

**CITY OF SHEPHERD  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
Regular Called Meeting  
28 N. Liberty, Shepherd City Council Chambers  
Monday, April 14, 2025, 6:30 PM  
OFFICIAL MINUTES**

**REGULAR CALLED MEETING:**

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

**Members Absent:**

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

**Others Present:** Kurtz Stowers, Kolton Purvis, Capt. Baker, Wendell Williams, Representatives from Frontier, Terri MacIntyre, Tammy Russel, Christian Stewart Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Munke

**CALLED TO ORDER /INVOCATION**

Mayor Minton called the meeting to order. Yvonne Cones led in prayer. The pledges were recited as the JROTC presented the flags.

**PUBLIC INPUT: None**

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

**REPORTS:**

**LIBRARY:** Terri states they are still rocking and rolling. The numbers are down slightly. She reported the need to accept applications again. She announced the Summer Reading theme will be "Blasting Off."

**POLICE:** Clint emailed his report to the council. Capt. Baker was present to represent the Police Department.

**PUBLIC WORKS:** No Report

**MUNICIPAL COURT:** A written report was submitted showing for the 1Q of 2025 114 cases have been filed and the Court has retained \$11,906.16.

**PERMITS:** A written report was submitted showing 3 culvert permits, 3 sewer taps and 5 water taps for the 1Q. 23 Building Permits were issued in the 1Q.

**ATTORNEY:** Has reviewed 25 Ordinances discovering only 4 that need changes. This will be discussed in full at the next meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Presentation from David Russel from Frontier regarding the Fiber Optic Project they are doing this summer.**

No Action was taken on this item as it was informational only. David Russel, President at Frontier informed those attending the meeting that Frontier will be installing fiber optic lines. These lines will parallel with the existing aerial copper lines. Only about 11% of the project will be underground. They expect to have this complete and ready for customer use by November 2025. This first phase should supply internet to about 2000 homes. He explained there will be tiers of service with 500units costing approximately \$50.00.

**Discuss and take action to consider a request to divide the property located on N. Byrd by Christian Stewart Jr. (approximately 8- 1acre tracts.)**

No Action was taken on this item. City Attorney Kenneth LaVergne advised that what Mr. Stewart is proposing needs no council action as he is not in a subdivision.

**Discuss and take action to absolve the Library Advisory Board.**

Billy LaCoste made a motion to absolve this board. Mark Porter seconded. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. The "Friends of the Library Board" have been acting as the unofficial Library Advisor Board since the current Advisor board has been inactive.

**Discuss and take action to fill the vacancy on the EDC board.**

Mark Porter made a motion to appoint Pam Ellis, a current advisor to the board, to fill the vacancy. Curtis Ainsworth seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

**Discuss and take action regarding an Economic Development Agreement with VIA Real Estate, LLC.**

Yvonne Cones made a motion to approve this agreement. Curtis Ainsworth seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. The Developer will be building a Tractor Supply Store to be located at 165 Lilley.

**Minutes:**

Yvonne Cones made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Mark Porter 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**

The Mayor informed the council that Matthew had to terminate his first hire and has hired the second choice. He also announced that the new Mexican Food Restaurant contacted him about have liquor sales on November Ballot.

**ADJOURNMENT: 7:11pm**

Curtis Ainsworth 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