

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

**REGULAR CALLED MEETING:**

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

**Members Absent:**

**City Staff Present:** Debra Hagler, Kenneth LaVergne, Capt. Baker, Carolyn McCurry

**Others Present:** JROTC, M. Stephenson and E. McDonald, Capt. Baker, Ray Vann, Mike Brooks, Kurtz Stowers, Christian Stewart and his son, Kolton Purvis,

**CALLED TO ORDER /INVOCATION**

Mayor Minton called the meeting to order Billy LaCoste led in prayer. The JROTC presented the flags and the pledges were recited.

**PUBLIC INPUT: None**

**PUBLIC INPUT FOR ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA: None**

**REPORTS:**

**LIBRARY:** No Report

**POLICE:** Clint emailed his report to the council. Captain Baker was present to answer any questions.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** No Report

**MUNICIPAL COURT:** Court Clerk, Carolyn presented the 2024 Annual Report. 339 cases filed. Collected \$54,322.18 in fines and fees and of that the City will retain \$28,743.07.

**PERMITS:** In 2024 the City installed 11 water taps and 8 sewer taps.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Discuss and take action regarding a package of polices and resolutions pertaining to the financial and civil rights requirements of the Texas Department of Agriculture under Grant Agreement No. CDV23-0494.**

Yvonne Cones made a motion to accept the polices and resolutions for the grant. Billy LaCoste seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**Discuss and take action to approve the 2022 and 2023 Audits.**

Curtis Ainsworth made a motion to accept and approve the 22 & 23 audit as presented. Billy LaCoste seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a unanimous vote. Auditor Mike Brooks stated that all funds for both years are healthy and the UF is self-supporting.

**Discuss and take action on request from Christian Stewart to have a water line extended to service his property on N. Byrd Ave. Property ID# 131869 (Just past the SJC Pct. 2 Compactor)**

No Action was taken on this item. Christian (Jr.) presented a handout of their potential retail development. The Public Works Director is confident he can get water to this location but unsure about the sewer. He tasked Mr. Stewart with researching the possibility of septic or an aerobic system.

**Discuss and take action on request from William Lee on homes that have been abandoned for years and process to remove or tear them down.**

No Action was taken as Mr. Lee was not present.

**Discuss and take action on concerns from Alvie Ellis about the continuous dumping of garbage on Shoemaker Road.**

No action was taken regarding this matter as Mr. Ellis was not present, however the Police Department committed to making extra patrols in this area.

**Discuss and take action to fill the vacancy on the EDC Board**

Curtis Ainsworth made a motion to appoint Kolton Purvis to fill the vacancy with Pam Ellis acting as an advisor. Mark Porter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Discuss and take action to amend the EDC Budget by \$50,000.00 to build a partial road to accommodate a new business.**

Mark Porter made a motion to approve this amendment to the budget. Curtis Ainsworth seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. The fund balance will be used to pay this expense.

**Discuss and take action to hire an employee to fill the vacancy in the Public Works Department.**

Yvonne Cones made the motion to accept Matthew's recommendation to hire Charles Riffe Jr. Mark Porter seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**Minutes:**

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

**Payment of the Bills:**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT: 7:26pm**

Yvonne Cones made a motion to adjourn, and Billy LaCoste seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

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Charles Minton, Mayor  
Prepared by City Secretary, Debra Hagler