

**CITY OF SHEPHERD
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
Regular Called Meeting
28 N. Liberty, Shepherd City Council Chambers
Monday, November 8, 2021 6:30 PM
OFFICIAL MINUTES**

Regular Called Meeting:

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

Members Absent: Ray Marrs

City Staff Present: City Secretary Debra Hagler, Larry Foerster

Others Present: Chris Simmons, Hayden & Bunny Irwin, Deputy Headley, Tony Farkas, The JROTC along with their leaders, Shaun Bergeron and his daughter.

CALLED TO ORDER /INVOCATION

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

PUBLIC INPUT: NONE

PUBLIC INPUT FOR ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA: NONE

REPORTS:

Deputy Headley submitted a written report as well as some case reports.

OLD BUSINESS- NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Canvas Votes from the November 2, 2021 City Election

Certification of Election Returns by Mayor Minton

Yvonne Cones made a motion to approve the canvas. Curtis Ainsworth seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote. The total votes for Benjamin Cartright-25, Curtis Ainsworth-62, Ray Marrs-47, Kurtz Stowers-26, C Mark Porter-36. And the total votes for the Unexpired term, Hayden Irwin-76.

Issue Certificates of Election

Mayor Minton issued the Certificates but due to a clerical error the certificates were collected and will be issued at a later date.

Receive Statement of Elected Officers- Judge Harris Blanchette, Municipal Judge

Judge Blanchette was not available therefore Mayor Minton received the Statement of Elected Officers from each of the new elected councilmen.

Oath of Office administered to the new elects- Judge Harris Blanchette, Municipal Judge

As Judge Blanchette was not available to attend, Mayor Minton administered the Oath of Office to the new elects.

Discuss and take action on request from Chris Simmons to abandon the alley bordering his property at Smith and Bell.

Mark Porter made the motion to proceed. Curtis Ainsworth seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote. With the information Mr. Simmons received at the time of his purchase of this property he built a shop. A more recent survey shows the building is 5 feet into the City Alley easement. Mr. Simmons is preparing to enter a building project on his property. Mr. Simmons requested that the City abandon at least 10 feet of the alley that borders his property. The attorney informed that this is a two step process. The city may abandon the property and then issue following a survey deed the property to Mr. Simmons based on square footage value. The Council informed Mr. Simmons that he may proceed that they will agree to abandon the property requested.

Discuss and take action to request from Chris Simmons to abandon the undeveloped portion of Bell Street that borders his property.

No Action was taken on this item. Mr. Simmons requested to withdraw this request.

Discuss and take action on request from Shaun Bergeron for 3 Manufactured Home Variance Request on N. Railroad for 3 separate lots.

Mark Porter made a motion to deny this request. Hayden Irwin seconded and the motion passed with Ms. Yvonne abstaining from a vote. Mr. Bergeron recently purchased the properties with the intention of placing new single wide manufactured homes on each to resell.

Discuss and take action to cast votes for the Appraisal District Board

Yvonne Cones made a motion to select Steve Roberts to represent the City of Shepherd votes. Curtis Ainsworth seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Discuss and take action to hire a Utility- Court Clerk to fill the existing vacancy.

Curtis Ainsworth made a motion following Debra's recommendation to hire Monique Wilder as a Utility Clerk with Stephanie Hopkins as the alternate. Mark Porter 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

The demo between A1 donuts and The Grill was mentioned. The board wished Ms. Yvonne a happy birthday. Ms. Yvonne reported the Christmas Event & Parade plans are going well. The Toys for Tots car show the Fire Department sponsors was announced.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:31 pm

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