

**CITY OF SHEPHERD
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
Regular Called Meeting
28 N. Liberty, Shepherd City Council Chambers
Monday, November 10, 2025, 6:30 PM
OFFICIAL MINUTES**

REGULAR CALLED MEETING:

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

Members Absent: Mark Porter,

City Staff Present: Debra Hagler, Kenneth LaVergne, Matthew Greer,

Others Present: Anthony Whitten, Gene Ainsworth, Greg Capers, Wayne & Amy Jenkins, Rob Freyer, Chris Eastham.

CALLED TO ORDER /INVOCATION

Mayor Minton called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Matthew Greer led the prayer. The pledges were recited.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Chris Eastham, the SJC TDEM representative, wanted to make the city aware of the Soccer World Cup that will be hosted in Houston in the Summer and the potential impact that it could have on San Jacinto County. Approximately 90,000 individuals will attend each game so traffic and lodging could be impacted. Currently the radius of impact is unknown, but TDEM wanted the City to have the information.

PUBLIC INPUT FOR ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA:

NONE

REPORTS:

POLICE: Chief Headley emailed his report to the council.

PUBLIC WORKS: None

Library: None

Friends of the Library: The fundraiser went very well.

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Discuss and take action on request from Doyle Ainsworth to purchase the ally on Block 56.

Yvonne Cones made a motion to move forward with this. Ray Marrs seconded the motion. The motion carried with three voting yes; Curtis Ainsworth abstained from voting. Mr. Ainsworth requested to purchase the alley in Block 56. He owns blocks 1-12 on this block. There are no utilities in the alleyway. Because of part of the property touches a floodplain the lots have different appraisal values. Part of the property is valued at \$1.00 per square foot while part is valued at .75 per square foot. Mr. Ainsworth will present the paperwork showing metes and bounds to the City Secretary to deliver to the City Attorney to draw up the deed.

Discuss and take action to approve the contract between the San Jacinto County Emergency Services District and the Shepherd Volunteer Fire Department.

This item was tabled. The City Attorney suggested that the Shepherd Volunteer Fire Department vote on the contract first before presenting it to the City for approval. He reviewed the contract and states he had no objections to the legality of the contract- there are no violations of state laws or statutes. Kenneth agreed to be available to call during their meeting if he is needed.

Discuss and take action to renew the lease agreement with the Shepherd Volunteer Fire Department.

Curtis Ainsworth made a motion to renew this lease agreement for another 20 years. Billy LaCoste seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Discuss and take action on Ordinance #358 regarding reserve officers allowed to work within the Shepherd Police Department.

Curtis Ainsworth made a motion to adopt this ordinance as presented. Yvonne Cones seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote. Kenneth, the City Attorney, clarified that this ordinance was written to “officially create a reserve police force” and by request to set a limit to the number of officers. He emphasized that the state does not run the City and the City as the governing body can set the number of reserves so this number can be changed.

Discuss and take action to set a date to certify the election returns, receive the statement of elected officers and give them the oath of office.

Yvonne Cones made a motion to swear in the newly elected officials on November 17th at 6:30 pm. Curtis Ainsworth seconded this motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Discuss and take action to set a date and budget for the annual City Staff Christmas Party.

Curtis Ainsworth made a motion to have the party on December 5th at 6:00pm with a budget of \$4500.00. Billy seconded the motion. Yvonne requested Banana Pudding. The motion carried with a unanimous vote. Rob Freyer requested to make a financial contribution to the party which the City gladly accepted with appreciation.

Discuss and take action to adopt the 2026 Holiday Schedule

Yvonne Cones made a motion to adopt the 2026 Holiday Schedule as presented. Curtis Ainsworth seconded and the motion carried with a unanimous vote. Mayor Minton pointed out that the schedule mimics the County’s adopted holiday schedule.

Minutes:

Curtis Ainsworth made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Yvonne Cones seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Payment of the Bills:

Billy LaCoste made a motion to pay the bills. Ray Marrs seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chamber Christmas Event will be held in the Gazebo Park on December 6th.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:00pm

Curtis Ainsworth made a motion to adjourn, and Ray Marrs seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Charles Minton, Mayor
Prepared by City Secretary, Debra Hagler