Discuss and take action needed to move fund balance into CDs.

Charles Minton made a motion to open 3 CD's at \$100,000.00 each from Fund Balance in the Checking account. Freddy Ramos seconded the motion and the motion passed with a unanimous vote. The board agreed to take \$300,000.00 of fund balance in the checking account and open 3 separate CD's valued at \$100,000.00 each.

Discuss and take action to purchase tablecloths in different colors for the EDC's use and to rent out.

No Action was taken on this item. The goal is to purchase black tablecloths for the upcoming event and use these to rent out and see how it will do before purchasing in several colors.

Discuss and take action to terminate Mr. Tanner's lease agreement.

Charles Minton made a motion to table this item as they want to speak to Mr. Tanner before taking any action.

Discuss and take action to allow Lauren to attend a Broadband Summit in May.

Freddy Ramos made a motion to send Lauren to this summit in May. Charles Minton seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Discuss and take action to hire a plumber and an electrician to address some maintenance issues in the EDC building.

Charles Minton made a motion to get these maintenance items repaired. Amanda Addison seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote. Ashley’s rental space needs a pea trap and has a leak in the wall. Perla is having issues with her lights in her space.

MONTHLY REPORT FROM LAUREN:

Lauren stated she had been contacted by two mothers asking about the possibility of a splash pad. She reported that Little Caesar’s is looking for a space. Lauren pitched the idea of having a “taste of Shepherd” as the menu for the upcoming Business Dinner. Charles stated he liked the idea but felt it should be a separate event. The board agreed. She informed the board of some webinars that she had viewed and a tourism meeting she is scheduled to attend. She announced that several Shepherd businesses were awarded the Best of San Jacinto County awards.

OPEN DISCUSSION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

A request from Livingston Radio station requesting advertising in support of FFA week was discussed. It was not an agenda item as the request came in late therefore no action could be taken.

ADJOURN: 6:57

Charles Minton made a motion to adjourn. Freddy Ramos seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

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