

**CITY OF SHEPHERD
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
Regular Called Meeting
28 N. Liberty, Shepherd City Council Chambers
Monday, August 9, 2021 6:30 PM
OFFICIAL MINUTES**

Regular Called Meeting:

Members Present: Charles Minton, Ray Marrs, Yvonne Cones, Mark Porter, Kurtz Stowers,

Members Absent: Curtis Ainsworth,

City Staff Present: City Secretary Debra Hagler, Larry Foerster

Others Present: David Weldon, Steve Watson, Jamie White

CALLED TO ORDER /INVOCATION

Mayor Minton called the meeting to order. Yvonne Cones led in prayer. The pledges were recited.

PUBLIC INPUT:

None

PUBLIC INPUT FOR ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA:

NONE

REPORTS:

Terri MacIntyre: She presented a handout. She reported on Summer Reading. She stated they had an average of 22 children each day. An ice cream party is schedule to end out the program. Terri announced some new events she wants to try. A Senior Meet & Greet for the local senior citizens. She explained that her office has been relocated and a meeting room has been created. The library's daily traffic for the month has increased from the 533 patrons in May to 620 in July. They have been able to add 900 books to the inventory as a result of the Half Price Bookstore donation. Terri excitedly announced that State Library Association started following their library Facebook page. The last event that Terri chose to speak about was the Art contest they held.

Constable Atchley: Announced he had selected a new Deputy. Deputy Clint Headley will be the designated officer for the city.

Steve Watson: wanted to give kudos to the Public Works department. He had a leak, and he stated the guys were very responsive. He added that he has always gotten good response and straight answers any time he has dealt with the city.

Debra: Reported a report to show how many permits have been pulled within the previous two months and a report that reflects the amount of money the Clerks in the front office are handling. There were 24 permits pulled and over \$74,000.00 collected for the water/sewer payments.

OLD BUSINESS

Discuss and take action regarding sending a representative to the school board meeting in August to discuss options for S. Railroad to accommodate bus traffic.

Mark Porter made a motion to send Curtis Ainsworth and Mayor Minton. Yvonne Cones seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous vote. Curtis has been selected to go at the previous meeting, but he had reservations about attending since he works for the school. The meeting is scheduled for August 19th.

Discuss and take action to charge a fee to jet out customers culverts.

Mark Porter made a motion to charge \$150 for the city guys to use the jet machine and clean out a culvert. Yvonne Cones seconded and the motion passed with 3 voting for and Ray Marrs voting against. Jamie explained that the procedure to do this and the equipment needed. A discussion was held as to whether this is the City's responsibility since it affects our drainage or the customer's responsibility. The Culverts are in the Right of Way which give the City the authority to use but it doesn't provide ownership according to Larry Foerster.

Discuss and take action regarding streetlight for Quinetta Griffin.

Mark Porter made a motion to table this item since Ms. Griffin was not present Kurtz Stowers seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Discuss and take action to finalize the closure and sale of the Alley on Town site Blocks 52 & 59 by adopting Ordinance #331.

Mark Porter made a motion to adopt this Ordinance. Kurtz Stowers seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote. To abandon these alleyways will be good for the City's development. The Attorney pointed out that he didn't think the city should have to pay for his attorney fees. Block 59 cost will be \$501.15 for Mr. Tanner. Mr. Langham will need to pay \$3000.00 for Block 52 and \$2502.85 for Block 59. The attorney fees total \$1000.00.

NEW BUSINESS

Discuss and take action on request from David Weldon to pass a resolution of support to create awareness stating the City is against the proposed landfill that is coming to the County.

Yvonne Cones made a motion to approve this resolution. Mark Porter seconded. The motion passed with 3 voting for and Ray Marrs voting against. Mr. Weldon to create awareness ask the City to consider showing a support to say we are against this landfill based on possible groundwater contamination, the proximity of the flood plain bordering this property as well as the potential fire hazard as the property backs up to the National Forest. He stated the equivalent weight of 1600 Tahoes worth of garbage will be hauled in daily.

Discuss and take action on Quinetta Griffin's request to de-annex from the City of Shepherd into the County because of no city amenities other than water.

Kurtz Stowers made a motion to deny this request per the Attorney's response that this property because of location can not be de-annexed. Mark Porter seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Discuss and take action on drainage concerns from Quinetta Griffin.

No action was taken on this item as Ms. Griffin was not present.

Discuss and take action on pothole concerns from Quinetta Griffin

No action was taken on this item as Ms. Griffin was not present.

Discuss and take action to set a minimum bid on property ID 46180- 1.092 acres owned by the City of Shepherd.

Mark Porter made a motion to set the minimum bid at \$25,000.00 based on the appraisal value. Kurtz Stowers seconded the motion and the motion passed with a unanimous vote. A citizen inquired about purchasing this piece of property as he has adjoining properties.

Discuss and take action on request from Deborah Bryan to live in a 5th wheel while construction is being done at 50 Redbud Lane.

Mark Porter made a motion to take no action on this item since no one was present for discussion. Ray Marrs seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Discuss and take action on a Manufactured Home Variance Request from Morris Chappel at 560 Dirden.

No action was taken on this item. It was discovered that Mr. Chappel has enough acreage that a variance is not required. He will be moving a 2011 Modular Home with Hardy plank and I-beams onto the property to replace the home that recently was destroyed by fire.

Discuss and take action to order an election for November 2021 to elect 3 full term aldermen and 1 unexpired term alderman.

Yvonne Cones made a motion to order an election. Ray Marrs seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote. The Election is estimated to cost the city \$13320.66. The election will to be elect 3 full time alderman position and 1 unexpired position.

Discuss and take action to set a Workshop to discuss the 2021-2022 Budget and Tax Rate.

Mark Porter made a motion to have a workshop on Sept 2 and Sept 7 at 7:00 pm. The Public Hearing is scheduled for 6:30 on September 13th. Yvonne Cones seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Discuss preliminary Budget.

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No Action was taken on this item.

Minutes:

Mark Porter made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Ray Marrs seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Payment of the Bills:

Mark Porter made a motion to pay the bills. Yvonne Cones seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT: 8:13 pm

Yvonne Cones made a motion to adjourn and Ray Marrs seconded. The motions passed with a unanimous vote.

Charles Minton, Mayor
Prepared by City Secretary, Debra Hagler