

SHEPHERD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

REGULAR MEETING

Shepherd EDC Building, 10501 Hwy 150

Monday, May 7, 2018 at 6:00 P. M.

OFFICIAL MINUTES: Regular Called Meeting

Members Present: Joe Williamson Jody Cronin Sherry Roberts
Earl Brown Linda Yates Gary Powell

Members Absent: Roy Pippin

Others Present: Debra Hagler, Tom Yates

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

Jody Cronin made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Gary Powell seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote. A correction was made on the approval of the minutes. It was Jody Cronin that made a motion to approve and it was Earl Brown that seconded the motion.

APPROVAL MONTHLY PAYMENT OF BILLS

Gary Powell made a motion to pay the bills. Sherry Roberts seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

CITIZEN PRESENTATIONS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Discuss and take action on request from Helenmarie Johnson, Director at the Shepherd Public Library for youth and children's tablets.

Gary Powell made a motion to pay for 12 of the launch pads. Jody Cronin seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote. Director of the Shepherd Public Library presented the request for the EDC to pay for these launch pads. These are educational tablets that will be programed with learning games designed for specific ages. These will have program for K-3, 3-5 and up to 5 grades. The tablets are very sturdy and no internet is required. Some libraries check them out. She stated she can purchase 10 for \$1000.00. After questioning if EDC funds can be spent on this the answer was yes because it is educational and it is for the community.

b. Discuss and take action to participate in the Cleanup Awareness Project on May 19th.

Jody Cronin made a motion to spend up to \$2000.00 to participate in the Clean Up Shepherd "CAP." Sherry Roberts seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote. The Clean

Up Awareness Project- CAP is scheduled for May 19th from 8:00-5:00 at the Old TXDOT property. This will be the beginning of trying to get Shepherd clean and up to current code standards. There will be expenses for this project like having to pay for tire disposal or to have Freon drained out of old appliances.

c. Report from Mayor Brown with updates on City news including discussion of the New City Hall which will include office space and a meeting room for the EDC's use.

Mayor Brown expressed his appreciation to Mr. Hartley for the use of the TXDOT property for the Clean Up Shepherd Event. Mayor Brown also gave a report about the progress with the new City Hall. Bids were in but had not been awarded yet. The Mayor also reported that the City had entered into an agreement with the MTC Unit in Cleveland to have offenders work for the City up to two days a week. He also reported there is more possible funding resulting from Hurricane Harvey and he has joined with several other mayors asking the state to cover the matching part of the grants.

OPEN DISCUSSION

The Family Dollar is almost open. The EDC Task force was explained. Joe reported he has been told the lot next to the Post Office was being cleared for a strip center that would have a tanning salon in it. It was also reported that the agreement between the Youth League and the School was almost final.

ADJOURN

Gary Powel made a motion to adjourn. Jody Cronin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Approved by:

Joe Williamson, EDC President

Prepared by Debra Hagler, Secretary/Treasurer