STATE OF TEXAS §

January 7, 2008

COUNTY OF GRAYSON §

BE IT REMEMBERED THAT A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Sherman, Grayson County, Texas was begun and held in the Council Chambers of City Hall on January 7, 2008.

MEMBERS PRESENT: **MAYOR BILL MAGERS; DEPUTY MAYOR CHIP ADAMI. COUNCIL MEMBERS HUGHES, SMITH, T. STEELE, W. STEELE, WACKER.**

MEMBERS ABSENT: **NONE.**

CALL TO ORDER

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Mayor Bill Magers called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance and the Invocation were given by Mayor Bill Magers.

APPROVE MINUTES

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The Council reviewed the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of December 17, 2007. Deputy Mayor Adami moved to approve the Minutes as presented; Second by Council Member Wacker. All present voted AYE.
MOTION CARRIED.

PROCLAMATION
“DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY” – JANUARY 21, 2008

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY JAN. 21, 2008

Council Member Terrence Steele presented a proclamation to Jo Ann Perkins, President of the NAACP, proclaiming January 21, 2008 as “Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day” in Sherman.

INTRODUCTION AND PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCES

ORD 5507 BUDGET AMENDMENT

Mayor Magers introduced Ordinance 5507 and called for a public hearing:
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, AMENDING THE 2007-2008 BUDGET OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, APPROPRIATING AND ALLOCATING ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2007, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2008.

No citizens appeared before the City Council to discuss Ordinance 5507.

ORD 5508 SUBSTANDARD BUILDING REGULATIONS

Mayor Magers introduced Ordinance 5508 and called for a public hearing:
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 3 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, “BUILDING REGULATIONS,” ARTICLE 3.06, “HOUSING CODE,” AT DIVISION 1, “GENERALLY,” AND ADDING DIVISION 2, “DANGEROUS BUILDINGS.” PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES. PROVIDING A REPEALER CLAUSE.

John Arriazola, 907 W. College, thanked Council Member Smith, Council Member Wacker, and City Attorney Doreen McGookey, for their hard work on the ordinance.

No other citizens appeared before the City Council to discuss Ordinance 5508.

ORD 5509
NO PARKING ON McGEE STREET

Mayor Magers introduced Ordinance 5509 and called for a public hearing:
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR PERMANENT "NO PARKING" SIGNS RESTRICTING PARKING ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE OF WEST McGEE STREET. COMMENCING WEST OF HIGHLAND STREET AND EXTENDING WESTERLY TO A POINT EAST OF NEWMAN STREET, WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN. PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY PROVISION. PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER. PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY.

Eugene Lund, 1815 Sandra, asked if this ordinance was the same as one the Council previously denied. George Olson, City Manager, said the previous ordinance included no parking on both sides of the street. The new ordinance only prevents parking on one side of the street.

No other citizens appeared before the City Council to discuss Ordinance 5509.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

The Ordinances were introduced and the Public Hearing was closed.

MASTER PLAN UPDATE

<u>RECEIVE COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN UPDATE FROM ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER/CFO ROBBY HEFTON</u>
The Mayor moved this item to be discussed prior to the adoption of ordinances since it deals with Ordinance 5507, which amends the Budget. Mr. Olson added that everything included in the Budget Amendment represents positive progress of the City as directed by the City Council.

Robby Hefton, Assistant City Manager/CFO, presented an update on the Comprehensive Master Plan. He explained that the item ties into the Budget Amendment as well as items that will be on the January 22, 2008 Council Agenda for discussion.

The Council directed the staff to solicit proposals from qualifying firms for the City's Comprehensive Master Plan update. The staff is now ready to recommend a firm and the scope of the update. The Budget Amendment includes a change in the scope of the update that the staff feels is vital for both the comprehensiveness of the plan and for the future direction of the City.

The staff mailed out at least 20 packets and received nine responses. They were unanimous in their selection of the top three finalists and of the top finalist, which is Kendig

Keast, a firm located in Sugarland, Texas. The contract will be on the January 22, 2008 Council Agenda for consideration.

