

**CITY OF SHEPHERD
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
Regular Called Meeting
28 N. Liberty, Shepherd City Council Chambers
Monday, February 14, 2022, 6:30 PM
OFFICIAL MINUTES**

Regular Called Meeting:

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

Members Absent: Larry Foerster

City Staff Present: City Secretary Debra Hagler,

Others Present: Deputy Headley, JROTC & Staff, David from Republic Services, Joseph from Pro Star, Billy LaCosta and his parents, Lester Weber.

CALLED TO ORDER /INVOCATION

Mayor Minton called the meeting to order. Curtis Ainsworth led in prayer. The pledges were recited.

PUBLIC INPUT: NONE

PUBLIC INPUT FOR ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA: NONE

REPORTS:

Deputy Headley: He submitted a written report. He mentioned a couple of arrest one being a person using Meth in a roadway. He mentioned a traffic stop that resulted in 3 felony warrants.

OLD BUSINESS

Discuss and take action necessary regarding the next step for the Helipad.

Mark Porter made a motion to get some prices and revisit this at that time. Yvonne Cones seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Discussion was held to enlarge the pad and add a fence to establish a 15-foot perimeter. Debra was instructed to contact the ESD board to see if they want to partner with the expenses of this project.

Discuss and take action to evaluate Ordinance #198 establishing Franchise requirements for Garbage Service.

Mark Porter made a motion to amend this Ordinance to allow for an exclusive contract. Curtis Ainsworth seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote. Currently the Ordinance is nonexclusive and currently only Pro Star has a franchise agreement with the City. At the January meeting the council voted to renew the annual contract with Pro Star. Since there is a nonexclusive currently any other garbage service can enter into a franchise agreement with the City. Going forward the City will solicit quotes for services and enter into an exclusive agreement with the bid selected by Council.

NEW BUSINESS

Discuss and take action on a Manufactured Home Variance for Billy Lacoste on Mimosa St.

Mark Porter made a motion to approve this variance. Curtis Ainsworth seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Billy will be moving a new 2022 home in behind his mother. There was a Manufactured Home in this location previously.

Discuss and take action necessary on concerns about 18 wheelers tearing up the Pin Oak Lane from Business owner Regina Windt.

Mark Porter made a motion to have Deputy Headley reach out and attempt to find an alternative solution. Yvonne Cones seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote. Ms. Windt was not present to voice her concerns.

Discuss and take action regarding a Garbage Franchise request from Republic Services.

Mark Porter made a motion to enter into a franchise agreement with Republic Services with Republic paying a 4% franchise fee. This company bought out Santac. They state they will only being commercial businesses.

Discuss and take action on Complaint from Mike Chapman regarding his water bill.

Mark Porter made a motion to table this item since Mr. Chapman was not present. Yvonne Cones seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Discuss and take action on Ordinance #336 regarding a change in rates requested by Entergy.

Mark Porter made a motion to deny this change in rate request. Ray Marrs seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Discuss and take action necessary on concerns from Mrs. Cones regarding a Marquee sign to make Public Service announcements.

Mark Porter made a motion to explore the cost of an LED Sign. Ray Marrs seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Ms. Cones stated that at the EDC Dinner a new for communication was expressed by several people since the McClain's paper is no longer being published. It was stated that Lauren is researching prices for one of these signs.

Discuss and take action to review Darryl Richardson's temporary position as an additional supervisor in the Public Works Department.

Mark Porter made a motion to have the supervisor role for Darryl Richardson be made permanent and along with this allow him to take a City truck home plus increase his pay by \$1.00 per hour. Yvonne Cones seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Darryl is over the crew and Jamie continues to be over the paperwork.

Discuss and take action to hire an employee to fill the vacancy in the Public Works Department.

Mark Porter made a motion to hire Jeffery Swearinger with Charles Grant being the next in line if Mr. Swearinger declines. Yvonne Cones seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Discuss and take action to schedule a Workshop

Yvonne Cones made a motion to schedule a workshop for April 5th at 6:00pm. Ray Marrs seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Minutes:

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

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

Ms. Cones announced that she watched a webinar titled "Bring Back Main Street." She then suggested this be a topic at the workshop.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:40 pm

Yvonne Cones made a motion to adjourn, and Curtis Ainsworth seconded. The motions passed with a unanimous vote.

Charles Minton, Mayor
Prepared by City Secretary, Debra Hagler