

**CITY OF SHEPHERD  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
Regular Called Meeting  
28 N. Liberty, Shepherd City Council Chambers  
Monday, March 11, 2024, 6:30 PM  
OFFICIAL MINUTES**

**REGULAR CALLED MEETING:**

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

**Members Absent:** Yvonne Cones,

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

**Others Present:** The Ackers, Stallings, Tammy Russell, Clint Headley, Officer Calhoon, Officer Whitten

**CALLED TO ORDER /INVOCATION**

Mayor Minton called the meeting to order. Curtis Ainsworth led in prayer and the pledges were recited.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** None

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

**REPORTS:**

No Reports

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Discuss and take action on request from Tammy Russell to abandon and allow her to purchase the undeveloped portion of Ross Ave between 5th Street and 10th Street.**

Mark Porter made a motion to postpone this until next month. There was no second, so the motion died. Susan Daniel made a motion not to sell this property and deny Ms. Russel's request. Mark Porter seconded. Susan Daniel and Mark Porter voted in to approve this motion. Curtis Ainsworth and Ray Marrs voted to deny this motion. This left Mayor Minton with the tie breaking decision. He voted to deny Ms. Russel's request. Ms. Russel apologized for having to miss the last meeting. Mayor Minton stated his opinion was to keep the roadway as is since the City has no current plans to use this road right of way and since the future is undetermined there might be a need for it down the road. Susan said it is not a good precedence to sell it. Mark Porter stated he is torn. Curtis mentioned the fact that it is a messy swampy area on the other side. Even though there was no contact from the other property owner the attorney mentioned that we are only talking about half a street. The attorney stated that the council could abandon it tonight without selling it. Mark Porter wanted to table the decision since he did not get a chance to do a drive by. Tammy asked why delay this since it has been 4 months already.

**Discuss and take action regarding drainage on the Biddle Development located on S. Byrd Ave.**

No action was required on this item. Mr. Biddle stated the engineering plans are almost ready to be delivered to TXDOT for approval on the drainage plans. Mr. Biddle explained that his drainage will be going to the retention pond on his property. Everyone else's drainage will be diverted to the natural drainage that flows into TXDOT's drain.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Presentation of Certificates of Appreciation**

Some of the officers were not available to attend the meeting so Clint cancelled this and he along with the Mayor will hand deliver the certificates of appreciation.

**Discuss and take action on a request from Cary Stallings for a Disk Golf Park**

No action was taken on this item. Mr. Stallings considers himself a disk golf enthusiast. He thought about all the visitors a disk golf course could bring to Shepherd. He stated that with ten acres of land and about twelve grand a course could be made. The Mayor informed Mr. Stallings that the City does not have acreage. Mr. Stallings thanked the board for their time, and he left the meeting.

**Discuss and take action on Manufactured Home request from Jose H Martinez for 51 Page Ave.**

Mark Porter made a motion to let Bureau Veritas review this type of home before granting approval. Ray Marrs seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. Mr. Martinez presented a 20x20 fabricated kit home that will sit on blocks. The Mayor expressed his concern about multiple homes being on these two lots. (Note:

Bureau Veritas said this type of home will not pass plan review under the current codes adopted by the City. The wind factor is just one of the things that does not meet code.)

**Discuss and take action on request from Gail Norris to resurface Richey Road**

No action was taken on this item. Ms. Norris stated that Richey Road is like a third world. She had pictures she showed to the board. There are six homes on this road. Until the drainage issue can be resolved it will not be prudent to resurface the road. Curtis suggest the cost be assessed. Matt gave an estimated figure of upward of \$50,000.00. The board discussed that this is not the only street with issues. Presenting a bond to the voters was suggested as a solution. Ms. Norris asked about federal grants. Matt committed to putting more patch material on the road and to evaluate if he can do anything immediate to the ditches.

**Discuss and take action on request from Tyler Stowe at 230 Joyce to have a reimbursement of sewer fees.**

Mark Porter made a motion to reimburse Mr. Stowe. Curtis Ainsworth seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote. Neither the city employees nor Mr. Stowe caught the fact that he was being charged for sewer and he has a septic system.

**Discuss and take action to waive rental fees for the Pitrucha Benefit scheduled for March 23rd.Minutes:**

Curtis Ainsworth made a motion to waive these fees for this benefit. Mark Porter seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote. This young man is the son of the former City Secretary.

**Minutes:**

Curtis Ainsworth made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Mark Porter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Payment of the Bills:**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Workshop on March 18<sup>th</sup>.

**ADJOURNMENT: 7:29pm**

Curtis Ainsworth made a motion to adjourn, and Ray Marrs seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

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Charles Minton, Mayor  
Prepared by City Secretary, Debra Hagler