

SHEPHERD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
28 N. Liberty, Shepherd, Texas 77371
September 7, 2021, at 6:00pm

OFFICIAL MINUTES: Special Called Meeting

Members Present: Amanda Addison, Jody Cronin, Kurtz Stowers, Mark Hamilton,

Members Absent: Sherry Roberts, Freddy Ramos, Charles Minton

Others Present: Debra Hagler

CALLED TO ORDER/INVOCATION/PLEDGE

Jody Cronin called the meeting to order. Mark Hamilton said the prayer and the pledges were stated.

APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Mark Hamilton made a motion to approve the minutes. Amanda Addison 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

There was no update. Lauren had a child come home sick from school and could not make it.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discuss and take action on the preliminary budget to present to City Council for approval.

Mark Hamilton made a motion to approve the budget after the changes are implemented. Kurtz Stowers seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote. The board decided to remove the grant from the budget and the need for any fund balance to be used. The wanted line item 4027 (Travel expenses) to be increased to \$3000.00.

Update from Kurtz Stowers on a conversation he had with Frank McCrady, President/CEO, EMCID

No action was needed on this item. Kurtz stated that Mr. McCrady is a friend of the family. He is from Montgomery County. Kurtz wanted to check that the city has the maximum amount of sales taxation because the EDC can get a portion of the tax if its available. (The Shepherd EDC already gets a portion of the city sales tax and the city is at the max.) Mr. McCrady suggested a demographic survey. Mr. McCrady gave Kurtz some leads on possible grant funding: ED Association, CDBG and from the Railroad.

Discuss and take action to Elect Officers

Jody explained this should be happening every two years. The Board agreed on the following officer positions. Jody Cronin- President. Sherry Roberts- Vice President. Amanda Addison agreed to be the secretary and Mark Hamilton will hold the treasurer position. The next election should be in 2023 to align with budget times.

MONTHLY REPORT FROM LAUREN:

Lauren presented a written report that she emailed in her absence because of a sick child.

OPEN DISCUSSION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

A question was asked about the remodel at the old liquor store. It has a new owner but will remain a liquor store.

ADJOURN: 6:39

Amanda Addison made a motion to adjourn. Mark Hamilton seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

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