

**CITY OF SHEPHERD
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
Regular Called Meeting
28 N. Liberty, Shepherd City Council Chambers
Monday, September 11, 2023, 6:30 PM
OFFICIAL MINUTES**

REGULAR CALLED MEETING:

Members Present: Charles Minton, Curtis Ainsworth, Susan Daniels, Yvonne Cones, Ray Marrs,

Members Absent: Mark Porter,

City Staff Present: City Secretary Debra Hagler, Larry Foerster

Others Present: Tammy Russel, Ibrahim, Maurice Stephenson, Edward McDonald, The JROTC and some parents, Wayne Jenkins, Mark Gustafson, Captain Baker, and Tammy Nave,

CALLED TO ORDER /INVOCATION

Mayor Minton called the meeting to order. Curtis Ainsworth led in prayer and the pledges were recited.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR PROPOSED TAX RATE: The tax rate is proposed to be set at 0.16442 per \$100.00 which is lower than the 0.17674 per \$100 in 2022. This will result in no new revenue. There was no public comment therefore the Mayor closed the public hearing.

PUBLIC INPUT:

None

PUBLIC INPUT FOR ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA:

None

REPORTS:

Wayne Jenkins: 91 calls- 533 hours. Total calls for the year: 219. Most of the calls for the month resulted from intentional burning.

Clint Headley: He submitted a written report. He reported 2 arrests were made. He reported he has spent significant time with credentialing and background checks.

No Library Report:

Matthew Greer: He spoke about meters that have intentionally been tampered with. Chief Headley explained that the presumption of guilt is on the person that benefits so proof of who tampered doesn't have to be proved.

OLD BUSINESS

Discuss and take action to dismiss the pending hotel occupancy tax lawsuit against Raj Dalwadi and the Aumsai Corporation dba Z Executive Inn and Suites or set it for trial.

No Action was taken on this item. Mr. Dalwadi has paid the taxes in full. The legal fees have not yet been paid. The Attorney asked that this case be given a little longer to get the most recent quarterly tax report.

NEW BUSINESS

Discuss and take action to set a tax rate for the 2023 tax year.

Yvonne Cones made a motion to set the tax for 2023 tax year at 0.16442. Curtis Ainsworth seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote. This tax rate produces no new revenue.

Discuss and take action to adopt the budgets for the 2023-2024 fiscal year- including General Fund, Utility Fund.

Susan Daniels made the motion to adopt the budget/ Ordinance 350. Ray Marrs seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote. Susan verified it was as discussed at the workshop, Debra responded a few minor changes had been made to the Social Security line item to make it accurate and that line item was lower than first presented. Debra affirmed that the requested changes resulting from the workshop has been implemented.

Discuss and take action to adopt the EDC's budget.

Yvonne Cones made a motion to adopt the EDC's budget. Curtis Ainsworth seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Discuss and take action to adopt the updated Notice to Customers which includes increased fees such as a new base rate for the water and sewer, increased tap fees and replacement cost for damaged meters & endpoints.

Yvonne Cones made a motion to adopt Ordinance 351 & Notice to Customers with the changes in fees. Susan Daniels seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Discuss and take action on request from Ibrahim Abdallah for luxury camping at 120 Pitman Lane

No Action was taken on this item. Next steps were given to him. Mr. Abdallah has 8 acres. He requested that the City abandon approximately 500 feet of Ross Ave. The City attorney gave him procedures to purchase the property if the City abandons it. It was also explained that a feasibility study would have to be conducted before the City could move further.

Discuss and take action to accept certification of unopposed candidates.

Yvonne Cones made the motion to accept the certification of unopposed candidates. Susan Daniels seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Discuss and take action to cancel the November 2023 Election for the City of Shepherd.

Curtis Ainsworth made a motion to cancel the November 2023 Election. Ray Marrs seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote. Since the candidates are unopposed no election is required.

Discuss and take action to give Reserve Officer Tammy Nave the title of Assistant Chief.

Curtis Ainsworth made a motion to give Reserve Office Tammy Nave the title of Assistant Chief of the Shepherd Police Department. Yvonne Cones seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote. Officer Nave gave her history and answered the Council's questions. Officer Nave has volunteered many hours and resources to the development of the Shepherd Police Department and is responsible for bringing many of the reserve officers with her. She will oversee the department's training, scheduling, and any complaints regarding the reserves.

Discuss and take action to hold a sealed bid auction for surplus materials.

Curtis Ainsworth made a motion to authorize a sealed bid auction. Ray Marrs seconded the motion and the vote passed with a unanimous vote. At least 2 trucks, and a lawn mower are on the list at the current time.

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:

Susan Daniels made a motion to pay the bills. Curtis Ainsworth seconded, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 18th will be the swear-in ceremony at the Community Center for the Chief, Sargent Gustafson, and the reserve officers.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:54

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

Charles Minton, Mayor
Prepared by City Secretary, Debra Hagler