

STATE OF TEXAS

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November 7, 2011

COUNTY OF GRAYSON

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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 November 7, 2011.

MEMBERS PRESENT: MAYOR BILL MAGERS; DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIE STEELE.
COUNCIL MEMBERS ADAMI, HOWETH, SMITH, SOFTLY,
WACKER.

MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE.

CALL TO ORDER

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Magers extended the City Council's condolences to the family of Hope Waller, former Sherman Library Director. Mrs. Waller passed away on November 3, 2011. She was employed by the City for 31 years and was instrumental in the new Library and many of its innovations.

APPROVE MINUTES

The Council reviewed the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of October 17, 2011 and the Called City Council Meeting of October 24, 2011. Council Member Adami moved to approve the Minutes as presented; Second by Council Member Smith. All present voted AYE.
MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVE MINUTES

CONSENT AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS

**RESOLUTION NO. 5629 – SUPPORTING PROPOSITION
NUMBER 2 (SJR 4) ON THE NOVEMBER 8, 2011 TEXAS
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ELECTION BALLOT,
PROVIDING FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR WATER
AND WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS**
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**RES 5629
SUPPORTING TEXAS
PROPOSITION FOR
WATER &
WASTEWATER
INFRASTRUCTURE
IMPROVEMENTS**

Mayor Magers also urged support of Proposition #1 on the State ballot which would extend tax benefits to disabled veterans, their spouses, and families, and Proposition #8 which is another water related bill.

He also encouraged all Sherman voters to vote “yes” for the City’s Proposition #1 which is a sales tax initiative that will help keep property taxes low.

He urged all citizens to vote tomorrow.

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Adami to approve Resolution No. 5629, as presented. Second by Council Member Wacker.

VOTING AYE: Adami, Howeth, Smith, Softly, Steele, Wacker.

VOTING NAY: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 5630 – AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A FIELD USE AGREEMENT WITH AUSTIN COLLEGE FOR THE USE OF FIELD #6 AT OLD SETTLERS PARK

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A FIELD USE AGREEMENT WITH AUSTIN COLLEGE FOR THE USE OF FIELD #6 AT OLD SETTLERS PARK.

RES 5630
FIELD USE AT
OLD SETTLERS PARK

George Olson, City Manager, explained that the resolution is a reauthorization for Austin College’s use of Field #6 at Old Settlers Park. The contract is for a two-year term. During the term the staff will measure the utility costs for Austin College’s use of the field. Next year’s renewal will also include this utility cost which will bring the charges up to a “break-even” point.

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Softly to approve Resolution No. 5630, as presented. Second by Council Member Howeth.

VOTING AYE: Adami, Howeth, Smith, Softly, Steele.

VOTING NAY: None.

ABSTAIN: Wacker.

MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 5631 – AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A 2012 FORD F-450 SUPERCAB DIESEL CHASSIS AND REMOUNTING A 2005 FRAZER AMBULANCE FOR THE SHERMAN FIRE DEPARTMENT THROUGH THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (H-GAC)

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RES 5631
AMBULANCE
PURCHASE

Mayor Magers confirmed that the City had advertised locally before going through the Houston-Galveston Area Council of Governments.

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ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Adami to approve Resolution No. 5631, as presented. Second by Council Member Wacker.

VOTING AYE: Adami, Howeth, Smith, Softly, Steele, Wacker.

VOTING NAY: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

REQUEST TO ADVERTISE

ANNUAL SUPPLY OF CHEMICALS

The City Council approved the request to advertise for the annual supply of chemicals, primarily used by the Water Treatment Plant and the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

CONSENT AGENDA.

REQ TO ADVERTISE
ANNUAL SUPPLY
OF CHEMICALS

OTHER BUSINESS

CONSIDER REQUEST OF ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE CERTAIN STREETS FOR THE "RUN RUN RUDOLPH 5K FUN RUN" ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2011

The City Council considered the request of St. Mary's Catholic School to temporarily close certain streets for the "Run Run Rudolph 5K Fun Run" on December 3, 2011.

CLOSE STREETS
FOR ST. MARY'S
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Wacker to approve the request of St. Mary's Catholic School to temporarily close certain streets for their "Run Run Rudolph 5K Fun Run" on Saturday, December 3, 2011, as presented. Second by Council Member Softly.

VOTING AYE: Howeth, Smith, Softly, Steele, Wacker.

VOTING NAY: None.

ABSTAIN: Adami.

MOTION CARRIED.

CONSIDER REQUEST OF THE SHERMAN TOURISM DEPARTMENT TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE CERTAIN STREETS FOR THE ANNUAL SHERMAN CHRISTMAS PARADE ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2011

The City Council considered the request of the Sherman Tourism Department to temporarily close certain streets for the Annual Sherman Christmas Parade on December 2, 2011.

