

**CITY OF SHEPHERD
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
Regular Called Meeting
28 N. Liberty- Council Chambers
Monday, December 14, 2020 6:30 PM
OFFICIAL MINUTES**

Regular Called Meeting:

Members Present: Charles Minton, Curtis Ainsworth, Ray Marrs, Yvonne Cones, Ray Marrs.

Members Absent:

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

Others Present: Sgt. McDonald, Mark Moore, Jeb Morris, Ray Vann, Maurice Stephenson & The JROTC, Kurtz Stowers, Kevin Payne, Amanda Addison

CALLED TO ORDER /INVOCATION

Mayor Minton called the meeting to order. Larry Foerster led in prayer. The pledges to the American and the Texas flag were stated as the JROTC presented the flags.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Amanda Addison informed the Council that the Playground is completely finished. She also announced that she was requesting help decorating for the Christmas party at 5:00 pm Wednesday. She also asked that the Council provide a dessert. A question was asked regarding a ribbon cutting at the playground to include Amanda Addison and Shannon Bailey as they were instrumental in obtaining the equipment.

PUBLIC INPUT FOR ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA:

NONE

REPORTS:

The Constable Dept submitted a written report. A written report from the Fire Department was received towards the end of the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Discuss and take action to hire a public works employee

Yvonne Cones made a motion to hire Terry Terrell. Mark Porter seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

Consider a declaration that a vacancy for a city alderman position has been created because an alderman-elect has failed to qualify for office as authorized under Section 22.07 of the Texas Local Government Code.

Mark Porter made a motion to adopt this resolution. Yvonne Cones seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote. The Attorney explained that a final determination had been made after much research and discussion with the Secretary of State. Mayor Minton added a "Thank You" to Larry stating "He left no stone unturned" regarding researching this matter. The resolution was necessary to record the history. The position is considered vacant.

Consider appointing a citizen to fill the vacant city alderman position

Mark Porter made a motion to appoint Kurtz Stowers. Yvonne Cones seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. Mark stated that Mr. Stowers was "the last man standing" referring to the fact that Mr. Stowers was on the November ballot. Ray Marrs suggested that the council wait one more meeting before taking any action. Mr. Porter reminded that this position will be on the next ballot.

Discuss and take action to approve Mark Moore's property division subdivision survey.

Mark Porter made a motion to table this item. Curtis Ainsworth seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. The Attorney wanted to verify the specifics of the City ordinance and asked that this item be tabled. Mr. Moore stated there are already 3 dwelling on this property each with their own 911 address.

Approve plans and authorize advertisement for bids, contingent upon receipt of authorization from the GLO, for the GLO DR 4332 Harvey Grant (to remove settled solids from the oxidation ditch).

Mark Porter made a motion to approve the project and to get bids. Yvonne Cones seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. Ray Vann reported that the project is waiting on an environmental study to be completed.

Discuss and take action to designate a Mayor Pro Tem.

Yvonne Cones made a motion to designate Mark Porter as the Mayor Pro Tem. Curtis Ainsworth seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Discuss and take action to designate a Municipal Judge and alternate.

Yvonne Cones made a motion to designate Harris Blanchette as the Municipal Judge and Greg Magee as the alternate judge. Mark Porter seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Discuss and take action to approve Library Advisory board as presented

Mark Porter made a motion to approve the Library Advisor board as presented. Curtis Ainsworth seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote. The library policy states a library advisory board must be in place. The board will consist of Yvonne Cones, Christie Andrews, Cathy Foreman, Dr. Hewitt and Mary Hamel. Mark Porter agreed that the library could be more effective.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mayor Minton wanted it on record that Mr. Dickie Beeson the City of Shepherd's First Mayor recently passed away. Mr. Beeson served as Mayor from 1967-1976.
- Mayor Minton also reminded about the Food Truck on Friday December 18th and the need for volunteers.
- The City Attorney announced that for City inspector Eli Hernandez is now working for the City of Conroe.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:17 pm

Curtis Ainsworth made a motion to adjourn. Mark Porter seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Charles Minton, Mayor
Prepared by City Secretary, Debra Hagler