

**CITY OF SHEPHERD
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**

28 N. Liberty Shepherd Texas- Shepherd City Hall Council Chambers
Monday, October 14, 2019 6:30 PM

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Regular Called Meeting

Members Present: Charles Minton, Shannon Bailey, Amanda Addison, Yvonne Cones, Mark Porter

Members Absent:

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

Others Present: Joe Williamson, Gail Freeman, Ray Atchley, Mike Brooks, Neil Adams, Gerald Deeter, Peggy and Terry Moser.

CALLED TO ORDER /INVOCATION

Mayor Charles Minton called the meeting to order. Yvonne Ryba led in prayer. The pledges to the American and the Texas flag were stated.

PUBLIC INPUT:

PUBLIC INPUT FOR ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA:

OLD BUSINESS:

Discuss, review and take action necessary regarding the revised garage sale ordinance.

Mark Porter made a motion to adopt the ordinance as presented. Shannon Bailey seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote. Ms. Peggy Moser asked many questions and stated her opposition to this ordinance. She stated that "storage wars" is her hobby and means of earning extra money. She requested to be allowed to have a sale at least one time per month. Mrs. Yvonne Cones was also hesitant regarding the 4 times per year. The City's focus was to control the yard sale items being left out in the yards continuously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discuss and take action to review and approve the 2018 Audit

Yvonne Cones made a motion to accept the Audit results. Amanda Addison seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote. Mike Brook presented the audit and let the City know the finances are in good shape. He also gave some recommendations on procedures that could be changed. He stated it is his job to point these things out and realize that not all of the changes are realistic for our City.

Discuss and take action on variance request from Felicia West to temporarily live in an RV while her home is demolished and rebuilt. (1600 S. Byrd)

Shannon Bailey made a motion to table this item until Ms. West is ready to discuss this again. Mark Porter seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote. Ms. West informed the City Secretary earlier in the day that certain paperwork had not been received and she asked if her request could be considered at a later date.

Discus and take action necessary on request from Gerald Deeter to adopt an ordinance forbidding the sale of vaping paraphernalia.

No action was taken on this item. The attorney explained to Mr. Deeter that the state has not given General Law Cities the authority to take these kinds of actions. Mr. Deeter is very concerned regarding the dangers associated with vaping. He agreed to take his concerns in a different direction since the City can't take action.

Discuss and take action to make nomination for the SJCAD board of Directors 2020-2021.

Yvonne Cones made a motion to nominate Michael Courvell. Shannon Bailey seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

The Mayor consulted with the Superintendent regarding this nomination to see whom they would recommend. The two taxing units united get a bigger representation for the citizens of this area.

Discuss and take action to waive the fees for the Central Appraisal Dist. to use the Community Center on March 4, 2020 for an event with the Forestry Service to benefit local property owners and Appraisers.

Amanda Addison made a motion to allow the SJCAD to use the building with the rental fee waived but the deposit paid. Yvonne Cones seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Discuss and take action to accept a Contract to Codify City Ordinances

Shannon Bailey made a motion to table this item. Amanda Addison seconded and the motion passed. Deputy Adams presented a bid from one company and he was asked to get a comparative bid from a recommended company by one of the City's that Larry Foerster recommended.

Discuss and take action to set a Council Workshop to discuss Burning, RV's, Junk Vehicles.

Mark Porter made a motion to schedule a workshop for November 18th at 6:30pm. Amanda Addison seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Discuss and take action to post a job notice to fill the current vacancy left by Clyde Jordan's departure.

Amanda Addison made a motion to publish a notice to fill the vacancy. Yvonne Cones seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Discuss and take action on request from Raj Dalwadi to extend the time limit to pay his Hotel Occupancy Tax before authorizing the city attorney to file a collection lawsuit.

Mr. Dalwadi was not present. Mark Porter made a motion to grant a 30 day extension. Shannon Bailey seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote. The attorney agreed to send Mr. Dalwadi a letter.

Adjourn into closed executive session to discuss a possible lawsuit with the city attorney involving unpaid hotel occupancy taxes as authorized under the Texas Open Meetings Act, Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code.

Mr. Dalwadi was not present therefore executive session was not needed

Reconvene into open session and take action, if necessary on unpaid hotel occupancy taxes owed by the Aumsai Corp and Raj Dalwadi.

APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Shannon Bailey made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Yvonne Cones seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

APPROVE MONTHLY PAYMENT OF BILLS

Mark Porter made a motion to pay the bills. Shannon Bailey seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Announcements and Discussion:

- The benches the Ag Dept made for the City are scheduled to be delivered on Oct 16th at 11:40 and a photo opp is requested.
- The Mayor issued a reminder regarding Early Voting.
- Discussion was held about the next scheduled meeting falling on Veteran's Day. It was determined that the meeting would not be rescheduled.
- Amanda informed the council they had been invited to judge bookmarks at the middle school on October 21.
- A reminder regarding the Community Appreciation Lunch being scheduled for November 8th from 11:00-2:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Shannon Bailey made a motion to adjourn. Amanda Addison seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Charles Minton, Mayor
Prepared by City Secretary, Debra Hagler