CLOSE STREETS
FOR CHRISTMAS
PARADE

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Wacker to approve the request of the Tourism Department to temporarily close certain streets for the Annual Sherman Christmas Parade on Friday, December 2, 2011, as presented. Second by Council Member Softly.

VOTING AYE: Adami, Howeth, Smith, Softly, Steele, Wacker.

VOTING NAY: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

**RECEIVE PRESENTATION ON THE CITY OF SHERMAN'S
NEW WEBSITE**

**NEW WEBSITE
PRESENTATION**

Tammy Davis, Director of Support Services, gave a presentation on the City's new website, which should be "live" by November 14, 2011 at www.ci.sherman.tx.us.

The website project began in February 2011 and since that time the City staff has developed content for over 400 web pages. One goal of the website was to create another avenue for citizens, businesses, tourists, vendors, and potential residents to conduct business with the City 24/7 and 365 days a year. The website gives them a functional, user-friendly tool to do that.

Another goal was to provide an on-line, two-way communication with City government with only a few mouse clicks and to improve customer service to the citizens.

Ms. Davis gave a brief tour of the new website highlighting certain areas that would be available to citizens. The Tourism Department will also have a new website available at www.sherman.tx.org.

The website will allow citizens to be notified when new items are added, will offer a "quick button" to pay on-line, and will allow citizens to report concerns on-line and receive follow-up emails about the status of those concerns.

Council Member Howeth asked how often staff would check the concerns reported. Mr. Olson said the mechanism is not an emergency line and should not be used for items that need immediate attention. However the staff should check the concerns daily and each department will address their concerns with internal notifiers and their own protocol.

Mayor Magers asked about using the system to reserve City facilities and parks. That module is not available now but will be in the future. Don Keene, Director of Public Works, added that one of the big values of the system is its flexibility.

Deputy Mayor Steele asked about permits and inspections. Kay Thomas, Systems Manager, said the Incode system is not linked with the website. Water bills can be paid on-line through the existing site.

Ms. Davis continued with a tour of the website, saying the goal is to make it a part of the daily routine for departments to check and update the content and concerns. The website also has social media such as twitter and facebook, which will not be available at the present time.

Mayor Magers said the new website is a huge upgrade over the previous website. Council Members were very impressed with the new website changes.

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Mr. Olson reminded Council Members that April Patterson, former Tourism Director, has left the City and the staff is in the process of determining how that position will be handled. He added that they will be looking for a communications type, tourism type person that will be able to help with tourism, the website, communications, and public information.

He added that there are many things on the website that will be open in the future, once the staff can support them. The website is a tool to communicate and connect with the citizens.

Mayor Magers commended the staff saying these types of services indicated a progressive community. He also asked about the website for the Sherman Economic Development Corporation. Ms. Davis said SEDCO did use the same vendor for their website but she wasn't sure of their timeline.

CONSIDER CANCELLATION OF THE FIRST REGULAR MEETING IN JANUARY, 2012

CANCELLATION OF COUNCIL MEETING

Council Members discussed the cancellation of the first Regular Council Meeting in 2012 which is scheduled for Monday, January 2, 2012. January 2 is a City holiday for employees.

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Steele to cancel the first Regular Council Meeting in January, 2012, as presented.

Second by Council Member Wacker.

VOTING AYE: Adami, Howeth, Smith, Softly, Steele, Wacker.

VOTING NAY: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVAL OF THE 2011 AD VALOREM TAX ROLL VALUE AND TAX LEVY

AD VALOREM TAX ROLL & TAX LEVY

The City Council approved the Ad Valorem Tax Roll and the Tax Levy for Fiscal Year 2011-2012.

The Grayson County Tax Assessor/Collector's Office has provided the taxable value as \$2,219,684,153, which equates to a levy of \$7,072,122.74 based on the City's total tax rate of \$0.32 per \$100 valuation.

CONSENT AGENDA.

APPROVE QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORTS FOR PERIOD ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2011

QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT

The City Council approved the Quarterly Investment Report for the period ending September 30, 2011. As of September 30, 2011, both the Operating Portfolio and the Debt Proceeds Portfolio were in compliance with applicable State laws and the City's internal Investment Policy.

The Operating Portfolio had a book value of about \$21 million, down about \$0.8 million from three months ago due

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to seasonally slow property tax collections during the period. This portfolio is appropriately liquid and its weighted-average maturity increased to about 262 days, up from 204 days last period, because of investments made during the quarter.

The portfolio yield of 0.58% for the quarter is higher than the benchmark yield of 0.04%. The portfolio value on the City's books is essentially equal to the market value of the overall portfolio.