Mr. Hefton felt that Kendig Keast would be a "good fit" for the City of Sherman because they have completed plans for cities similar to Sherman in population, demographics, and the same type of City that is close to major metropolitan cities but stands alone. They were also the most responsive firm that submitted a proposal.

Two areas of the Master Plan are not in the area of Kendig Keast and they will subcontract with other firms who specialize in those areas.

TIP Strategies will handle the economic development and reinvestment aspect of the Comprehensive Plan. The company is highly recommended by John Boswell, President of the Sherman Economic Development Corporation. Also, the scope of this area has been expanded for economic development.

The Plan also includes stormwater and floodwater management, which will be handled by Halff Associates, located in Fort Worth. This is the same company that was hired by the Federal Emergency Management Agency to complete the update of flood maps for Grayson County.

Mayor Magers asked what would be the result of the hydrology, stormwater study. Mr. Hefton said the staff expects Halff Associates to use the existing study, but they will identify more stormwater and floodwater issues and will provide a plan on how to address these issues. They will not "fix" the problems, but will identify the problems and provide recommendations on ways to handle them.

Mayor Magers verified that the plan will provide a price tag on the solutions and future City Council Members will be able to decide how they want to handle the issues. Mr. Hefton said the study should provide a project list with prices and timelines for future consideration.

Council Member Terrence Steele verified that even though Halff Associates provided updates to Grayson County's flood maps, it does not include the level of work that is needed for Sherman. He verified that the City is not contracting for something that is already available through Grayson County.

Mr. Hefton added that the Master Plan Update will address growth management, land use, future land use and urban design, economic development, greenways, and parks. It will not update the Parks Master Plan, but it will address parks in general.

If the Council approves the contract at the next meeting, the process will begin in late January or early February 2008 and implementation will be by the end of 2008 or early 2009. The overall process will take 12 to 15 months.

Projected costs for the update are $20,000 for the Comprehensive Master Plan, $50,000 for the Stormwater/Floodwater Management, and $50,000 for the Economic Development Reinvestment. The Budget Amendment includes money for the Stormwater/Floodwater Management and Economic Development Reinvestment portions. If approved by their Board, SEDCO will fund $50,000 for the Economic Development Reinvestment portion, which will be a "pass through" by the City.

The Budget Amendment also includes funding for the Geographic Information System (GIS), which is an information mapping system used to manage and map utility infrastructure, stormwater/floodwater systems, urban development, land use, and other community assets.

The Budget will include equipment to start having access to the data such as hardware, software, and licensing. The data will be built over the next few years. This plan will be used in conjunction with Grayson County so there is no duplication of efforts but there is a sharing of information.

Mayor Magers asked why the City should not wait to purchase this system. Mr. Hefton said the project should be done in conjunction with the Master Plan Update in order to reduce the cost of the Plan. The effect of not doing this now will increase the cost to convert the Master Plan files to our usable form.

The City will also be updating their aerial maps and topographic maps and they will integrate into the GIS system with contour information at engineering levels.

Council Member Willie Steele asked if the GIS system will be better than the pictometry system Grayson County has. Mr. Hefton said that system is not in the correct format for the City and is not compatible with what the City needs.

Mayor Magers confirmed that the City needs a level of detail that pictometry does not provide. The City does plan to coordinate efforts and share data with Grayson County. The City's new Incode computer system is also compatible with the GIS system and is ready to populate.

Cost to purchase the hardware, software, and provide consulting for long-term project scoping and resource planning will be $60,000.

Council Member Willie Steele confirmed that citizens will be able to download a free reader to view the maps, but will not be able to alter data.

John Boswell, President of SEDCO, said TIP Strategies, the company that will be handling the Economic Development Reinvestment Study, is highly qualified and will provide a good study for Sherman that SEDCO will be able to use as a recruitment tool. He will present the request for funding to the SEDCO Board for consideration.

