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COUNCIL MINUTES – NOVEMBER 2, 2015

Robby Hefton, City Manager, said this was the first of two public hearings concerning a proposed annexation. The second public hearing will be held on November 16, 2015, with final action taken on December 7, 2015.

He said there was majority support for the annexation and this is responding to the petition of residents in that addition for annexation.

No citizens appeared before the City Council to discuss the proposed annexation.

The Public Hearing was closed.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 6036 – AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF FOUR ZOLL AUTOPULSE® RESUSCITATION SYSTEMS FROM ZOLL MEDICAL CORPORATION FOR THE SHERMAN FIRE DEPARTMENT

**RES 6036
RESUSCITATION
SYSTEMS**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF FOUR ZOLL AUTOPULSE® RESUSCITATION SYSTEMS FROM ZOLL MEDICAL CORPORATION FOR THE SHERMAN FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Chief Jones presented a video showing how the resuscitation systems are used. He said the staff would like to purchase four of the resuscitation systems for placement on the ambulances.

He said currently manual compressions are done, but that is not as effective in the back of a moving ambulance, in an elevator, or going down stairs. This system is a portable device, could be sized to the patient, and provides the needed compressions.

Mayor Wacker confirmed that delivery should be in six to eight weeks.

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Steele to approve Resolution No. 6036, as presented. Second by Council Member Watt.

VOTING AYE: Davis, Plyler, Sofey, Steele, Watt.

VOTING NAY: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 6037 – AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SHERMAN AND THE CITY OF CEDAR HILL

**RES 6037
AGREEMENT WITH
CEDAR HILL TO
PURCHASE MEDICAL**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF

SHERMAN, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SHERMAN AND THE CITY OF CEDAR HILL.
CONSENT AGENDA.

SUPPLIES

RESOLUTION NO. 6038 – AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH HERIBERTO GARCIA FOR THE ABATEMENT OF AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE AT 902 SOUTH THROCKMORTON STREET
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CONSENT AGENDA.

RES 6038
RESIDENTIAL TAX
ABATEMENT
(902 S.
THROCKMORTON)

OTHER BUSINESS

RECEIVE “ENVISION SHERMAN” PRESENTATION FROM TEXOMA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (TCOG) PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT, AGING SERVICES DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR RANDY McBROOM, PHD

ENVISION SHERMAN

Dr. Randy McBroom, Texoma Council of Governments Planning & Development, Aging Services Department Director, presented a report on the “Envision Sherman” program.

He explained that four visioning sessions were held with City staff, leaders, agencies, and concerned citizens. The sessions covered the educated City, the innovative City, the cultural City, and the healthy City. Another session covered the built City. He presented the notes from each session.

Dr. McBroom said there was great discussion during each session and four specific characteristics were determined for each area. A public forum was then held, however participation was limited in that process.

He said the idea of partnership was important in each session, but especially so in the educated City session. The idea is to work together to prepare students for college and for workforce training, with workforce training being one of the major needs in Sherman at this time. The key issue was the support and the connectedness between the entities.

Dr. McBroom said under the healthy City, the idea of a “pride of place” was a very strong consensus. People wanted a clean, safe, walkable City with authentic neighborhoods and green space, and encouraging outdoor activities.

Under the innovative City, schools were important and the idea was that training for innovation begins in the junior and senior high school, and maybe even in the elementary

school. Mentoring, modeling, and encouraging entrepreneurial activity in students was discussed. Mentoring was a very strong focus.

The cultural City was expressed as one with a vibrant downtown and active neighborhoods. One approach of the cultural City was to see it as the arts, theater, and activities. The other was in the culture of ethnicity. Both were strongly expressed in the sessions and included neighborhoods and the arts being taken out to the people. They also talked about the “City center” and how important a vibrant downtown is to the community.

Dr. McBroom said the built City includes more housing, but also more civic spaces and areas for informal gatherings such as community meetings or arts activities. They really wanted smaller venues where people could “get together” and have smaller events.

He said one theme through all the sessions was community and another was the importance of connectivity between all of the elements.

Dr. McBroom recommended that, because of the low turn-out for the original public forum, another forum be held to get the maximum number of participation from citizens. After that, the “themes” might be made even clearer for presentation to the City Council and the City staff. The final report would hopefully lead to action items and an action plan.

Mayor Wacker encouraged the Council to read through the “raw” input to see how they arrived at the vision statements.