The Debt Proceeds Portfolio balance decreased about \$1.8 million due to payments made for construction projects during the period. The portfolio remains adequately liquid, with all of the funds available within one day. Its yield of 0.11% for the quarter was slightly higher than the benchmark yield of 0.04%. The portfolio value on the City's books is essentially equal to the market value of the overall portfolio.

CONSENT AGENDA.

CITIZENS REQUESTS

There were no citizens requests.

CITIZENS REQUESTS

MEDIA QUESTIONS

There were no media questions.

MEDIA QUESTIONS

APPOINT/REMOVE OR CONSIDER QUALIFICATIONS TO
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD (1)

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Adami to reappoint Trent Bass, to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for a term from November 8, 2011 to November 8, 2013.

Second by Council Member Smith.

VOTING AYE: Adami, Howeth, Smith, Softly, Steele, Wacker.

VOTING NAY: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

PARKS & RECREATION
ADVISORY BOARD

COUNCIL COMMENTS

SERVICE OF COUNCIL MEMBER CHIP ADAMI

Mayor Magers said when he moved back to Sherman in 2004 and decided to run for Mayor, one of the first people he talked with was Council Member Chip Adami.

SERVICE OF
COUNCIL MEMBER
CHIP ADAMI

Council Member Adami has served for a long time on the City Council and has reached his term limit and is not eligible for re-election.

Mayor Magers said it has been an honor and a pleasure to serve with him and said he has been a great Council Member. He thanked him for his service and his dedication to Sherman.

SERVICE OF COUNCIL MEMBER CHIP ADAMI

Deputy Mayor Steele said he knows Council Member Adami

SERVICE OF
COUNCIL MEMBER

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on many different levels and he always “shoots straight” and will always be there to give his opinion. He added that Council Member Adami will definitely be missed.

CHIP ADAMI

SERVICE OF COUNCIL MEMBER CHIP ADAMI

Council Member Softly congratulated Council Member Adami on a job well done.

SERVICE OF
COUNCIL MEMBER
CHIP ADAMI

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Council Member Howeth said Council Member Adami has come a long way from when he was a government student in her high school class. She said it had been fun serving with one of her former students.

SERVICE OF
COUNCIL MEMBER
CHIP ADAMI

SHERMAN MUSEUM GROUNDBREAKING

Council Member Howeth complimented the work being done by the Sherman Museum. They recently held a groundbreaking for the upcoming changes. She said there would be even more changes in the future and it was exciting to see. She felt it would also draw people to Downtown Sherman and help benefit the Museum as well as the local businesses.

SHERMAN MUSEUM
GROUNDBREAKING

SERVICE OF COUNCIL MEMBER CHIP ADAMI

Council Member Adami said it has been an honor and a privilege to serve on the City Council. He originally ran because he was disappointed in the park system and felt he might have an opportunity to make some changes.

SERVICE OF
COUNCIL MEMBER
CHIP ADAMI

He recognized some of the projects that have been completed during his tenure such as the completion of Old Settlers Park; the updating of Fairview Pool; the addition of walking trails to Martin Luther King Park, Hawn Park, Binkley Park, and Fairview Park; the updating of Center Street Park, including two soccer fields and a walking trail; the irrigation of Fairview Park and the Municipal Building lawn; construction of one of the greatest parks in Texas at Pecan Grove Park; the reconstruction of many thoroughfares; and many improvements of which he felt the citizens could be proud.

Council Member Adami said he was glad to have the opportunity to serve and he felt the Council was in great hands. He added that one of the smartest moves this Council has made was in hiring local people like Mr. Olson to make sure the City continues in good hands.

He added that he has enjoyed working with all the Council Members and was proud to say he was a member of the City Council serving with the others that have served.

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,

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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VERNONS TEXAS CODES ANNOTATED, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AUTHORITY CONTAINED IN THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS.

SECTION 551.074 PERSONNEL MATTERS
CONSIDER THE QUALIFICATION,
APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL
OF MEMBERS TO BOARDS AND
COMMISSIONS:
SHERMAN ECONOMIC
PLANNING AND ZONING
COMMISSION (3)

Council Members decided an Executive Session was not needed to discuss appointments to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

APPOINT/REMOVE OR CONSIDER QUALIFICATIONS TO
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION (3)

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Steele to reappoint Richard Barber and to appoint Ryan Michael Kreck to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a term from November 8, 2011 to November 8, 2014. Second by Council Member Wacker.

VOTING AYE: Adami, Howeth, Smith, Softly, Steele, Wacker.

VOTING NAY: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

PLANNING &
ZONING COMMISSION

ADJOURNMENT

On Motion duly made and carried, the meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MAYOR

CITY CLERK