

CITY OF SHEPHERD
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
Regular Called Meeting
28 N. Liberty, Shepherd City Council Chambers
Monday, August 8, 2022, 6:30 PM
OFFICIAL MINUTES

Regular Called Meeting:

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

Members Absent:

City Staff Present: City Secretary Debra Hagler, Larry Foerster

Others Present: The Smith Family, Deputy Headley, Jamie White, Constable Atchley, Tony Farkis, Terri MacIntyre, Ray Vann, Sheriff Capers, Billy LaCosta

CALLED TO ORDER /INVOCATION

Mayor Minton called the meeting to order. Curtis Ainsworth led in prayer. The pledges were recited.

PUBLIC INPUT:

PUBLIC INPUT FOR ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA: NONE

REPORTS:

Certificates of Appreciation were given to The Smith Family for going above and beyond to be a good neighbor and the part they played in helping law enforcement solve a crime. A certificate was also given to Officer Gustafson for his role in arresting the individual involved in the burglary. Sheriff Caper expressed his appreciation as well and took opportunity to state he has jail positions open with starting pay of \$14.50.

Headley submitted a written report. He stated he had been in the process of communicating with some code enforcement cases. He expressed his appreciation to City Attorney Larry Foerster for his role in sending letters to the violators.

Library Director: Terri passed out a handout to the council. She mentioned that the copier was currently down. She informed council that she will be out of the office for 12 days and requested input as to how to cover the library at this time. It was agreed to reduce the hours during her absence. She stated again that she is seeking volunteers and that an IT person is needed.

OLD BUSINESS

Discuss and take action to approve an RV Park on N. Byrd based on feasibility study performed by Goodwin Lasiter.

Mark Porter made a motion to proceed as long as they are in compliance with the City Ordinance. Yvonne Cones seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote. This motion did not grant any variance. The development must adhere to the current ordinance.

Discuss and take action to extend water line to 4351 Hwy 59 N.

Mark Porter made a motion to deny this request. Curtis Ainsworth seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote. The cost in material alone would be approximately \$78, 000.00

Discuss and take action on road maintenance request from Shantal at 2400 E. Beverly

Mark Porter made a motion to deny this request to put material on the road. Ray Marrs seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote. The quote for material was \$54,750.00 This is a low lying area that is prone to flooding.

NEW BUSINESS

Discuss information presented by Ray Vann additional funding designated to the City.

No Action was required for this item. Ray Vann explained that the City is eligible for an additional \$1.84 million dollar grant. There is no competition for the grant, the City must simply submit an application. The Council discussed the possibility of using these funds to drill an additional water well.

Discuss and take action to extend the sewer on S. Byrd as request by Mr. Hall.

Mark Porter made a motion to table this item to get more information. Curtis Ainsworth seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote. Mr. Hall Jr made the request. He has twins on the way. Jamie reports that the grade will be tight if it is available.

Discuss and take action to Order an Election

Mark Porter made a motion to Order an Election. Yvonne Cones seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote. The projected cost of this election will be \$13,400.00

Discuss and take action to raise the bulk water rates

Curtis Ainsworth made a motion to quadruple the bulk water rates effective immediately. Haydin Irwin seconded and the motion passed with Mark Porter against. Jamie reported that in consideration of drought like conditions that the sale of bulk water should be address. He said no other cities around us sell bulk water. It was agreed that this will be re-addressed in a couple of months once we are seeing normal rain fall and water levels again.

Discuss and take action to schedule a budget workshop.

Mark Porter made a motion to schedule a workshop for August 23 at 6:00pm. Curtis Ainsworth seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discuss and take action to approve expenditure of at least \$27,000 to change the discharge at the sewer plant

Mark Porter made a motion to amend the budget and use fund balance to cover this expenditure. Yvonne Cones seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Minutes:

Curtis Ainsworth 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

Election sign up end August 22, 2022

ADJOURNMENT: 7:46pm

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

Charles Minton, Mayor
Prepared by City Secretary, Debra Hagler