

**CITY OF SHEPHERD  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
Regular Called Meeting  
10251 Hwy 150- Shepherd Community Center  
Monday, July 12, 2021 6:30 PM  
OFFICIAL MINUTES**

**Regular Called Meeting:**

**Members Present:** Curtis Ainsworth, Yvonne Cones, Mark Porter, Kurtz Stowers,

**Members Absent:** Charles Minton, Ray Marrs,

**City Staff Present:** City Secretary Debra Hagler, Larry Foerster was present via Zoom and FaceTime.

**Others Present:** Tammy Russel, Pam Donnan, Ms. Ana Lopez, Brenda Myers, Solomon, Blake Barringer, Ray Atchley.

**CALLED TO ORDER /INVOCATION**

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

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

**PUBLIC INPUT FOR ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA:**

**NONE**

**REPORTS:**

**Constable Atchley:** He reported he received 4 application and that he is in the Background checking stage.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Discuss and take action regarding sending a representative to the school board meeting on July 22 to discuss options for S. Railroad to accommodate bus traffic.**

Yvonne Cones made a motion to have Curtis Ainsworth attend the school board meeting. Kurtz Stowers seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**Discuss and take action on request from Lorie Davis for a building to be used as commercial at 1831 S. Byrd.**

Kurtz Stowers made a motion to accept the withdrawal of their appeal. Curtis Ainsworth seconded the motion and it passed with a unanimous vote. The Davis' were not present, but Larry stated their attorney had spoken with him earlier and requested a withdrawal.

**Discuss and take action on request from Ms. Lopez regarding land clearing of 5th and Ross Streets and the possibility of the road being enhanced after it is cleared.**

Kurtz Stowers made a motion to accept the agreement once the City has written authorization of insurance coverage naming the City. Yvonne Cones seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote. The Council explained to Ms. Lopez that it is not in the City's budget to enhance the road once she clears it.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Update from Chamber Representative Brenda Myers regarding the July 4th Celebration.**

No action was taken on this item. Brenda Myers reported this was the best event in a long time. She stated the Impact Center was able to provide the trophies and the clean up. She reported that the Chamber made a profit of a little over \$800.00. She added the entertainment was great. She address a concern about no lighting at the outdoor restrooms. She also reported that the Impact Center is hoping to start having a Food Truck Distribution again in September.

**Discuss and take action needed regarding concerns from Pam Donnan regarding the \$3.10 TXDOT fee, a water pad or similar activity for the children, what is she getting for her tax dollar and ordinances.**

No action was taken on this item. Pam presented several concerns she has as well as some concerns from her peers. She wanted to know why the City can't install a water pad- there is nothing for the kids to do. She said what about the Fire Department stating they can't help certain people or attend certain events. Why doesn't the city mow City Streets? How come there is so much street flooding? Why are City culverts stopped up? Why don't we use the inmates to

cleanout culverts? Can we have a town meeting so citizens can ask questions and get answers? The council heard Ms. Donnan. They responded where they could. They explained about having to weigh the cost and establish a priority list.

**Discuss and take any action necessary regarding a solution for an Apartment Complex and the sewer capacity hurdle it presents for the City.**

Curtis Ainsworth made a motion stating the City has no objection to the project if an okay can be obtained from the City Engineer. Yvonne Cones seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote. Mr. Soloman and his partner stated they desired to build a 70 apartment building complex. They want to move forward but the City sewer is delaying the project. He ask about helping to finance anything that could improve the sewer system to allow them to build. He ask if maybe they could help pay for something up from and the City help on the back end. They requested to know if the Engineer would approve a lesser number of apartments and allow them to build in stages?

**Discuss and take action necessary regarding a Manufactured Home Variance for 190 Dogwood for Jorge & Nathalie Rivera.**

Curtis Ainsworth made a motion to grant this variance request. Yvonne Cones seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote. This is a 2021 Palm Harbor home.

**Discuss and take action to charge a fee to jet out customers culverts.**

Curtis Ainsworth made a motion to table this for more information. Yvonne Cones seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**Discuss and take action to hire a public works employee.**

Yvonne Cones made a motion to hire Juan Cruz with Jonathan Caldwell as the second choice. Kurtz Stowers seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**Executive Session: Convene into closed executive session as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act to confer with city attorney on a personnel matter (Sections 551.071 and 551.074 of the Texas Government Code).**

**Reconvene into Open Session:**

**Discuss and take action if necessary regarding personnel matters.**

The Council did not convene into closed executive session

**Minutes:**

Yvonne Cones made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Curtis Ainsworth seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**Payment of the Bills:**

Curtis Ainsworth made a motion to pay the bills. Kurtz Stowers seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Blake Barringer introduced himself.

The Softball girls made it to the World Series. Larry stated this is beyond our scope of helping as it would be a public gift. *(Note: after further conversation with Larry later in the week he agreed that within certain scopes the City could help. The City paid the \$565.00 invoice for the team uniforms)*

**ADJOURNMENT: 7:42 pm**

Curtis Ainsworth made a motion to adjourn. Yvonne Cones seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

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Charles Minton, Mayor  
Prepared by City Secretary, Debra Hagler