

SHEPHERD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

REGULAR CALLED MEETING

28 N. Liberty, Shepherd, Texas 77371

August 1, 2022, at 6:00pm

OFFICIAL MINUTES: Special Called Meeting

Members Present: Kurtz Stowers, Jody Cronin, Billy LaCoste, Amanda Addison, Freddy Ramos, Mark Hamilton, Charles Minton

Members Absent:

Others Present: Debra Hagler, Lauren Migl, Rebeca Ramos

CALLED TO ORDER/INVOCATION/PLEDGE

Jody Cronin called the meeting to order. A prayer and the pledges were stated.

APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Amanda Addison made a motion to approve the minutes. Charles Minton seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

APPROVAL MONTHLY PAYMENT OF BILLS

Kurtz Stowers made a motion to pay the bills. Freddy Ramos seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

CITIZEN PRESENTATIONS:

NONE

OLD BUSINESS:

Update and discussion on the paving project

It was reported that the City Council approved the budget amendment request. An unanswered question is, will the dug up material be reused or hauled off or stored? Once Freddy is satisfied with the unanswered questions the green light will be given to CCC Blacktopping to begin the project.

NEW BUSINESS:

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

No Action was taken on this item. Lauren reported she had a discussion with Daniel Brown, TXDOT and Good Promotions. She stated she would have a proposal at the next meeting.

Discuss and take action to buy Pirate at least 24 flags to display downtown to show school spirit.

Freddy Ramos made a motion to purchase 24 Pirate Flags at the cost of \$1200.00. Amanda Addison seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous vote. The plan is to have the flags hanging for home games.

Discuss and take action to consider helping get the Shepherd Youth League Park to the point where they can host tournaments.

This was not an action item. Mayor Minton brought this up to get the board members thinking about way the EDC or the City can help the Shepherd Youth League to be able to host tournaments. Each tournament has the potential to bring up to 30 teams into our City. Mayor Minton stated he is in discussions with Entergy to see they have options that could help the Youth League reduce their electric bill.

MONTHLY REPORT FROM LAUREN:

Lauren reported meeting with an investor and driving around. This investor say two properties that he is interested in. She is also involved in the Baskets for Teachers which the EDC contributed to. She met with two home builders. One small scale interested in 10-15 homes while the other was looking at a grander project that includes 150 homes. Lauren has plans to attend a meeting hosted by Dendra Butler which is intended to help give a Bigger Non-Profit Presence. She spoke with John's Plumbing and the cost of labor to install 3 hot water heaters will be \$4933. Misty is okay with the reduction in rent and paying the hall's electricity. Lauren reported

that both of the hair dressers state they don't use much hot water. Lauren also announced a small business grant program she had recently become aware of. She will be attending a webinar and then intends to make the business in town aware of the opportunity. She received 2 RFI's from the state- one she could respond to the other was denied because of the need for rail.

OPEN DISCUSSION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor mentioned that it is time to sign up to be on the ballot for the City's election in November. And he announced that the City has reached the point that a new water well is needed. The City is looking for property for this project. Jody took this opportunity to remind the board that the EDC can help with infrastructure projects. The September EDC Meeting will be held September 6th in consideration of the Labor Day Holiday.

ADJOURN: 7:05

Amanda Addison made a motion to adjourn. Kurtz Stowers seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Approved by: _____

Jody Cronin, EDC President

*Prepared by Debra Hagler