

STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF GRAYSON §

September 17, 2007

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 September 17, 2007.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE.

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVE MINUTES

The Council reviewed the Minutes of the Called City Council Meetings of August 27, 2007 and September 4, 2007. Deputy Mayor Adami moved to approve the Minutes as presented; Second by Council Member Willie Steele. All present voted AYE.

MOTION CARRIED.

INTRODUCTION AND PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCES

Mayor Magers introduced Ordinance 5483 and called for a public hearing:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, AMENDING THE 2006-2007 BUDGET OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, APPROPRIATING AND ALLOCATING ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2006, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2007.

No citizens appeared before the City Council to discuss Ordinance 5483.

Mayor Magers introduced Ordinance 5484 and called for a public hearing:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
SHERMAN, TEXAS, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 5422;
ESTABLISHING ASSIGNMENT PAY SCHEDULES FOR
FIREFIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS; PROVIDING FOR
AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

No citizens appeared before the City Council to discuss Ordinance 5484.

Mayor Magers introduced Ordinance 5485 and called for a public hearing:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
SHERMAN, TEXAS, CLOSING AND ABANDONING A
PORTION OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY BEING PORTER STREET
FROM RICHARDS STREET TO THE SOUTH PROPERTY**

LINES OF LOT 7 OF BLOCK 7 AND LOT 1 OF BLOCK 11, THE ALLEY OF BLOCK 7, THE ALLEY OF BLOCK 11, CRAYCROFT STREET FROM RICHARDS STREET TO DUGAN STREET OF BINKLEY'S FIRST ADDITION, RICHARDS STREET FROM THE WEST LINE OF GRAND AVENUE TO THE EAST LINE OF MAXEY STREET, AND WILLIAMS STREET FROM PORTER STREET TO WILLOW STREET IN THE CITY OF SHERMAN; CONVEYING THE INTEREST IN SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY TO THE ABUTTING AND ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNER.

No citizens appeared before the City Council to discuss Ordinance 5485.

The Ordinances were introduced and the Public Hearing was closed.

CLOSE PUBLIC
HEARING

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance 5479

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, FOR THE TAX YEAR 2007; DISTRIBUTING THE SAME AMONG THE VARIOUS FUNDS; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY AND INTEREST FOR FAILURE TO PAY THE TAXES LEVIED WITHIN THE TIME PROVIDED BY LAW; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER.

ORD 5479
AD VALOREM
TAX RATE

Doreen McGookey, City Attorney, advised the Council that the tax rate must be adopted by specific language authorized by the State.

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Adami that the property taxes be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 40 cents.

Second by Council Member Terrence Steele.

VOTING AYE: Adami, Hughes, Smith, T. Steele, W. Steele, Wacker.

VOTING NAY: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Ordinance 5483

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, AMENDING THE 2006-2007 BUDGET OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, APPROPRIATING AND ALLOCATING ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2006, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2007.

ORD 5483
BUDGET
AMENDMENT

Council Member Smith asked who authorized the overtime for the Fire Department that was covered in the budget amendment.

Jeff Jones, Fire Chief, explained that the overtime appropriated for the current fiscal year was at \$125,000. In

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February 2007, Chief Jones met with former City Manager Scott Wall to discuss the overtime, which had already reached \$125,000.

Mr. Wall directed Chief Jones to continue with the current level of service. That information was also relayed to current City Manager George Olson and Robby Hefton, Assistant City Manager/CFO, on May 24, 2007. The monthly rise in overtime costs has been consistent over the past fiscal year.

Council Member Smith verified that Mr. Wall was the person that authorized the overtime charges. Chief Jones reiterated that Mr. Wall new and approved it, and made the decision to continue the level of service and the overtime costs.

Mayor Magers explained that the reason for the budget amendment is that the overtime costs for the Fire Department is over budget. He verified that the Fire Department is fully staffed at the present time.

Deputy Mayor Adami said over the past six or seven years, overtime has increased from \$40,000 to \$511,000. He felt this was a management issue that should be closely monitored. Next year, he did not want to use reserves to pay for overtime costs that aren't being managed properly.

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Terrence Steele to approve Ordinance No. 5483, as presented. Second by Council Member Hughes.

VOTING AYE: Adami, Hughes, Smith, T. Steele, W. Steele, Wacker.

VOTING NAY: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Ordinance No. 5484

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 5422; ESTABLISHING ASSIGNMENT PAY SCHEDULES FOR FIREFIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**ORD 5484
FIREFIGHTERS &
POLICE OFFICERS
PAY**

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Willie Steele to approve Ordinance No. 5484, as presented. Second by Deputy Mayor Adami.

VOTING AYE: Adami, Hughes, Smith, T. Steele, W. Steele, Wacker.

