

CITY OF SHEPHERD
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
Regular Called Meeting
28 N. Liberty, Shepherd City Council Chambers
Monday, February 9, 2026, 6:30 PM
OFFICIAL MINUTES

REGULAR CALLED MEETING:

Members Present: Charles Minton, Ray Marrs, Curtis Ainsworth, Yvonne Cones, Billy LaCoste, Margaret Williams

Members Absent:

City Staff Present: Debra Hagler, Kenneth LaVergne,

Others Present: Matthew Greer, Marvin Green, James Curry, Rob Freyer, The JROTC and commanding Officers- McDonaldson and Stephens, Clint Headley, Anthony Whitten, William Lee, Denise Chan, Kara Criswell, Chip and Jo Munke, Kristin Kilgore-Stately Homes.

CALLED TO ORDER /INVOCATION

Mayor Minton called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Kenneth LaVergne led the prayer. The JROTC presented the flags and led the pledges.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Rob Freyer: Assistant District Attorney announced that he is running for the Judge of the 258th District Court. He stressed how important it is to exercise our right to vote and the opportunities to serve on the jury. He expressed his desire to stick around after the meeting and meet with citizens and answer questions.

PUBLIC INPUT FOR ITEMS NOT LISTED ON AGENDA:

NONE

REPORTS:

Police: Chief Headley read his report. He highlighted a criminal mischief incident at the hotel that resulted in charges being issued via the DA's Office. He stated that his office had been following up with some illegal dumping complaints. Ms. Yvonne asked him if he had gotten the opportunity to patrol on his motorcycle yet. He responded, not yet.

Public Works: Matt stated the City survived the freeze. The well went down right before the freeze hit. He reported this well has been having an issue with the power and meters have been installed to measure fluctuations in the power. He reported that he contracted someone to clean out a big drainage ditch to help with future drainage issues. He stated King Solution is about 85% complete. He mentioned the Park equipment recently installed and that the concrete work has been completed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discuss and take action to procure a grant administrator for the CDBG_DR4781 grant

Ms. Yvonne Cones made a motion to appoint Ray Vann as our grant administrator for this grant. Curtis Ainsworth seconded the motion. The motion pass with one nay vote from Billy LaCoste

NEW BUSINESS

Discuss and take action necessary regarding a Manufactured Home Variance request from Kara Criswell to be installed at 202 S. Railroad.

Ms. Yvonne Cones made a motion to grant this request for a variance. Margaret Williams seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote. This home is a 2024, single-wide, 3-bedroom, home to be placed on 2 lots that equal almost an acre of land.

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

Curtis Ainsworth made a motion to grant this variance request. Billy LaCoste seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. They presented letters from neighbors stating they were okay with a Manufactured Home being moved in.

Discuss and take action on a Performance Agreement to create a road base for a housing project on E. Beverly.

No Action was taken on this item at this time. This was an introduction. Kristen, representing Stately Homes, presented their desire to develop 7 lots (almost 10 acres of land). The homes will be in the \$300,000.00 price range. The homes are in a flood zone and are required to be elevated. She stated they have permits for 2 homes with construction projected to start within 2 weeks. They realize city sewer will not be an option. The road was discussed. Matthew has been researching pricing for a limestone base road.

Discussion and update from William Lee regarding the trash being dumped in his neighborhood and take action on his request to enforce the laws that require homeowners to remove abandoned vehicles and trash around vacant homes.

Billy made a motion to purchase No Dumping signs. Margaret Williams seconded the motion and the motion passed with a unanimous vote. Mr. Lee also provided pictures of an home that previously had burned. He challenged the board to enforce ordinances and make property owners clean up their properties and to hold them accountable.

Minutes from Previous Meeting:

Yvonne Cones made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Curtis Ainsworth 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: 7:21pm

Yvonne Cones made a motion to adjourn, and Curtis Ainsworth seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

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