

**CITY OF SHEPHERD
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
Regular Called Meeting
28 N. Liberty, Shepherd City Council Chambers
Monday, October 10, 2022, 6:30 PM
OFFICIAL MINUTES**

Regular Called Meeting:

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

Members Absent: Charles Minton,

City Staff Present: City Secretary Debra Hagler, Larry Foerster

Others Present: Ray Vann, Shantal, Clint Headley, Kris Eastham, The Gaytan's and one other gentleman who's name I didn't catch.

CALLED TO ORDER /INVOCATION

Mark Porter, Mayor Pro Tem called the meeting to order. Mark Porter led in prayer. The pledges were recited.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Kris Eastham, representative for TDEM in San Jacinto County introduced himself and then simply stated, "I'm here to help."

PUBLIC INPUT FOR ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA: NONE

Public Hearing regarding Establishing a City of Shepherd Police Department and creating a Chief of Police position.

No one present wanted to make any public comments regarding establishing a City of Shepherd Police Department or creating a Chief of Police position.

REPORTS:

Headley: Reported that he had been recovering from a back procedure causing production to be down. He reminded those present that the County and the City are under a burn ban making it against the law to burn outdoors. A question was asked if it was okay to burn in a container and the response was NO.

OLD BUSINESS

Discuss and take action on road maintenance request from Shantal Pope at 2400 E. Beverly

Yvonne Cones made a motion to explore other options. Ray Marrs seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. It was questioned whether culverts might help? Curtis Ainsworth assured Ms. Pope that they want to help. A member of the audience questioned whether we might get excess material from another city?

NEW BUSINESS

Discuss and take action to approve Ordinance #339 to Establish the Position of Police Chief and create a City of Shepherd Police Department.

Curtis Ainsworth made a motion to approve this ordinance with Hayden Irwin seconding. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. Ms. Cones questioned the funding. The 2022-2023 Budget has a line item specifically to create this police department which will include an additional car and salaries for the two officers. Another question was asked, "Will there be 2 police officers." Yes. The Chief and one deputy with plans to utilize reserves for additional coverage.

Discuss and take action to approve Ordinance #340 to deny Entergy Texas's intent to change rates.

Ray Marrs made a motion to deny Entergy's rate increase request. Curtis Ainsworth seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Discussion and possible action regarding a resolution to submit an application to the Texas General Land Office for the Community Development Block Grant Mitigation Regional Allocation Program

Yvonne Cones made a motion to submit an application to the Texas GLO for a CDBG Mitigation Regional Allocation. Hayden Irwin seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote. There is no match to this grant nor is it a

competitive grant. The city has been allocated 1.9 million Dollars which the city will use as a Mitigation project to improve the City's Water System.

Discuss and take action on request from Cassandra Schaver to allow the Drill Team to use the Community Center for a fundraiser on December 9th for 4 hours with the fees to be waived.

Curtis Ainsworth made a motion to waive the fees but not the deposit. Yvonne Cones seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote. The Deposit will insure clean up after the event. This is determined to be a public benefit.

Discuss and take action regarding request from Augusto Estrada to have an RV on his property on Dirden Road as a residence.

Mark Porter made a motion to table this item since Mr. Estrada was not present. Yvonne Cones seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Discuss and take action on Manufactured Home Variance Request from Hershel Ebarb for Spring Ave.

After discussion and questioned asked and answered, Mr. Ebarb withdrew his request and decided he will build a home instead. No action was taken on this item.

Discuss and take action on Request from Lisette Gaytan to install a 1993 Single Wide Wingate on her property.

Yvonne Cones made a motion that this could be approved subject to a certified inspection and if all permits are obtained. Ray Marrs seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. The Gaytan family has a 1993 Single wide home which is already on the property.

Discuss and take action on request from Johnny Watson to install temporary RVs on his property to house a team of security people to protect his business that has been burglarized three times within a weeks' time.

Ray Marrs made a motion to allow Mr. Watson to have these temporary RVs on his commercial property to act as security for 6 months. Yvonne Cones seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Discuss and take action to hire Sissy Prigmore to function as the Municipal Court Prosecutor on an as needed basis for a fee of \$200 per month.

Yvonne Cones made a motion to hire Sissy Prigmore for \$200.00 a month to act as the City's Prosecutor. Curtis Ainsworth seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote

Minutes:

Yvonne Cones made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Ray Marrs 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

None

ADJOURNMENT: 7:31pm

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

Charles Minton, Mayor
Prepared by City Secretary, Debra Hagler