RECEIVE ASSISTANT POLICE CHIEF BOB FAIR’S UPDATE ON THE RECENT RECRUITING CAMPAIGN

POLICE RECRUITING

Bob Fair, Assistant Police Chief, briefed the City Council on the recent recruiting campaign for the Police Department. He said departments across the nation have had a hard time filling their staff. They have looked at several different ways to encourage recruiting efforts to get the department fully staffed.

In April 2014, they introduced a satellite site and offered off-site testing in Broken Bow, Oklahoma. Results were not as hoped for and they didn’t have as many applicants as they had hoped.

Chief Fair said this time they emphasized the social media aspect and also advertised on billboards. There were 230 people that applied to take the test, which is more than has ever applied before. Then 105 actually showed up to take the test.

The Police Department also worked with Grayson County College to provide a tutoring program with a study guide.

Chief Fair said of those taking the test, 78 passed. At this time the Police Department has hired four people and four were taking their polygraph and psychological test today, but one didn't make it through that level. Currently there is a list of about 25 people that could be considered for employment. He added that this might allow them to bring the department "up to staff."

Mr. Hefton said they need many people to apply, then a certain percentage test, a certain percentage of those don't make it through the written test, others don't make it through the physical agility test, so the original number is pared down. He added that to fill eight positions from one test has never been done before. And the department still has an eligibility list that will be good for a year.

He said this was an amazing success story and he thanked the officers for "thinking outside the box." Mayor Wacker said the Council is proud of both the Police Department and the Fire Department.

RECEIVE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS AND
ENGINEERING CLAY BARNETT'S UPDATE ON VARIOUS
STREET PROJECTS

STREET PROJECTS

Clay Barnett, Director of Public Works and Engineering, presented an update on various street projects. He said storm drains have been replaced on Hickory Street and on East Jones Street. To date, they have repaired 1,344 potholes, which is almost three times the yearly average. Mayor Wacker confirmed that most of the potholes are weather related.

He said the City begins preparing for the chipseal program in February, but due to the rains they were not able to complete the scheduled work and it will be delayed until next year. The staff did complete three projects from this year's program including Wilsonwood Estates, Western Acres, and the Fairview Park Parking Lot.

The crackseal program was completed on Taylor Street as well as on half of Lamberth Street. Lamberth Street will be completed later.

Mr. Barnett addressed a slope failure that occurred on Hunt Street on May 8, 2015. They have taken bids on the repair and the cost should be approximately \$162,000. The project is estimated for completion in mid November 2015.

Earlier in the year there were two sinkholes and a collapsing pipe on Travis Street that caused the street to be closed to traffic. Bids for repair were taken and the contractor's price was almost \$400,000. The staff decided to complete the work in-house and saved the City \$140,000, with a construction cost of \$260,000. Some work remains on East Piner Evans Street.

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During the project, a significant upgrade was made to the curbs to align them and to pipe work under the curb, which resulted in the addition of a sidewalk.

Upcoming projects include cleaning bar ditches at Setting Suns, Dos Lagos, and Cedar Park Village and prepping the streets for the sealcoating program. There are drainage issues on North Ricketts and North Elm Streets that also need to be addressed.

Mr. Barnett said during the recent construction of Travis Street, the staff has gotten a backlog of utility cuts and repairs are needed in 43 locations. Cracksealing will also be completed on Lamberth Street, then Washington, Center, and McGee Streets.

The staff is preparing a chip seal list, which is being generated from the new work order program. The program uses calculations to determine which streets need to be chip sealed.

Mr. Barnett gave an update on Loy Lake Road, saying the estimated cost is \$2.5 million. On November 10, 2015, the design submittal will be 30% complete and will be used to ask the franchise utilities to begin relocation of their lines. He added that Oncor and Verizon have some extensive infrastructure in that area. Final drawings should be complete in December 2015, with construction beginning in January or February 2016.

Mr. Barnett reminded everyone that the continuation of the Street Maintenance Sales Tax is on the ballot tomorrow and encouraged everyone to vote.

Mayor Wacker reminded citizens that they could vote at any vote center in Grayson County. She said the ballot will include voting on a Mayor and two At-Large City Council Members, reauthorization of the street sales tax, and a Charter amendment.

CONSIDER A REQUEST OF THE SHERMAN HIGH SCHOOL'S BAND PROGRAM TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE CERTAIN STREETS FOR A "BAND ON THE RUN" 5K AND 1 MILE FUN RUN ON SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 2016, WITH A RAIN DATE OF SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 2016

The City Council approved the request of the Sherman High School's Band Program to temporarily close certain streets for a "Band on the Run" 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run on Saturday, March 5, 2016, with a rain date of Saturday, March 12, 2016.

