

SHEPHERD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

REGULAR CALLED MEETING

28 N. Liberty, Shepherd, Texas 77371

September 6, 2022, at 6:00pm

OFFICIAL MINUTES: Special Called Meeting

Members Present: Jody Cronin, Billy LaCoste, Amanda Addison, Mark Hamilton, Charles Minton

Members Absent: Kurtz Stowers, Freddy Ramos,

Others Present: Debra Hagler, Lauren Migl, Clint Headley

CALLED TO ORDER/INVOCATION/PLEDGE

Jody Cronin called the meeting to order. Mark Hamilton led in prayer and the pledges were stated.

APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Amanda Addison made a motion to approve the minutes. Billy LaCoste seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote. Comment was made that the flags look good.

APPROVAL MONTHLY PAYMENT OF BILLS

Billy LaCoste made a motion to pay the bills. Mark Hamilton seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote. The payment to CCC Blacktopping was questioned. It was explained that this was the down payments before the project began. A final payment will be required when the project is complete.

CITIZEN PRESENTATIONS:

Deputy Clint Headley stated that he is receiving cooperation when he is required to enforce City Codes. The Judge verified that this is being handled in a positive manner.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discuss and take action regarding sign for the EDC Building at 11231 Hwy 150.

Charles Minton made a motion to approve this sign and the EDC will purchase a replacement sign for each new renter. Amanda Addison seconded the motion and the motion passed with a unanimous vote. The quoted price for the sign is \$2300.00. The inserts will be a hard plastic and will take approximately 2 weeks. A question was asked about the space that Mr. Tanner rents since it is not an active business. There will be space on the sign but no insert at the current time for Mr. Tanner's space.

Discuss and take action regarding adding additional hot water heaters in units without one.

No Action was taken on this item. Misty's rent has been reduced \$50.00 to compensate for the electricity used in the hallway and hall restroom that is attached to her electric bill.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discuss and take action on request from Lil Pirate Day Care to expand.

No Action was taken on this item. It was asked to have this placed on the next agenda. They want to get some measurements. Plus, they want her present as this will be a big investment.

Discuss and take action regarding the Budget for 2022-2023 to be presented to Council for approval

Mark Hamilton made a motion to approve the budget to go before Council for final approval. Charles Minton seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Discuss and take action regarding Halloween in the Park October Event and consider changing location to the Community Center park.

Billy LaCoste made a motion to sponsor this event again this year and to move it to the Community Center Park to accommodate additional and safer parking area. Amanda Addison seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Discuss and take action sponsor a Business “thank-you” in November

Charles Minton made a motion to approve the suggested change to the Annual Thank you for local businesses. Amanda Addison seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Instead of a come and go brunch event, Lauren wants to give a small token of appreciation

Discuss and take action on some kind of community notification board

No action as taken on this item. The board wants alternative ideas. Lauren agreed to do a FB Event Page and print a monthly calendar of events.

MONTHLY REPORT FROM LAUREN:

Lauren stated she had met with Ms. Butler and that she will be helping with the Community Feast. She spoke with the man previously interested in building a Grocery Store in the area has now been considering a hardware store. Lauren reported that she had notified and supplied paperwork to local businesses regarding the Grant she previously mentioned. She suggested a “Best Burger” contest. The board was excited at the potential of this event with much discussion on possible rules and how to keep it fair.

OPEN DISCUSSION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The County Fair was mentioned.

ADJOURN: 7:18

Charles Minton made a motion to adjourn. Amanda Addison seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Approved by: _____
Jody Cronin, EDC President
*Prepared by Debra Hagler