

**CITY OF SHEPHERD  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
Regular Called Meeting  
28 N. Liberty, Shepherd City Council Chambers  
Monday, April 10, 2023, 6:30 PM  
OFFICIAL MINUTES**

**REGULAR CALLED MEETING:**

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

**Members Absent:** Susan Daniels

**City Staff Present:** City Secretary Debra Hagler, Larry Foerster

**Others Present:** Terri MacIntyre, Greg Biddle, Curtis Wright and his spouse, Delsy Gonzales and her son, Dr. Hewitt, Greg Cones, The JROTC along with Sergeants McDonald and Stephenson.

**CALLED TO ORDER /INVOCATION**

Mayor Minton established a quorum called the meeting to order. Chester Holden, Pastor of First Baptist Church, led in prayer. The JROTC presented and the pledges were recited.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

Dr. Hewitt, Superintendent of Shepherd ISD, presented the highlights of a study conducted by Zonda for the school regarding Demographics. He stated that the 2023 graduating class had 93 students but the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class will add about 163 students to the High School this next school year. Another fact that he gave emphasis to is that 80% of the students are in the category of \$37,000.00 or less income for a family of 4.

**PUBLIC INPUT FOR ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA:**

**None**

**REPORTS:**

**Public Works:** Matthew reported that all the Wastewater deficiencies listed on the TCEQ inspection have been cleared up. He reported that the New Truck was now part of the fleet. He stated part of the team are going through TCEQ background checks in preparation for testing. He gave an update on the BlueGill project.

**Library:** Terri reported that they had attended the TLA Library Conference. They were able to do this because of the raffle that the Friends of the Library held. She reported that Crystale the Part Time Library Clerk had submitted her resignation. She is also expecting a determination regarding accreditation in June. She informed the council that the Summer Reading Library Theme will be "Time Traveler." She reported her Patron Visit numbers and the upcoming events.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Discuss and take action regarding the request from Sonny to have a Manufactured Home storage lot on 8.77 acres on Hwy 59.**

No Action was taken on this item. No one was present to discuss this item.

**Discuss and take action to appoint a Municipal Judge**

Mark Porter made a motion to table this item to allow candidates to be present. Yvonne Cones seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Meet developers Greg and Alan Biddle, answer their questions and take any action required regarding their development.**

Mr. Greg Biddle introduced himself and spoke a little about his project. He lived in Peru. He has purchased a COBALT machine and has intentions of building 3D printed cement homes. He is currently addressing drainage with TXDOT. Each home will have about a 40x40 footprint. He is anxious to get started.

**Discuss and take action on request from Delsy Gonzales to extend N. Railroad Ave.**

No Action was taken on this item. For starters the City needs to verify this is City property.

**Discuss and take action on request from Delsy Gonzales for a Manufacture Home Variance on 260 N. Ross and 270 N. Ross.**

This item was withdrawn.

**Discuss and take action to possibly abandon and or sell the alley behind 260 and 270 N. Ross.**

No action was taken on this item to allow for further research.

**Discuss and take action to grant Curtis Wright a Manufactured Home variance to install a 2023 Home on his 4 lots located at 280 N. Hill.**

Mark Porter made a motion to table this item to allow input from the neighbors. Curtis Ainsworth seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote. Mark Porter asked Mr. Wright to provide letters from the neighbors that they are okay with a Manufactured Home being placed next door to their properties.

**Discuss and take action on letter from LaShonda Carr regarding incomplete permit.**

No action was taken on this item. The Council verified that they addressed this kind of scenario a few meetings back and if a citizen is found in non-compliance with the permitting procedure, then it is turned over to the Police for enforcement.

**Discuss take action to adopt Ordinance # 346 to repeal and replace City Ordinance No. 339a, dated October 10, 2022, to correct a mistake in the referenced statute found in Section 8 of that ordinance.**

Mark Porter made a motion to take this action to repeal Ordinance #339a and replace it with Ordinance #346 to correct the statute in Section 8 that was incorrect. Curtis Ainsworth seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, the motion passed.

**Discuss and take action to advertise to fill vacant position created by Crystale Thompson's resignation.**

Mark Porter made a motion to advertise to fill this position. Yvonne Cones seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**Discuss and take action to approve purchase of two vehicles for the Police Department using ARPA funds.**

Curtis Ainsworth made a motion to approve the purchase of these two vehicles. Mark Porter seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote. Chief Headley was able to acquire two vehicles with a police package already on them for less than one vehicle would have cost. He plans to utilize the vehicles with his officer and with the reserve officers. The council agreed to use ARPA funds as part of the Police Department Start Up during the budget process for 2022-2023.

**Discuss and take action on quote to replace shingles on the Gazebo and Stage with additional quote to paint and make minor repairs using Park Improvement Funds.**

Mark Porter made a motion to accept the quote and have these repairs/ improvements done. Ray Marrs seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote. The quote was \$8400.00 for all the work to be completed by Harden Enterprise Services.

**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**

The Clean Up Shepherd Event will be on Saturday.

**ADJOURNMENT: 8:24**

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

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Charles Minton, Mayor  
Prepared by City Secretary, Debra Hagler