

**CITY OF SHEPHERD
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
Regular Called Meeting
28 N. Liberty, Shepherd City Council Chambers
Monday, February 14, 2022, 6:30 PM
OFFICIAL MINUTES**

Regular Called Meeting:

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

Members Absent:

City Staff Present: City Secretary Debra Hagler, Larry Foerster

Others Present: Jamie White, Clint Headley, Billy LaCosta, Mr. Soto, and his son.

CALLED TO ORDER /INVOCATION

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

PUBLIC INPUT:

Andrew Tanner: Mr. Tanner expressed his displeasure that the City was not giving more repair and automotive parts business to him as he is the only parts house in Shepherd. He explained that these are tough times and he needs the money. He stated he was attending the meeting tonight to beg for business. He further stated that he has insurance is not a shade tree mechanic. He added that he can't lay down and he must fight for his business. He added that he and his wife are considering a hotshot business just to survive.

PUBLIC INPUT FOR ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA: NONE

REPORTS:

Deputy Headley: He submitted a written report. He mentioned the mug shot in his report and told the council if they see this man to call him. Deputy Headley added that this guy is interfering with businesses, and he doesn't even live here. He stated this is an element that we don't want. He also mentioned he was able to recover a horse trailer that was stolen.

OLD BUSINESS

Discuss and take action necessary on concerns about 18 wheelers tearing up the Pin Oak Lane from Business owner Regina Windt.

No action was taken on this item. Larry is going to investigate and report back next month. He will prepare an ordinance regarding weight limits and possible bond to pay for any damages. The Council discussed whether this might be a city problem to maintain the edge of that road. Ms. Windt's parking lot has a lower elevation than the road. The Board pointed out that she does not do much to maintain her parking lot. They do not want to hurt the other business, but this seems to be a safety issue.

Discuss and approve survey provided by Nahum Soto to divide his property on Beverly into 4 sections

Mark Porter made a motion to table this item. Curtis Ainsworth seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote. Mr. Soto presented his survey for approval, but the City Attorney rejected the survey. The Attorney stated that all properties must have road access. He gave Mr. Soto an option to modify the survey to include a 30-foot-wide road and label it a Public Right of Way.

NEW BUSINESS

Discuss and take action on a pre-subdivision plat for Mike Rose for property located on Finger and Seal

Mark Porter made a motion to table this until Mr. Rose could attend the meeting. Yvonne Cones seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Discuss and take action on concerns about condition of E Beverly Dr and damages presented by Russel

Mark Porter made a motion to table this item until someone was present to discuss their concerns. Yvonne Cones seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Discuss and take action to procure a grant administrator for the ARPA funds

Yvonne Cones made a motion to procure Ray Vann. Curtis Ainsworth seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Mr. Vann was the only grand administrator to respond to the City's request.

Discuss and take action to have Entergy install a streetlight on Knighton Street around 151 Knighton.

Ray Marrs made a motion to have this light installed. Curtis Ainsworth seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Minutes:

Yvonne Cones 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. Curtis Ainsworth seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bill Lacosta mentioned the fact that his landlord had doubled his rent. He doubled the rent of several other businesses one was looking for another location, the other will probably close down and the other has already moved to a new location.

Mayor Minton mentioned that the City had received a letter of representation from an attorney hired to represent Kaylee Scott.

Mayor Minton also requested to reschedule the Workshop. It is now scheduled for April 12th from 6:00-7:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:39pm

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

Charles Minton, Mayor
Prepared by City Secretary, Debra Hagler