

SHEPHERD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

REGULAR MEETING

28 N. Liberty, Shepherd, Texas 77371
Shepherd EDC January 7, 2019 at 6:00 P. M.

OFFICIAL MINUTES: Regular Called Meeting

Members Present: Joe Williamson Jody Cronin Charles Minton
Sherry Roberts Rick Hartley

Members Absent: Roy Pippin

Others Present: Debra Hagler, Isaac & Amanda Addison, Pat Reynolds

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

Sherry Roberts 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:

Discuss and take action to accept Gary Powell's resignation as an EDC Board Member

Charles Minton made a motion to accept Gary's resignation. Rick Hartley seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Discuss and make nominations to fill the vacancy resulting from Gary Powell's resignation.

Charles Minton made a motion to nominate Freddy Ramos to fill the EDC Board vacancy as Mr. Ramos had expressed an interest in serving on this board. Jody Cronin seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Discuss and take action to designate who can sign documents and checks for the EDC.

Charles Minton made a motion that Rick Hartley, Sherry Roberts and Joe Williamson be designated as signatures for the EDC. Jody Cronin seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Discuss and take action to set annual goals for 2019

No action was taken on this item but many things were discussed including the announcement of several new businesses that are working to get established. Shepherd Auto Parts is under new ownership and they have plans to expand and put in a service area. Mr. Tanner is also renting a space from the EDC to start a Remote Control Hobby Shop. The Pharmacy is under new ownership too. The Old Texaco Station has been bought and there are plans for a tire shop and an eatery. The 4 Corner Café is making progress and intends to open soon. Discuss was held advertise and attract developers to the area. Discuss was held on how to increase sales taxes. The board was in agreement to research the cost of advertising on the TXDOT signs with the possibility of paying for the advertisement for the businesses as a way to increase sales taxes. The question was asked

how it would be measured. The understanding of the board is that they try to attract 3 new businesses this year, increase tax revenue and possible advertising. There was further discussion about how housing could be a spark for economic growth. They discussed goals need to be multifaceted. A question was asked about the City's water rating? Does the City have superior ratings? Big City issues were discussed such as vagrants and dogs.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Sherry asked about test results at the school. Mr. Hartley stated "most scores went forward."

ADJOURN

Jody Cronin made a motion to adjourn. Sherry Roberts seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Approved by:

Joe Williamson, EDC President

*Prepared by Debra Hagler