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance 5507

ORD 5507 BUDGET AMENDMENT

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, AMENDING THE 2007-2008 BUDGET OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, APPROPRIATING AND ALLOCATING ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2007, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2008.

Mr. Hefton said the Budget Amendment includes grant funds from Homeland Security that were received after the Budget was approved. The Amendment will allow the City to spend those funds.

The Amendment also includes $60,000 for the GIS system, $50,000 for the Master Plan Stormwater/Floodwater Management Study, and $50,000 for the Master Plan Economic Development Reinvestment Study (which SEDCO will fund, if approved). The actual net Amendment in City funding is $110,000, not including Homeland Security grant money and SEDCO money.

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Adami to approve Ordinance No. 5507, as presented. Second by Council Member Terrence Steele.

VOTING AYE: Adami, Hughes, Smith, T. Steele, W. Steele, Wacker.
VOTING NAY: None.
MOTION CARRIED.

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Mayor Magers thanked the staff for their hard work on the ordinance, however he warned this is not a "cure all" for demolishing substandard buildings, but is a step in the right direction. The City Council must balance the needs of the general population with a specific portion of the City.

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Hughes to approve Ordinance No. 5508, as presented. Second by Council Member Wacker.

VOTING AYE: Adami, Hughes, Smith, T. Steele, W. Steele, Wacker.
VOTING NAY: None.
MOTION CARRIED.

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ACTION TAKEN.

> **Motion by Council Member Smith to approve Ordinance No. 5509, as presented. Second by Deputy Mayor Adami.**

VOTING AYE: Adami, Hughes, Smith, T. Steele, W. Steele, Wacker.
VOTING NAY: None.
MOTION CARRIED.

<u>CONSENT AGENDA</u>

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The Council reviewed the Consent Agenda. Council Member Hughes moved to approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. Second by Deputy Mayor Adami. All present voted AYE.

<u>RESOLUTIONS</u>

<u>RESOLUTION NO. 5139 – AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SHERMAN AND THE SHERMAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (SEDCO) FOR WATER AND SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE AT U.S. HIGHWAY 75 AND F.M. 691</u>

RES 5139
WATER & SEWER ON HWY 75 & FM 691

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SHERMAN AND THE SHERMAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (SEDCO) FOR WATER AND SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE AT U.S. HIGHWAY 75 AND F.M. 691.

Council Members thanked SEDCO for their support on funding the water and sewer infrastructure at U.S. Highway 75 and F.M. 691.

ACTION TAKEN.

> **Motion by Council Member Wacker to approve Resolution No. 5139, as presented. Second by Council Member Terrence Steele.**

VOTING AYE: Adami, Hughes, Smith, T. Steele, W. Steele, Wacker.
VOTING NAY: None.
MOTION CARRIED.

RES 5140
FINANCIAL ADVISORY SERVICES

RESOLUTION NO. 5140 – AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH FIRST SOUTHWEST COMPANY FOR FINANCIAL ADVISORY SERVICES
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH FIRST SOUTHWEST COMPANY FOR FINANCIAL ADVISORY SERVICES.

Garry Kimball, Senior Vice President with First Southwest Company, explained that the contract was a contingency based contract. The City doesn't pay First Southwest unless they are happy with a financing. The contract can also be canceled without cause, with 30 days notice.

Mayor Magers asked Mr. Kimball if he saw an opportunity to save the taxpayers money. Mr. Kimball said there are opportunities on new money needs and on potential refunding.

ACTION TAKEN.

> **Motion by Deputy Mayor Adami to approve Resolution No. 5140, as presented. Second by Council Member Wacker.**

CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION FOR PUBLIC WORKS & PARKS IMPROVEMENTS

AUTHORIZING FIRST SOUTHWEST COMPANY TO PROCEED WITH FINANCING THE IMPROVEMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS VIA CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2008
Mayor Magers moved this item to be considered with Resolution 5140.