They are requesting closure of Rusk Street in front of Piner Middle School, The City will provide labor and equipment to provide traffic control assistance with placement and removal of the barricades.

**CLOSE STREETS
SHS BAND ON
THE RUN**

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The requestor has also been advised that accessibility through Rusk Street by emergency and fire vehicles must be maintained at all times throughout the event.
CONSENT AGENDA.

CITIZENS REQUESTS

TRICK OR TREAT ON TRAVIS STREET

Sean Vanderveer, 806 North Woods, thanked the City Council for allowing them to close Travis Street for the recent Trick or Treat on Travis Street event. He said they expected from 300 to 500 people, but approximately 4,000 actually attended. He said they all received candy.

He was pleased with the event and also thanked the Police Officers that worked.

MEDIA QUESTIONS

There were no media questions.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

FRIGHT FEST

Council Member Steele said he spent time with several City employees at the annual Fright Fest event, and really got to talk with the volunteers. He said he sensed that it was a genuine joy to be an employee with the City of Sherman. He commended the managers and supervisors for their leadership.

CONGRATULATIONS TO DON KEENE

Council Member Watt congratulated Don Keene on his appointment as the new City of Sherman Assistant City Manager.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALLIE HOLTZCLAW

Council Member Watt congratulated Allie Holtzclaw on her lifesaving award, adding that it was an amazing feat. He also commended Chief Jones for making sure she was recognized.

RESIDENTIAL TAX ABATEMENT

Council Member Sofey recognized the residential tax abatement program saying that it is a great program. Many other cities are trying to initiate the program and Sherman has been doing it for many years.

He said over \$2 million worth of construction has taken place in those areas, most close to the downtown area, which is also being revitalized.

TRICK OR TREAT ON TRAVIS STREET

Council Member Sofey commended Mr. Vanderveer on the Trick or Treat on Travis Street event. He also commended the police officers in attendance saying it was great to see their interaction with the public and to see those types of programs downtown.

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ON TRAVIS STREET

MEDIA QUESTIONS

FRIGHT FEST

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Deputy Mayor Plyler attended the Trick or Treat on Travis Street event and said he appreciated all the activities like this and Lights on the Lake, that make Sherman a great place to live. He recognized the hard work that went into these events and said the City of Sherman employees are the best in the State and he appreciated them.

GREAT CITIZENS IN SHERMAN

Council Member Davis added that Sherman also has a great group of citizens in the community too.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Council Member Sofey encouraged all citizens to vote in the upcoming Municipal Election.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Wacker announced the following:

- The Sherman Symphony Orchestra's Fall Ball will be held on Saturday, November 7, 2015, in the Municipal Ballroom.
- Veteran's Day is coming up and she urged citizens to thank someone that has served our Country.
- Piner Middle School will hold a Veteran's Day Program on Wednesday, November 11, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. and at 10:00 a.m. in Kidd-Key Auditorium. The Piner Band and Choir will also perform.
- A Veteran's Day Ceremony will be held on Wednesday, November 11, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial in Fairview Park.
- Thanks to Lauren Roth and the City staff for submitting the Main Street Application.
- Congratulations to Don Keene for his appointment as Assistant City Manager.

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.

SECTION 551.074

PERSONNEL MATTERS:
CONSIDER THE
QUALIFICATIONS, APPOINTMENT
AND REMOVAL OF MEMBERS TO
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

TRICK OR TREAT
ON TRAVIS STREET

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

TEXOMA AREA PARATRANSIT
SYSTEM (TAPS) BOARD OF
DIRECTORS (1)

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 5:43 p.m.

On Motion duly made and carried, the Executive Session
recessed at 6:21 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

TEXOMA AREA PARATRANSIT SYSTEM (TAPS) BOARD OF
DIRECTORS (1)

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Davis to appoint Terrence
Steele to the Texoma Area Paratransit (TAPS) Board of
Directors, for a term from November 3, 2015 to
November 2017, as presented. Second by Council
Member Sofey.

VOTING AYE: Davis, Plyler, Sofey, Steele, Watt.

VOTING NAY: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

TAPS BOARD OF
DIRECTORS

ADJOURNMENT

On Motion duly made and carried, the meeting adjourned at
6:23 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MAYOR

CITY CLERK