

January 21, 2020

**MEMBERS PRESENT: MAYOR DAVID PLYLER; DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIE STEELE.
COUNCIL MEMBERS HOLLAND, HOWETH, MELTON,
STEVENSON.**

CALL TO ORDER

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APPROVE MINUTES

CITIZENS REQUESTS

CONSENT AGENDA

**RES 6581
WATER TREATMENT
PLANT CONCENTRATE
WATER LINE PROJECT**

Tom Pruitt, Utility Engineer, said this resolution is to hire an engineering firm to design, prepare plans and specifications, and construction services for the Water Treatment Plant Concentrate Water Line Project. This project is part of the 2020 Capital Improvement Program. Associated with the new Water Treatment Plant expansion.

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product and send it to the Treatment Plant through a different mechanism.

He said there are also plans in the future, to possibly discharge directly into the Red River, through a 10 to 13-mile pipeline. This could possibly be the first leg of that future project.

The current project was included in the CIP and this agreement is for the engineering portion and not for construction. Mayor Plyler confirmed that this design was determined to be the best route at this time, but might be slightly adjusted in the future.

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Stevenson to adopt Resolution No. 6581, as presented. Second by Council Member Melton.

VOTING AYE: Holland, Howeth, Melton, Steele, Stevenson.

VOTING NAY: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 6582 – AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH JOSE TOBAR AND JOVANI MENJIVAR FOR THE ABATEMENT OF AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE AT 523 EAST EVERGREEN STREET WITHIN CITY OF SHERMAN REINVESTMENT ZONE, NUMBER TEN (#10)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH JOSE TOBAR AND JOVANI MENJIVAR FOR THE ABATEMENT OF AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE AT 523 EAST EVERGREEN STREET WITHIN CITY OF SHERMAN REINVESTMENT ZONE, NUMBER TEN (#10).
CONSENT AGENDA.

RES 6582
RESIDENTIAL TAX
ABATEMENT
(523 E. EVERGREEN)

CHANGE ORDER NO. 1

WEST TRAVIS STREET PHASE II & III PROJECT; LYNN VESSELS CONSTRUCTION, LLC.; \$209,222.10 INCREASE

Clint Philpott, Assistant City Manager, said this was the first Change Order for this phase of West Travis Street. It includes a proposed masonry retaining wall, parallel to an existing gas line, removal of some fill dirt under the proposed paving, and some additional sod along the sidewalks and right-of-way.

CHANGE ORDER
WEST TRAVIS STREET
PHASE II & III

The Change Order was in the amount of a \$209,222.10 increase to Lynn Vessels Construction. The total construction cost is \$4.98 million. The project is expected to be completed before August 2020.

Council Member Melton asked why the staff didn't "see this coming." Mr. Philpott said the staff originally proposed a slope instead of the retaining wall. It was over a gas easement, so the plan was submitted to Atmos, however they did not agree. Bids were taken prior to their decision, in order to keep the project on schedule.

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Mr. Hefton said the transmission line is a high pressure transmission line, and Atmos required the masonry wall. It was not unforeseen, but the City was hoping that Atmos would approve the slope. He added that was the most significant part of the Change Order.

He said the original plan also called for hydromulch, but that process takes a long time to set. Since the project will be completed in the Spring or Summer, and this will be the corridor to the new high school, the contractor suggested that the City use sod instead.

Council Member Melton asked if the Sherman Independent School District could share in some of the cost since it was the gateway to their new building. Mr. Hefton said it was the City's preference too, and establishes erosion control, as well as aesthetics.

Council Member Stevenson added that one of the downsides of hydromulch is that in the Summer, with no rain, it would have to be watered to keep it alive. He added that hydromulch is cheaper, but sod is better. Deputy Mayor Steele agreed that you lay sod and you're done, but with hydromulch, you would have to come back multiple times.

Council Member Stevenson asked what percentage the Change Order was of the total project. Mr. Hefton said it was a \$5 million project, so the Change Order was 3% or 4% of the total cost. Mr. Philpott said the original budget was \$6.5 million to \$7 million, but they don't normally build in contingencies. Mr. Hefton said the project came in over \$2 million under budget.

Mayor Plyler said the Council was trying to be sure the Change Order did not exceed the original budget. The cost is still "way below" the original budget, and the project is being enhanced. Deputy Mayor Steele added that he felt this Change Order was "justifiable."

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Steele to approve Change Order No. 1 to Lynn Vessels Construction, LLC, in the amount of a \$209,222.10 increase, for the West Travis Street Phase II and III Project, as presented. Second by Council Member Stevenson.

VOTING AYE: Holland, Howeth, Melton, Steele, Stevenson.

VOTING NAY: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

OTHER BUSINESS

RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON LEADERSHIP SHERMAN'S CLASS PROJECT, "WAGS AND WHISKERS"

Council Member Melton thanked the Leadership Sherman class members that were in attendance and highly recommended the class to other citizens.

