

CITY OF SHEPHERD
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
Regular Scheduled Meeting
28 N. Liberty Shepherd Texas- Shepherd City Hall Council Chambers
Monday, May 11, 2020 6:30 PM
OFFICIAL MINUTES

Regular Called Meeting

Members Present: Charles Minton, Shannon Bailey, Amanda Addison, Mark Porter, Curtis Ainsworth, Ray Marrs

Members Absent:

City Staff Present: City Secretary Debra Hagler, City Attorney Larry Foerster.

Others Present: Sherry Roberts, Jody Cronin, Pastor Gerald, Mike Nassan, Jamie White, Mr & Mrs. Stowers, Ray Atchley, Walterine.

CALLED TO ORDER /INVOCATION

Mayor Minton called the meeting to order. Shannon Bailey led in prayer. The pledges to the American and the Texas flag were stated.

PUBLIC INPUT:

NONE

PUBLIC INPUT FOR ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA:

Walterine Carr: She pointed out that she has water standing in her yard coming from the neighbor behind her. She mentioned her ditches not draining. She talked about her culvert. She agreed to pay and have the city install a new culvert for her. Ray Atchley agreed to accompany Jamie or have his deputy go with Jamie and investigate the discussed gray water from the neighbor's home.

REPORTS:

Constable Department: A written report was submitted to the council. Deputy Atchley stated that with the pandemic going on his office has mainly been helping the Sheriff Department. He stated several warnings had been given on City issues but no violations issued. He stated they are under orders to have no unnecessary contact. Questions were asked about a property on 3rd Street. Ray stated that yes the property owners had been contacted. He said that the contact unexpectedly fell in his lap and he took advantage of the situation to inform them. He states no one is living in the house. He also informed of a complaint against a business that he investigated that turned out to be untrue allegation from a disgruntled employee.

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Discuss and take action necessary to help fund the annual fireworks for the July 4th Celebration.

Shannon Bailey made a motion to donate the normal \$5000.00 if they have the event. Curtis Ainsworth seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote. Discussion was held that if the July 4th event is cancelled to use the fireworks at the December event.

Discuss and take action regarding the EDC recommendation to Hire Lauren Migl to fill the role of EDC Professional at the rate of \$18.00 per hour for 28 flexible hours per week.

Mark Porter made a motion to accept Lauren into this position. Amanda Addison seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote. Jody Cronin and Sherry Roberts presented Lauren's credentials to the Council for consideration. Shannon Bailey asked, "How will her success be gaged?" Jody responded simply by the amount of leads she will be able to follow. EDC Board members are not qualified to get the leads and Lauren will have to get some training to qualify. The board expects that within a year they should be able to know if Lauren is being successful or not. Mark Porter asked where the money is coming from. The EDC has her salary and expenses already in the budget.

Discuss and take action necessary regarding a Flea Market at 2711 S. Byrd.

Mark Porter made a motion to table this. Shannon Bailey seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote. Mr. Nassan stated his intention to hold a weekend flea market. He wants to have a farmers market during the week. He assured the council he would have things cleaned back up on Monday. A question was asked about parking. Since there was not a clear answer to the parking the Council decided to table this item.

Discuss and take action to fill vacancy in the Public Works department.

Shannon Bailey made a motion to accept application to fill this vacant position. Mark Porter seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote. The previous person hired did not work out. There is money in the budget to fill this position.

Discuss and take action to adopt Ordinance #320-2020 to adopt and incorporate the Texas Governor’s executive Order GA-18 issued on April 27, 2020 and adopting any subsequent executive orders issued by the Governor in response to the COVID-19 Virus Disaster authorizing the Mayor to take emergency action necessary related to the COVID-19 Disaster effective immediately.

Mark Porter made a motion to adopt this Ordinance. Amanda Addison seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Shannon Bailey made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Mark Porter seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

APPROVE MONTHLY PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

Announcements and Discussion:

None

ADJOURNMENT

Shannon Bailey made a motion to adjourn. Amanda Addison seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Charles Minton, Mayor
Prepared by City Secretary, Debra Hagler