VOTING NAY: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Ordinance No. 5485

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, CLOSING AND ABANDONING A PORTION OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY BEING PORTER STREET FROM RICHARDS STREET TO THE SOUTH PROPERTY

**ORD 5485
ABANDON ALLEYS
AUSTIN COLLEGE**

LINES OF LOT 7 OF BLOCK 7 AND LOT 1 OF BLOCK 11, THE ALLEY OF BLOCK 7, THE ALLEY OF BLOCK 11, CRAYCROFT STREET FROM RICHARDS STREET TO DUGAN STREET OF BINKLEY'S FIRST ADDITION, RICHARDS STREET FROM THE WEST LINE OF GRAND AVENUE TO THE EAST LINE OF MAXEY STREET, AND WILLIAMS STREET FROM PORTER STREET TO WILLOW STREET IN THE CITY OF SHERMAN; CONVEYING THE INTEREST IN SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY TO THE ABUTTING AND ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNER.

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Adami to approve Ordinance No. 5485, as presented. Second by Council Member Hughes.

VOTING AYE: Adami, Hughes, Smith, T. Steele, W. Steele.

VOTING NAY: None.

ABSTAIN: Wacker.

MOTION CARRIED.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Council reviewed the Consent Agenda. Council Member Wacker asked to remove Item C-1 entitled "Resolution 5080 – Authorizing the Execution of a Field Use Agreement with Austin College for the Use of Field #6 at Old Settlers Park" from the Consent Agenda for consideration in its regular order of business.

Council Member Wacker moved to approve the Consent Agenda, with the exception of Item C-1 which will be considered in its regular order of business. Second by Council Member Smith. All present voted AYE.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 5080 – 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.

Council Member Wacker asked to remove Item C-1 from the Consent Agenda for discussion in its regular order of business.

Deputy Mayor Adami said that during budget meetings, the Council discussed moving the softball fields and he asked if the field use agreement would be effected by possible changes. Mr. Olson said the park planner is just beginning to study that option. The Council was discussing the possibility of moving softball fields from Fairview Park to Center Street Park, but this field agreement is for a field at Old Settlers Park.

CONSENT AGENDA

**RES 5080
AUSTIN COLLEGE
FIELD USAGE**

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ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Hughes to approve Resolution No. 5080, as presented. Second by Council Member Willie Steele.

VOTING AYE: Adami, Hughes, Smith, T. Steele, W. Steele.

VOTING NAY: None.

ABSTAIN: Wacker.

MOTION CARRIED.

**RESOLUTION NO. 5081 – REVOKING AND REPLACING
RESOLUTION NO. 4874; ESTABLISHING SALARY
STRUCTURES AND INCENTIVE/CERTIFICATION PAY
SCHEDULES FOR FIREFIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, REVOKING AND REPLACING RESOLUTION NO. 4874; ESTABLISHING SALARY STRUCTURES AND INCENTIVE/CERTIFICATION PAY SCHEDULES FOR FIREFIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**RES 5081
SALARY STRUCTURE
FOR POLICE &
FIRE**

Mr. Olson said the resolution establishes the salary structures that were included in the City Council Committee's discussion on the compensation plan for the Police and Fire Departments. It includes the various steps for pay increases and the incentive and certification pay for education.

Council Member Smith said he served on the Committee and one of the major concerns was an educated, professional force. He felt the Committee received bad advice about the educational incentives and transferred approximately \$15,000 from the police compensation to the fire compensation, when it wasn't requested by the Fire Department.

Council Member Smith added that he did not want to remove that money from the Fire Department, but he felt the intent was that the Police Department should have that full incentive too. He felt the Police Department compensation should be increased by \$15,000. Mayor Magers confirmed that Council Member Smith was recommending that the Council return to the original proposal for educational incentives for the Police Department.

Mayor Magers explained that during the review, the Police Department had identified areas that they felt they could incentivize their staff to achieve educational benchmarks, instead of just paying salaries. In the process they were told that, because of Civil Service, they must do the same thing for the Fire Department that they do for the Police Department. That was later changed.

He verified that Council Member Smith wanted to return to the original levels intended by the Committee for the Police Department. Deputy Mayor Adami verified that the amount involved is approximately \$15,400. Council Member Smith

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did not want to remove the amount from the Fire Department but wanted to add the amount back in for the Police Department.

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Smith to approve Resolution No. 5081 with the change that returns to the original levels of incentive pay for educational degrees for the Police Department with a cumulative amount of \$500 per month for all three degrees. Second by Council Member Hughes.

VOTING AYE: Adami, Hughes, Smith, T. Steele, W. Steele, Wacker.