**LEADERSHIP
SHERMAN CLASS
PROJECT
(WAGS & WHISKERS)**

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They determined that their class project would be at the Animal Shelter, and they have completed two events per month since they started in December 2019. These events include the Christmas Parade, Barks and Beverages at the Animal Shelter, and proceed donations from Buffalo Wild Wings and Chick-fil-A.

They also had an event at Harley Davidson this past weekend, and she thanked Tyson Foods for grilling hamburgers, Albertsons in Sherman and Denison for donating drinks, and Sam's Club for donating chips.

Events are also scheduled for Cackle & Oink on February 5, 2020, and Stone Creek Golf Club on February 22-23, 2020. To date, the class has raised \$25,123, and their goal is \$30,000. She said there are many things that are needed at the Animal Shelter and she urged citizens to continue donating.

Council Member Melton said the project is scheduled to be complete by the end of April 2020. She thanked the class members and the community for participating in the project.

MEDIA QUESTIONS

There were no media questions.

APPOINT/REMOVE OR CONSIDER QUALIFICATIONS TO
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

MAIN STREET ADVISORY BOARD (1)
ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Howeth to appoint Tommi Sue Homuth, to the Main Street Advisory Board, to fill an unexpired term from January 22, 2020 to March 31, 2020.

Second by Deputy Mayor Steele.

VOTING AYE: Holland, Howeth, Melton, Steele, Stevenson.

VOTING NAY: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. PARADE

Council Member Holland thanked everyone that participated in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade. He said the process was a little different this year, but the community came together.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CELEBRATION

Council Member Howeth thanked the Rotary Club for sponsoring the breakfast at Austin College, in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. She said the speaker was NFL Legend and 1982 Heisman Trophy winner Herschel Walker.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. CELEBRATION

Council Member Melton said she attended the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day breakfast and Mr. Walker was a phenomenal football player and a wonderful speaker. She was impressed with him speaking about mental health issues.

MEDIA QUESTIONS

MAIN STREET
ADVISORY BOARD

MARTIN LUTHER
KING, JR. PARADE

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DALE HILL'S RETIREMENT RECEPTION

Council Member Melton said she attended Dale Hill's Retirement Reception earlier today and it was amazing that he has been in the community for 65 years. She thanked Mayor Plyler for designating "Dale Hill Day" in his honor.

**DALE HILL'S
RETIREMENT
RECEPTION**

DALE HILL'S RETIREMENT RECEPTION

Mayor Plyler said it was an honor to participate in the ceremony for Mr. Hill, and to proclaim "Dale Hill Day." He said Sherman is about the people and Mr. Hill is an outstanding individual.

**DALE HILL'S
RETIREMENT
RECEPTION**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Plyler announced the following:

- Habitat for Humanity will host their annual Habitaters fundraiser on January 25, 2020.
- The Temptations Revue featuring Nate Evans and Beverly Houston will be held February 12, 2020, in Kidd-Key Auditorium. The event is part of the Black History Month celebration.
- The Sherman Main Street Committee will host their annual Mardi Gras Celebration on February 22, 2020, in Downtown Sherman.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXECUTIVE SESSION – IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 551, GOVT. CODE, V.T.C.S., (OPEN MEETINGS LAW)

THE CITY COUNCIL WILL NOW HOLD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW, CHAPTER 551, GOVERNMENT CODE, VERNONS TEXAS CODES ANNOTATED, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AUTHORITY CONTAINED IN THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

SECTION 551.071 -- CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY CONCERNING PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION

SECTION 551.071 -- CONSULT WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY ON A MATTER IN WHICH THE DUTY OF THE ATTORNEY TO THE GOVERNMENTAL BODY UNDER THE TEXAS DISCIPLINARY RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT OF THE STATE BAR OF TEXAS CLEARLY CONFLICTS WITH THIS CHAPTER

SECTION 551.087 -- DELIBERATION REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS: DELIBERATE REGARDING COMMERCIAL OR FINANCIAL

INFORMATION THAT THE CITY HAS
RECEIVED FROM A BUSINESS
PROSPECT AND DELIBERATE ANY
OFFERS OR INCENTIVES TO THE
BUSINESS PROSPECT

On Motion duly made and carried, the Open Meeting recessed
and reconvened in Executive Session at 5:21 p.m.

On Motion duly made and carried, the Executive Session
recessed at 6:49 p.m. and reconvened in Open Meeting.

OPEN MEETING

Reconvene into Open Meeting and take action, if any, on items
discussed in Executive Session.

OPEN MEETING

ADJOURNMENT

On Motion duly made and carried, the meeting adjourned at
6:51 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MAYOR

CITY CLERK