

**CITY OF SHEPHERD
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**

28 N. Liberty Shepherd Texas- Shepherd City Hall Council Chambers
Monday, May 13, 2019 6:30 PM

OFFICIAL MINUTES

Regular Called Meeting

Members Present: Charles Minton, Mark Porter, Shannon Bailey, Amanda Addison, Yvonne Cones

Members Absent:

City Staff Present: City Secretary Debra Hagler,

Others Present: Helenmarie Johnson, Isaac Addison, Joe Williamson, Neil Adams, Srgt. Marice & Edward McDonald, Mr. Goldwater.

CALLED TO ORDER /INVOCATION

Mayor Charles Minton called the meeting to order. Mrs. Yvonne Cones led in prayer. The pledges were stated.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Mr. Goldwater: Regarding a manufactured home variance at 1981 S. Liberty. This was an agenda item. (Item F.) Amanda Addison made a motion to grant a variance for this home. Mrs. Yvonne Cones seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote. This new home is replacing an older home that is on the property. Once the new home is set up and livable the older home will be removed.

PUBLIC INPUT FOR ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA:

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Presentation of Certificate of Achievement to Spades Boakes, 7th grade Gold Medal Winner at the Houston Livestock Show.

Mayor Minton and the Council like to recognize students that do well. Sladen Boakes agreed to have his painting copied and framed to be displayed in the Mayor's office. Sladen stated his choice of art was in recognition of his cousin that is in the Military. His painting was titled "Riding For the Strong and The Brave."

Presentation of Letter of Commendation for Devin Zane Thompson as a delegate to 2019 Congress of Future Medical Leaders.

Devin Thompson was not present. Yvonne Cones made a motion to table this. Amanda Addison seconded and the motion passed.

Presentation of Proclamation to the Shepherd JROTC for representing the City of Shepherd at an Astro's Game.

Mayor Minton read the Proclamation and stated the JROTC is a marvelous way to represent our City. Several pictures were taken.

Consider and take action to adopt a resolution to apply for a Community Development Block Grant for Hurricane Harvey Disaster Recovery (DR-4332) as funded through the General Land Office.

Yvonne Cones made a motion to apply for this grant. Shannon Bailey seconded and the motion passed.

Reading of Resolution of Support for the SJC Commissioner's Court and the decision to keep the crosses on the SJC Courthouse.

Amanda Addison made a motion to support the Commissioner's Court's decision. Mark Porter seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Discuss and take to grant a manufactured home variance to Rosemary Barnes at 1981 S. Byrd Ave.

See Public Input above

Discuss and take action regarding extension of City Sewer Lines to 514 Shoemaker Road for Lesli Juarez.

No Action was taken on this item. The property owner stated they don't have enough land to do an aerobic system. Mayor Minton explained the two hindrances to approving this request: the grade is not there and the possibility of a personal lift station is very high and the fact that personal property would have to be crossed to extend the sewer line. The Mayor stated that the City is not able to help with these two obstacles.

Discuss and take action regarding a requested variance for a storage container for Mrs. Emily Carter.

Mrs. Carter was not present due to confusion in meeting dates. Mark Porter made a motion to deny this variance request. Shannon Bailey seconded and the motion passed with 3 yes votes and 1 abstaining vote.

Discuss and take action on a Resolution of Support for the passage of H.R. 789 to clarify that the Tribe can enjoy the opportunity for tribal economic development on terms that are equal and fair and to protect jobs.

Yvonne Cones made a motion to support the Tribe. The motion failed due to a lack of a second.

Discuss and take action to allow the Ex Student Association to use the Community Center on August 3rd for a planning meeting regarding scholarships and to pay a deposit but have the rental fee waived.

Amanda Addison made a motion to waive the rental fee for the Ex Students. Mark Porter seconded and the motion passed. This is a benefit to the Community in that this organization gives scholarships to Shepherd graduates. They want to have a board meeting and a fund raiser to boost memberships.

Discuss and take action to select an audit firm to conduct the City's 2017-2018 audits with an expected 5 year agreement.

Mark Porter made a motion to Select Brookswatson & CO to handle the City's audit. Amanda Addison seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Discuss and take action to publish notices to fill two city positions: A circulation clerk for the library and a part time position in the public works department.

Amanda Addison made a motion to move forward with advertising to fill these two positions. Shannon Bailey seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Discuss and take action to set a meeting of the Building Standards Commission on May 20th

Shannon Bailey made a motion to set this meeting for May 20th at 6:00 PM. Amanda Addison seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Discuss and take action to set a Workshop to discuss City Ordinances with Neil Adam on May 20th following the meeting of the Building Standards Commission.

Shannon Bailey made a motion to set this workshop as well. Amanda Addison seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

First of Two required Readings Regarding the Performance Agreement between the Shepherd EDC and the SISD.

No action was required for this item. The Resolution will have a second reading at the July Council Meeting and will be voted on at that time.

APPROVE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Yvonne Cones made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Shannon Bailey seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

APPROVE MONTHLY PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

Announcements and Discussion:

Question was asked about the Modular Homes on the Corner for the Impact Center. Mrs. Yvonne spoke on this matter and stated this is a wonderful opportunity. One will house a Food Bank and the other will be an after school program. Neither will be a residence.

Discussion was held about being careful with words as a City Councilman and don't let people think things you don't really mean.

The Mayor reminded the council that growing pains will be experienced and with that could come pressure. He reminded the board that they have no individual authority and that their power comes only from being together and making decisions as a group. He challenged each to be consistent and be stronger together.

ADJOURNMENT

Shannon Bailey 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