Mr. Kimball will come back to the Council at the end of January 2008 with requirements to issue Certificates of Obligation. He may also recommend splitting the proposed Capital Improvement Projects between calendar years to maximize issuance costs and get better interest rates.

ACTION TAKEN.

> **Motion by Deputy Mayor Adami to amend his motion to approve Resolution No. 5140, as presented and to authorize First Southwest to proceed with financing the improvement of public works using Certificates of Obligation, series 2008, as presented. Second by Council Member Wacker.**

VOTING AYE: Adami, Hughes, Smith, T. Steele, W. Steele, Wacker.
VOTING NAY: None.
MOTION CARRIED.

RES 5141
REGIONAL SOLID WASTE GRANT W/ TCOG

RESOLUTION NO. 5141 – AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE TEXOMA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (TCOG) FOR A REGIONAL SOLID WASTE GRANTS PROGRAM GRANT; AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN IN ALL MATTERS RELATED TO THE APPLICATION; PLEDGING THAT, IF A GRANT IS RECEIVED,

THE CITY OF SHERMAN WILL COMPLY WITH THE GRANT REQUIREMENTS OF TCOG, THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, AND THE STATE OF TEXAS
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE TEXOMA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (TCOG) FOR A REGIONAL SOLID WASTE GRANTS PROGRAM GRANT. AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN IN ALL MATTERS RELATED TO THE APPLICATION. PLEDGING THAT, IF A GRANT IS RECEIVED, THE CITY OF SHERMAN WILL COMPLY WITH THE GRANT REQUIREMENTS OF THE TCOG, THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, AND THE STATE OF TEXAS.

ACTION TAKEN.
> **Motion by Council Member Wacker to approve Resolution No. 5141, as presented. Second by Council Member Hughes.**

VOTING AYE: Adami, Hughes, Smith, T. Steele, W. Steele, Wacker.
VOTING NAY: None.
MOTION CARRIED.

RES 5142
FIRE COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 5142 – AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT THROUGH THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERMENTS (H-GAC) FOR THE SHERMAN FIRE DEPARTMENT, FUNDED BY STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT FUNDS
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT THROUGH THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (H-GAC) FOR THE SHERMAN FIRE DEPARTMENT, FUNDED BY STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT FUNDS.
CONSENT AGENDA.

RES 5143
OLD SETTLERS PARK RESTROOM/ CONCESSION

RESOLUTION NO. 5143 – AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A RESTROOM/CONCESSION BUILDING FOR OLD SETTLERS PARK THROUGH THE TEXAS BUILDING AND PROCUREMENT COMMISSION'S MULTIPLE AWARD SCHEDULE PROGRAM (TXMAS)
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A RESTROOM/CONCESSION BUILDING FOR OLD SETTLERS PARK THROUGH THE TEXAS BUILDING AND PROCUREMENT COMMISSION'S TEXAS MULTIPLE AWARD SCHEDULE PROGRAM (TXMAS).
CONSENT AGENDA.

RES 5144
POLICE VEHICLES

RESOLUTION NO. 5144 – AWARDING A BID TO SAM PACK'S FIVE STAR FORD THROUGH THE TEXAS BUILDING AND PROCUREMENT COMMISSION (TBPC) GOVERNMENT CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF FOUR 2008 FORD CROWN VICTORIA POLICE INTERCEPTOR VEHICLES

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, AWARDING A BID TO SAM PACK'S FIVE STAR FORD THROUGH THE TEXAS BUILDING AND PROCUREMENT COMMISSION (TBPC) GOVERNMENT CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF FOUR 2008 FORD CROWN VICTORIA POLICE INTERCEPTOR VEHICLES.
CONSENT AGENDA.

RES 5145
RESIDENTIAL TAX ABATEMENT
(1919 E. COLE ST.)

<u>RESOLUTION NO. 5145 – AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH BARTON CAPITAL, LTD. FOR THE ABATEMENT OF AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE AT 1919 EAST COLE STREET</u>
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH BARTON CAPITAL, LTD. FOR THE ABATEMENT OF AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE AT 1919 EAST COLD STREET.
CONSENT AGENDA.

