

CITY OF SHEPHERD
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
Regular Called Meeting
28 N. Liberty, Shepherd City Council Chambers
Monday, September 9, 2024, 6:30 PM
OFFICIAL MINUTES

REGULAR CALLED MEETING:

Members Present: Charles Minton, Mark Porter, Yvonne Cones, Curtis Ainsworth, Ray Marrs

Members Absent: Susan Daniels,

City Staff Present: City Secretary Debra Hagler, City Attorney Kenneth LaVergne, Terri MacIntyre, Matthew Greer, Anthony Whitten, Captn. Baker.

Others Present: Kris Eastham, Kenneth's wife Drena and their daughter, Sargent McDonald & the JROTC, Mr. & Mrs. Munke, Kurtz Stowers, Lisa Almazan.

CALLED TO ORDER /INVOCATION

Mayor Minton called the meeting to order, Matthew Greer led in prayer and the pledges were recited as the JROTC presented the flags.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE TAX RATE AND BUDGETS FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR

Mayor Minton opened the Public Hearing. There were no comments nor discussion. Mayor Minton closed the public hearing.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

PUBLIC INPUT FOR ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA: None

REPORTS:

Police: Capt. Baker represented the Police Department in Chief Headley's absence. The Chief prepared a written monthly report. No discussion or questions were asked.

Public Works: No report

Library: No Report

Kris Eastham from TDEM gave an update on the Hurricane.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discuss and take action to grant a Manufactured Home Variance for 1995 home to be placed at 70 Oak Ln

Mark Porter made a motion to table this item. Yvonne Cones seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Discuss and take action on a Manufactured Home variance request from Margarito Deleon for a 1990 Home to be placed across the street from 101 Scenic Drive. (no physical address provided)

Mark Porter made a motion to have them get an inspection on the home. Yvonne Cones seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote. The home is an older home, and the owner has someone interested in buying the home. It is currently vacant. It is in a defacto area (an area previously approved for Manufactured Homes.) The council would like the City inspector to view the home and see if it meets the standards of livability.

Discuss and take action on request from Joe Munke to purchase the alley behind her house on 220 Spring Ave.

Yvonne Cones made a motion to table this item until the next meeting to allow the new City Attorney to educate us on the procedure to sell City property. Curtis Ainsworth seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a

unanimous vote. Mr. Peace, the neighbor across the street is interested in purchased the other section of the alley that connects with his property. The area under consideration will be approximately 100 x 20 feet.

Discuss and take action to renew the Investment Policy

Mark Porter made a motion to renew the investment policy. Ray Marrs seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote. There were no changes to the policy. It is the same as it has been in previous years.

Discuss and take action to repair/ re-shingle the roof on the Community Center

Curtis Ainsworth made a motion to move forward and have the roof re-shingled. Yvonne Cones seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote. The roof sustained damage with Hurricane Beryl. The cost will be \$28,800.00 and will be funded via an insurance claim.

Discuss and take action to designate a portion of the ARPA funds to re-pave some roads, replace a rotor at the sewer plan, enclose a bay to create an inventory storage plus demo the Pirate Barn, and replace the floor in Council Chambers.

Mark Porter made a motion to designate ARPA funds on these projects. Curtis Ainsworth seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote. The roads are estimated to cost \$241000.00, The Rotor \$34,200.00, the floor estimate is \$7750.00, and the enclosure is estimated to be \$15,000.00. The Road project will include a portion of Railroad Ave which will get hot mix. Post Oak and Knight will be overlaid with Chip and Seal. Pin Oak will get hot mix after the Public Works department moves the water line. Roads in the Ragsdale subdivision will not be addressed until some drainage issues can be resolved.

Discuss and take action to adopt Ordinance #352 to adopt a tax rate for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year.

Mark Porter made a motion to keep the same tax rate. Ray Marrs seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote. The tax rate will remain at 0.16442 per \$100.00 of assessed value. This will generate \$17,480.00 in revenue for the City. An increase of 9.37%.

Discuss and take action to adopt Ordinance #353 adopting the 2024-2025 Budgets, the General Fund & Utility Fund which includes employee pay rate plus the EDC's budgets.

Curtis Ainsworth made a motion to adopt the budgets as presented. Yvonne Cones seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Minutes:

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

Payment of the Bills:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT: 7:04pm

Yvonne Cones made a motion to adjourn, and Curtis Ainsworth seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Charles Minton, Mayor
Prepared by City Secretary, Debra Hagler