

**CITY OF SHEPHERD  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
Regular Called Meeting  
28 N. Liberty, Shepherd City Council Chambers  
Monday, January 12, 2026, 6:30 PM  
OFFICIAL MINUTES**

**REGULAR CALLED MEETING:**

**Members Present:** Curtis Ainsworth, Yvonne Cones, Billy LaCoste, Margaret Williams

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

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

**Others Present:**

**CALLED TO ORDER /INVOCATION**

Curtis Ainsworth called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Kolton Purvis led the prayer. The JROTC presented the flags and led the pledges.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

None

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

NONE

**REPORTS:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

NONE

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Discuss and take action necessary to approve the 2024 Audit**

Yvonne Cones made a motion to approve the Audit as presented. Billy LaCosta seconded the motion. Auditor Mike Brooks from Brooks Watson & Co. gave an unmodified rating, which is the highest level of assurance. Most Cities carry a 23% reserve with the City of Shepherd having a 100% reserve. He stated the City Funds are healthy, and the Utility Fund is self-supporting as it should be. He gave some tips to the Council for them to consider as the City grows.

**Discuss and take action necessary regarding a variance request for a Manufactured Home to be placed at 101 Beeson.**

This property owner reached out before the meeting time and asked to be rescheduled.

**Discuss and take action on concerns from William Lee regarding trash being dumped in his neighborhood and his desire for nighttime police patrols and or game cameras.**

No Action was taken on this item. The council listened to Mr. Lee's concerns and his earnest plea to hold people accountable. City Attorney Kenneth LaVergne spoke and stated that the City Ordinances are in place. The Municipal Court is functioning but some one to enforce the ordinances seems to be the "Disconnect."

**The meeting went into a recess due to a medical situation.**

**Discuss and take action to procure a grant administrator for the CDBG\_DR4781 grant.**

**Margaret Williams made a motion to table this item due to a medical situation. Billy LaCosta seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.**

**Minutes:**

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

**Payment of the Bills:**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT: 7:43pm**

Margaret Williams made a motion to adjourn, and Billy LaCosta seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

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Curtis Ainsworth, Mayor Pro Tem  
Prepared by City Secretary, Debra Hagler