

# **SHEPHERD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

28 N. Liberty, Shepherd, Texas 77371

Shepherd August 2, 2021, at 6:00pm

## **OFFICIAL MINUTES: Special Called Meeting**

**Members Present:** Sherry Roberts, Amanda Addison, Freddy Ramos, Jody Cronin, Kurtz Stowers, Mark Hamilton

**Members Absent:** Charles Minton

**Others Present:** Debra Hagler, Lauren Migl, Rebecca Ramos

## **CALLED TO ORDER/INVOCATION/PLEDGE**

Jody Cronin called the meeting to order. Sherry Roberts said the prayer and the pledges were stated.

## **APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

Sherry Roberts made a motion to approve the minutes. Freddy Ramos seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

## **APPROVAL MONTHLY PAYMENT OF BILLS**

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

## **CITIZEN PRESENTATIONS:**

None

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

### **Update regarding the Shepherd Sign**

No action was taken on this agenda item. Discussion was held and Lauren reported she has initiated a discussion with TXDOT and is waiting on details and pricing.

### **Update regarding the Lighting at 11231 Hwy 150**

No action was taken on this agenda item. Lauren explained what has been done to improve the lighting for this location. Jody expressed his gratitude to Lauren for taking on "landlord" responsibilities and reminded her that if she needs help to let them know. He stressed that he doesn't want her getting bogged down with landlord duties.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **Discuss and take action regarding the September EDC meeting which falls on a Holiday.**

Freddy Ramos made a motion to have the September meeting move to Tuesday September 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in observance of the Labor Day Holiday. Amanda Addison seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote. Sherry Roberts stated she would be on a vacation and will not be able to attend the September meeting.

### **Discuss and take action regarding a Community Back to School Event to be hosted by the EDC.**

Sherry Roberts made a motion to set a budget of \$250.00 of the promotions and hospitality budget for a Back-to-School event to be hosted by the EDC. Amanda Addison seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote. Lauren has a craft that she plans to make for the teachers. She wants to focus on only one campus at this time with ideas planned for the other campuses throughout the year.

### **Discuss and take action on the preliminary budget.**

No action was taken on this item.

**MONTHLY REPORT FROM LAUREN:**

Lauren reported that she had met with some developers and had a meeting with Larry Hammond, a local real estate agent. She stated she continues to respond to questions from the O'Reilly's.

**OPEN DISCUSSION & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Jody asked that the school be kept in mind and prayers. He stated that 86% of the employees live out of this district. Housing and Infrastructure are the biggest needs for the city currently. Jody mentioned the safe route to school grant including the fact that it is an 80/20 match. Mark Hamilton announced that People State Bank is preparing for a 100-year celebration on October 2 from 1:00pm-5:00pm. This celebration will include food and music.

**ADJOURN: 6:39**

Freddy Ramos made a motion to adjourn. Sherry Roberts seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Jody Cronin, EDC President

\*Prepared by Debra Hagler