RES 5146
RESIDENTIAL TAX ABATEMENT
(701 E. SYCAMORE ST.)

<u>RESOLUTION NO. 5146 – AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH BARTON CAPITAL, LTD. FOR THE ABATEMENT OF AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE AT 701 EAST SYCAMORE STREET</u>
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH BARTON CAPITAL, LTD. FOR THE ABATEMENT OF AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE AT 701 EAST SYCAMORE STREET.
CONSENT AGENDA.

RES 5147
RESIDENTIAL TAX ABATEMENT
(712 S. MONTGOMERY)

<u>RESOLUTION NO. 5147 – AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH BARTON CAPITAL, LTD. FOR THE ABATEMENT OF AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE AT 712 SOUTH MONTGOMERY STREET</u>
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH BARTON CAPITAL, LTD. FOR THE ABATEMENT OF AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE AT 712 SOUTH MONTGOMERY STREET.
CONSENT AGENDA.

REQUEST TO ADV
AIRPORT MOWING

<u>REQUEST TO ADVERTISE</u>
<u>SHERMAN MUNICIPAL AIRPORT MOWING</u>
The City Council approved the request to advertise for the annual mowing along the runway, taxiway, and ramps at the Sherman Municipal Airport. The FY 2007-2008 Budget includes funds to privatize the mowing at the Airport to reduce their reliance on City services. Last year, mowing around the terminal and large hanger was privatized.
CONSENT AGENDA.

OTHER BUSINESS

RECEIVE ANNUAL PROPERTY TAX COLLECTION PRESENTATION FROM THE CITY'S CONTRACTED TAX ATTORNEY

PROPERTY TAX COLLECTION

Glenn E. Smith, Jr., Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson, LLP, presented an annual report highlighting the result of his office's delinquent tax collection activities for the period of January 1, 2007 to November 30, 2007, and the total collection rate for FY 2006-2007.

For the past year, Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson, LLP, filed 128 lawsuits on delinquent taxpayers for the City of Sherman, which is a large increase over the past couple of years.

Notices are mailed three to four times annually. Twenty eight lawsuits were taken to judgment, and 12 of those were released during the year for payment. Fifteen lawsuits went to actual tax sales. Mr. Smith said all judgments are taken to tax sales, however a large number of those pay off before the house is sold.

Last year had an unusually high collection percentage of 105%, which related to a bankruptcy that was filed by Kaiser Aluminum. They received a payment that amounted to almost four year of taxes, which increased the collection percentage.

Mr. Smith said the City of Sherman is having a very good collection rate at the current time. The current collection percentage is 98.2% of payments within the 12 month period when the bill is mailed. This is an indication of a booming economy and is probably in the top 20% of collection rates in the State of Texas.

SITE PLAN APPROVAL FOR TYSON FRESH MEATS UNDER ORDINANCE NO. 2252, ARTICLE IV, SECTION 410(2)(J) AND SECTION 510 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO EXTEND THE PARKING AREA FOR TRAILER STORAGE IN THE BLALOCK INDUSTRIAL PARK DISTRICT AT 4700 U.S. HIGHWAY 75 SOUTH

APPROVE SITE PLAN FOR TYSON (4700 HWY 75 SOUTH)

The City Council approved the request of Tyson Fresh Meats for a site plan to extend the parking area for trailer storage in the rear of the building, located at 4700 U.S. Highway 75 South. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the site plan.
CONSENT AGENDA.

SITE PLAN APPROVAL FOR PROGRESS RAIL SERVICES UNDER ORDINANCE NO. 2252, ARTICLE IV, SECTION 410 (2)(J), AN EXCEPTION TO ORDINANCE NO. 2252, ARTICLE IV, SECTION 410 (2)(G)(2) TO ALLOW A 33 FOOT SIDE YARD SETBACK FOR A DETACHED BUILDING AND A 43 FOOT SIDE YARD SETBACK FOR A CONCRETE PAD. AND AN EXCEPTION TO ORDINANCE NO. 2252, ARTICLE IV, SECTION 410(2)(M) TO ALLOW PAINTED "R" TYPE PANELS

APPROVE SITE PLAN FOR PROGRESS RAIL (525 PROGRESS DR.)

