

SHEPHERD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

REGULAR CALLED MEETING

28 N. Liberty, Shepherd, Texas 77371

March 4, 2024, at 6:00pm

Members Present: Charles Minton, Mark Porter, Billy Lacoste, Kurtz Stowers,

Members Absent: Jody Cronin, Mark Hamilton, Freddy Ramos,

Others Present: Debra Hagler, Amanda and Clark Addison,

CALLED TO ORDER/INVOCATION/PLEDGE

Kurtz Stowers called the meeting to order. Mark Porter led in prayer and the pledges were recited.

APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Charles Minton made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting. Mark Porter seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

APPROVAL MONTHLY PAYMENT OF BILLS

Park Porter made a motion to pay the bills. Charles Minton seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

CITIZEN PRESENTATIONS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Update and take any action required for the EDC 101 Training Event.

No Action- Just a reminder: March 12th @ City Hall from 9:00am-12:00pm. Also, a reminder regarding the TIRZ workshop on March 18th at 6:00pm.

Update and take any action required regarding local business interest to Clark Addison's video/promotional advertisement campaign.

No action was taken on this item, but it was requested to be put on the next agenda. Clark gave a report and answered the board's many questions. The biggest discussion was regarding how success could be measured. Since the EDC will be sponsoring the trial period how do "we" show them (the businesses) the value and overcome their objections? The board wants to see final numbers with a breakdown and possibly a sample of how it will look.

Discuss and take action required regarding maintenance and upgrades for the Shepherd Community Center.

This item was requested to be reviewed next month.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discuss and take action on request from Perla for a six-month rent forgiveness in consideration of the upgrades she has completed in the rental space.

Mark Porter made a motion to grant them 3 months of rent forgiveness. Billy seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous vote. The board felt this should have been requested up front for them to make a decision. Plus, there are now two businesses operating under one rental contract. Considering these factors the board decided to meet halfway and give 3 months instead of the requested 6 months of rent forgiveness.

MONTHLY REPORT FROM LAUREN:

Lauren was absent and presented a written report ahead of time. She mentioned the businesses in town that received an award at the Best of SJC Banquet. She updated on the O'Reilly's. She is pursuing a food chain franchise to build on the corner of Hwy 59 N and FM 223. She reported on the Grand Opening of "Skoops and Stems."

OPEN DISCUSSION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURN: 7:01pm

Charles Minton made a motion to adjourn. Mark Porter seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Approved by: _____

Kurtz Stowers, EDC President

*Prepared by Debra Hagler