

SHEPHERD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
28 N. Liberty, Shepherd, Texas 77371
Shepherd July 5, 2021 at 6:00pm

OFFICIAL MINUTES: Special Called Meeting

Members Present: Sherry Roberts, Charles Minton, Amanda Addison, Freddy Ramos, Jody Cronin,

Members Absent: Kurtz Stowers, Mark Hamilton

Others Present: Debra Hagler, Lauren Migl, Renee Courtney

CALLED TO ORDER/INVOCATION/PLEDGE

Jody Cronin called the meeting to order. Sherry Roberts said the prayer and the pledges were stated.

APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Sherry Roberts made a motion to approve the minutes. Freddy Ramos seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

APPROVAL MONTHLY PAYMENT OF BILLS

Amanda Addison made a motion to pay the bills. Sherry Roberts seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

CITIZEN PRESENTATIONS:

Renee Courtney: Stated she was a vendor at the July 4th Celebration- She stated that when the Cornhole games started they blocked the vendor tables. She added that from 2:00pm-9:00 there was no sales because customers could not get to the vendor tables. She said many of the vendors packed up and left. She asked, "What is the point of vendors if they can't sell?" Mayor Minton asked her if she could attend the Chamber meeting later in the month and let them know this complaint.

OLD BUSINESS:

Updates on repairs at the EDC buildings.

Lauren reported that Rep. Bailes and Mr. Porter are back in the building. She said the sheet rocker covered a phone outlet and she is taking care of it.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discuss and take action on a Business Lunch or alternative ideas for our businesses.

Charles Minton made a motion to table this. Sherry Roberts seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote. The discussion led to the possibility of having this in 2022. A new year and a new start. 2022 is for you. This will be held after regular business hours. Ms. Roberts agreed to talk with Chamber president Yvonne Cones to see if they would share the expense. Also, a grant idea was discussed. Amanda Addison will be researching this further.

Discuss and take action to beautify the City of Shepherd Sign.

Freddy Ramos made a motion to budget up to \$300.00 a quarter as needed to add plants to the sign. Sherry Roberts seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote. Possibly the Master Gardeners would like to contribute? One of the City workers has already been discussing options for the sign so possibly he will take on the project. Mayor Minton suggested power washing and welding the loose letter too.

Discuss and take action to add more lighting to the EDC Building located at 11231 Hwy 150.

Amanda Addison made a motion to add two outside lights. Freddy Ramos seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote. It was suggested that these lights be motion sensing lights. It was established that

the EDC is not responsible to upgrade any lighting inside the rental space that that the lease agreement should reflect this.

Discuss and take action regarding Farmers Market signs to be placed around the 4-way.

Freddy Ramos made a motion to purchase the signs. Amanda Addison seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote. Lauren wants to purchase about 10 signs to advertise the Farmers Market. She stated she expect the fall markets to better than the summer markets.

MONTHLY REPORT FROM LAUREN:

Lauren reported that there is one space still available. She mentioned the O'Reilly's are still interested. President Jody told Lauren he appreciates her balance she has maintained after assuming the landlord duties. He cautioned her to not get bogged down and ask for help when she needs it.

OPEN DISCUSSION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

A sign on the South side of town was mentioned again.

ADJOURN: 6:54pm

Charles Minton made a motion to adjourn. Sherry Roberts seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Approved by: _____

Jody Cronin, EDC President

*Prepared by Debra Hagler