

SHEPHERD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR CALLED MEETING
28 N. Liberty, Shepherd, Texas 77371
April 3, 2023, at 6:00pm

Members Present: Jody Cronin, Amanda Addison, Charles Minton, Freddy Ramos, Kurtz Stowers

Members Absent: Billy Lacoste, Mark Hamilton,

Others Present: Debra Hagler, Lauren Migl, Betty Russo

CALLED TO ORDER/INVOCATION/PLEDGE

Jody Cronin called the meeting to order. Jody 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 February 2023 Meeting as there was no meeting in March. Amanda Addison seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

APPROVAL MONTHLY PAYMENT OF BILLS

Kurtz Stowers made a motion to pay the bills. Freddy Ramos seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

CITIZEN PRESENTATIONS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

Discuss and take action required to install a Welcome to Shepherd sign at the South end of Shepherd.

No action was required at this time. Lauren reported that TXDOT would like to see an aerial view and need an approximate location. Power will be a concern. Lauren requested that TXDOT give us options. It was discussed that possibly a TXDOT representative could attend an EDC meeting to present these options.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discuss and take action to possibly terminate Mr. Tanner's lease agreement.

No action was taken on this item. Jody asked that this item be placed back on the next agenda. Mr. Tanner informed Lauren that he would be out of this space by the end of summer. Kurtz asked Lauren if any of the interested potential renters are "ready to sign."

Discuss and take action to purchase Christmas decorations for the City.

Charles Minton made a motion to purchase Christmas Pole Decoration for the City. Kurtz Stowers seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. This purchase will double the City's current inventory. The cost is \$12,999.00 for a total of 25. (5 in each design)

Discuss and take action to change the date of the business dinner to April 6th at 6:00pm

Freddy Ramos made a motion to change the date of this event. Charles Minton seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Discuss and take action on request from Misty Slawson to take out the sink and cabinets in the rental building and let the EDC store them.

Charles Minton made a motion to evaluate if possible and allow Jody the approval to move forward. Freddy Ramos seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote. Misty requested to remove the sink and cabinet to make more room to add an additional tanning bed. A question was asked about whether the breaker could accommodate an additional bed. It was discussed to ask Homer Bullock for a recommendation. Jody agreed to check this out.

MONTHLY REPORT FROM LAUREN:

Lauren informed the board that she has been reaching out to past interests such as The Hardware Store and O'Reilly's. She reported that Time Maxx and Little Tumblers intend to attend the banquet. She announced that an investment group purchased property on FM 222

OPEN DISCUSSION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURN: 6:35

Kurtz Stowers made a motion to adjourn. Freddy Ramos seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

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