

SHEPHERD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

REGULAR CALLED MEETING

28 N. Liberty, Shepherd, Texas 77371

November 6, 2023, at 6:00pm

Members Present: Kurtz Stowers, Mark Hamilton, Billy Lacoste, Freddy Ramos

Members Absent: Jody Cronin, Charles Minton,

Others Present: Debra Hagler, Matthew Greer, Clint Headley

CALLED TO ORDER/INVOCATION/PLEDGE

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

APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

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

APPROVAL MONTHLY PAYMENT OF BILLS

Mark Hamilton made a motion to pay the bills. Billy LaCoste seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

CITIZEN PRESENTATIONS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Discuss and take action to select officers for the upcoming term.

Billy nominated Kurtz Stowers as present- Freddy Ramos seconded. All were in favor of this motion, and it passed unanimously.

Kurtz Stowers amended his motion to offer the vice presidency to Jody Cronin but if he declined then Freddy Ramos will be the acting vice president. Billy LaCoste seconded, and the motion was carried with a unanimous vote.

Kurtz made a motion that Mark Hamilton will be the acting Treasurer. Freddy seconded and the motion was carried with a unanimous vote. Freddy Ramos made a motion for Billy to be the acting secretary. Mark Hamilton seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Discuss and take action to accept Amanda Addison's resignation and select a nominee to present to the City Council to fill this vacancy.

Freddy Ramos made a motion to accept Amanda resignation. Mark Hamilton seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Since the Mayor had stated in a previous meeting that he felt like a council person should fill the vacancy Kurtz requested this be added as an agenda item for the next city council meeting. In the meanwhile, he was to speak to Mark Porter to see if he would be willing to serve on the EDC Board.

Discuss and take action to host a holiday event for the Community.

Mark Hamilton made a motion to give this event a \$4000.00 Budget. Freddy Ramos seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote. Santa/ Elves/ Cookies. It will also be within days of the City's Christmas Party so the decoration can be used for both events. There will possibly be a craft for this event. It will be an opportunity for the EDC to show community involvement. Lauren is going to see if she can utilize the culinary class and the photography classes at the High School.

Discuss and take action to host an EDC 101, 4-hour training event with Betty Russo

Freddy Ramos made a motion for this event to be scheduled in January and a \$1000.00 to set. Mark Hamilton seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote. This will be a 4-hour event during the day with either a morning coffee or lunch depending on the time of the event.

MONTHLY REPORT FROM LAUREN:

Lauren reported that growth had stalled for the moment but by January or February a boom is expected. She reported a French business is looking for 44 acres of land for possible Aerospace development. She reported that O'Reilly's is making progress and moving again. Lauren also reported that she has spoken with Mr. Tanner again.

OPEN DISCUSSION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Billy asked, "What are we doing for our current businesses?" There was a brief discussion of ideas that could be implemented to help the current local businesses. No action was taken.

ADJOURN: 7:12pm

Mark Hamilton made a motion to adjourn. Billy Lacoste seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Approved by: _____
Jody Cronin, EDC President
*Prepared by Debra Hagler