

SHEPHERD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

REGULAR MEETING

28 N. Liberty, Shepherd, Texas 77371
Shepherd EDC April 1, 2019 at 6:00 P. M.

OFFICIAL MINUTES: Regular Called Meeting

Members Present: Joe Williamson Charles Minton Roy Pippin Freddy Ramos
Sherry Roberts

Members Absent: Roy Pippin, Rick Hartley

Others Present: Debra Hagler, Betty Russo, Amanda Addison, Oliver De La Garza

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

Charles Minton made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Jody Cronin seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

APPROVAL MONTHLY PAYMENT OF BILLS

Jody Cronin 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:

Presentation from Oliver De La Garza from Communities Unlimited.

No Action was taken on this item. Oliver talked about the possibilities of applying for some grants and that he could possibly help with the process. He stated he has resources and has the ability to set some meetings up for us if needed. He also asked if one or more of the board members could meet his board of directors on Friday. He stated that he would be around more often.

Discuss and take action to consider an amendment to the 2018-2019 Shepherd Economic Development Corporation Budget to create a new line item entitled "Shepherd ISD Training" and budget \$20,000.00 to fund additional teachers to improve Shepherd ISD test scores which in turn should improve the image of both the school district and the City in order to attract prospective new businesses which may be considering locating in the City of Shepherd and to promote new or expanded business development in the City.

Sherry Roberts made a motion to move \$20,000.00 from Capital Expenditures into a new line item called Shepherd ISD Training. Jody Cronin seconded and the motion passed. The item will go before City Council for final approval.

Discuss and take action on Resolution to set a Public Hearing at the May 6, 2019 EDC Meeting regarding the agreement with SISD to fund additional teachers to improve Shepherd ISD test scores which in turn should improve the image of both the school district and the City in order to attract prospective new businesses which may be considering locating in the City of Shepherd and to promote new or expanded business development in the City.

Charles Minton made a motion to set a public hearing for May 6, 2019 for Public comment regarding the funding for the school. Freddy Ramos seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Open Discussion from Betty Russo with the Governor's Office.

Ms. Russo stated she can also help set meetings if needed. She stated she can host workshops. She reported that one of the big deal House Bills is regarding Broadband. Ms. Russo discussed how valuable it would be to hire a person to get the leads from the state regarding potential new business and the need for confidentiality. The board discuss that maybe this new person could handle the Social Media and the rentals at the Community Center. Betty ended affirming her desire to help.

OPEN DISCUSSION

ADJOURN

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

Approved by:

Joe Williamson, EDC President

*Prepared by Debra Hagler