ON A NEW DETACHED MANUFACTURING BUILDING IN THE BLALOCK INDUSTRIAL PARK DISTRICT AT 525 PROGRESS DRIVE

The City Council approved the request of Progress Rail Services to allow a 33 foot side yard setback for a detached manufacturing building and a 43 foot side yard setback for a concrete storage pad and driveway extension at 525 Progress Drive. They would also like to use "R" type panels for construction on the new building, which was used on the other buildings at this location. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the site plan.
CONSENT AGENDA.

FINAL PLAT APPROVAL OF THE HOME HOSPICE OF GRAYSON COUNTY ADDITION, A REPLAT OF LOTS 1-5 AND PART OF LOTS 16-20, BLOCK 2 OF POST OAK ADDITION; HOME HOSPICE OF GRAYSON COUNTY, OWNER (505 WEST CENTER STREET)

APPROVE FINAL PLAT FOR HOME HOSPICE (515 W. CENTER)

The City Council approved the Final Plat of the Home Hospice of Grayson County Addition, a Replat of Lots 1 through 5 and part of Lots 16 through 20, Block 2 of Post Oak Addition, located at 505 West Center Street. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the Final Plat.
CONSENT AGENDA.

CITIZENS REQUESTS

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There were no citizen's requests.

MEDIA QUESTIONS

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There were no media questions.

COUNCIL COMMENTS
STAFF INITIATIVES

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Council Member Wacker wished everyone a Happy New Year and said she was excited about staff initiatives and felt the City would have a tremendous year. She expressed her excitement about working on these projects.

Council Member Terrence Steele was also excited about the new projects.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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Deputy Mayor Adami wished everyone a Happy New Year.

INVITATIONAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

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Council Member Hughes attended the Holiday Invitational Basketball Tournament held recently in Sherman. There was a great turn-out and teams visited from as far away as California. The visitors were very pleased with Sherman and he expressed his hope that the event grows even larger.

STAFF INITIATIVES

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Council Member Willie Steele was also impressed with the staff initiatives and was excited about the follow up for ideas.

CONDOLENCES TO JOE SMITH FAMILY

Mayor Magers extended condolences to Council Member Smith and his family in the loss last week of his father Don Smith.

CONDOLENCES TO JOE SMITH FAMILY

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 551.074 -- PERSONNEL MATTERS
CONSIDER THE QUALIFICATIONS, APPOINTMENT OR REMOVAL OF MEMBERS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: HISTORICAL PRESERVATION BOARD (2)

SECTION 551.087 -- DELIBERATIONS REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS:
DELIBERATE REGARDING COMMERCIAL OR FINANCIAL INFORMATION THAT THE CITY HAS RECEIVED FROM BUSINESS PROSPECTS AND DELIBERATE ANY OFFERS OR INCENTIVES TO THE BUSINESS PROSPECTS

On Motion duly made and carried, the Open Meeting recessed and reconvened in Executive Session at 5:51 p.m.

On Motion duly made and carried, the Executive Session recessed at 6:18 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

CONSIDER THE QUALIFICATIONS, APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF MEMBERS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: HISTORICAL PRESERVATION BOARD (2)

ACTION TAKEN.

> **Motion by Council Member Wacker to reappoint Scott Totten and Gregory Barber, Sr. to the Historical Preservation Board for a term from January 6, 2008 to January 6, 2012. Second by Council Member Willie Steele.**

HISTORICAL PRESERVATION BOARD

VOTING AYE: Adami, Hughes, Smith, T. Steele, W. Steele, Wacker.
VOTING NAY: None.
MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

ADJOURNMENT
On Motion duly made and carried, the meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK