

**CITY OF SHEPHERD  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
Special Called Meeting  
28 N. Liberty, Shepherd City Council Chambers  
Monday, September 15, 2025, 6:00 PM  
OFFICIAL MINUTES**

**REGULAR CALLED MEETING:**

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

**Members Absent:** Ray Marrs,

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

**Others Present:**

**CALLED TO ORDER /INVOCATION**

Mayor Charles Minton called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Mrs. Yvonne Cones prayed, and the pledges were stated.

**PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE TAX RATE AND BUDGETS FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR**

Mayor Minton opened the Public Hearing. No (zero) citizens were present for comments.

Mayor Minton closed the Public Hearing.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

**NONE**

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

**NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Discuss and take action to adopt Ordinance #355 to set the Water and Sewer rates for 2025-2026**

Yvonne Cones made a motion to adopt this ordinance. Curtis Ainsworth seconded and the motion carried with a unanimous vote. This Ordinance adopted a rate increase to the Water and the Sewer Rate to be effective for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. It has been two years since rates have increased.

**Discuss and take action to adopt Ordinance #356 to adopt a tax rate for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year.**

Curtis Ainsworth made a motion to adopt this ordinance. Yvonne Cones seconded and the motion passed with a unanimous vote. This tax rate is the same as last year's tax rate but will provide an 8.62% increase equivalent to \$18282.00 expect increase in revenue.

**Discuss and take action to adopt Ordinance #357 adopting the 2025-2024 Budgets, the General Fund & Utility Fund which includes employee pay and the EDC's budgets.**

Mark Porter made a motion to adopt this ordinance. Billy LaCoste seconded the motion. The motion carried with a unanimous vote. This ordinance sets expected revenue and expenditure for the new fiscal year. Fund balance was added to increase the improvement of park and road line items. With DETCOG cutting the Senior Center's budget funds were added to supplement the Senior Center.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT: 7:27pm**

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

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Charles Minton, Mayor  
Prepared by City Secretary, Debra Hagler