VOTING NAY: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 5082 – AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENTS WITH THE SHERMAN HOUSING AUTHORITY, THE TEXOMA AREA PARATRANSIT SYSTEM, INC., THE GRAYSON COUNTY CRISIS CENTER, THE GRAYSON COUNTY SHELTER, THE CHILD GUIDANCE CLINIC OF TEXOMA, AND THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB, INC. FOR THE USE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

RES 5082
CDBG FUNDING

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENTS WITH THE SHERMAN HOUSING AUTHORITY, THE TEXOMA AREA PARATRANSIT SYSTEM, INC., THE GRAYSON COUNTY CRISIS CENTER, THE GRAYSON COUNTY SHELTER, THE CHILD GUIDANCE CLINIC OF TEXOMA, AND THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB, INC. FOR THE USE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS.

CONSENT AGENDA.

RESOLUTION NO. 5083 – AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CHILD CARE LOCAL MATCH CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT WITH WORKFORCE TEXOMA FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008

RES 5083
CHILD CARE
LOCAL MATCH
GRANT

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CHILD CARE LOCAL MATCH CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT WITH WORKFORCE TEXOMA FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008.

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Adami to approve Resolution No. 5083, as presented. Second by Council Member Wacker.

VOTING AYE: Adami, Hughes, Smith, W. Steele, Wacker.

VOTING NAY: None.

ABSTAIN: T. Steele.

MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 5084 – AWARDING A BID TO AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH TEXAS ELECTRIC UTILITY CONSTRUCTION TO CONSTRUCT THE FAIRVIEW PARK AND MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. PARK

RES 5084
FAIRVIEW/MLK
HIKE/BIKE TRAIL
LIGHTING

HIKE/BIKE TRAIL LIGHTING AND ELECTRICAL PROJECT

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, AWARDED A BID TO AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH TEXAS ELECTRIC UTILITY CONSTRUCTION TO CONSTRUCT THE FAIRVIEW PARK AND MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. PARK HIKE/BIKE TRAIL LIGHTING AND ELECTRICAL PROJECT.
CONSENT AGENDA.

RESOLUTION NO. 5085 – APPROVING GREATER TEXOMA UTILITY AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH MORRIS ENGINEERS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES AND UNDERWOOD DRAFTING & SURVEYING FOR SURVEYING SERVICES ON THE HIGHWAY 82 WEST PHASE II WATER LINE PROJECT

RES 5085
HWY 82 WEST
WATER LINE

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, APPROVING GREATER TEXOMA UTILITY AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS WITH MORRIS ENGINEERS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES AND UNDERWOOD DRAFTING & SURVEYING FOR SURVEYING SERVICES ON THE HIGHWAY 82 WEST PHASE II WATER LINE PROJECT.
CONSENT AGENDA.

RESOLUTION NO. 5086 – APPROVING GREATER TEXOMA UTILITY AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH WHITEWATER CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE ROSS AVENUE SEWER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT

RES 5086
ROSS AVE.
SEWER MAIN

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, APPROVING GREATER TEXOMA UTILITY AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH WHITEWATER CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE ROSS AVENUE SEWER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT.
CONSENT AGENDA.

RESOLUTION NO. 5087 – AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF RESIDENTIAL TRASH AND RECYCLING CARTS THROUGH THE HOUSTON –GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (H-GAC) FOR THE SOLID WASTE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

RES 5087
TRASH CARTS

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF RESIDENTIAL TRASH AND RECYCLING CARTS THROUGH THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (H-GAC) FOR THE SOLID WASTE SERVICES DEPARTMENT.
CONSENT AGENDA.

RESOLUTION NO. 5088 – AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF AN ASPHALT MILLING AND RECYCLING ATTACHMENT FROM ASPHALT ZIPPER, INC., THROUGH THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (H-GAC), FOR THE STREET DEPARTMENT

RES 5088
MILLING
ATTACHMENT

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF AN ASPHALT MILLING AND RECYCLING ATTACHMENT FROM

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ASPHALT ZIPPER, INC., THROUGH THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (H-GAC), FOR THE STREET DEPARTMENT.
CONSENT AGENDA.

RESOLUTION NO. 5089 – AWARDING A BID TO AUGUST INDUSTRIES, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF A HIGH PRESSURE BREATHING AIR STATION FOR USE BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, AWARDING A BID TO AUGUST INDUSTRIES, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF A HIGH PRESSURE BREATHING AIR STATION FOR USE BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.
CONSENT AGENDA.

RES 5089
BREATHING AIR
STATION

RESOLUTION NO. 5090 – AWARDING A BID TO AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH VESSELS CONSTRUCTION TO REBUILD A CULVERT ON KING STREET AT FIRST STREET

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, AWARDING A BID TO AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH VESSELS CONSTRUCTION TO REBUILD A CULVERT ON KING STREET AT FIRST STREET.
CONSENT AGENDA.

RES NO. 5090
KING STREET
CULVERT

RESOLUTION NO. 5091 – AWARDING A BID TO AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH WEISINGER WATER WELL, INC. FOR THE DORCHESTER #8 TRINITY WELL REPAIRS

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, AWARDING A BID TO AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH WEISINGER WATER WELL, INC. FOR THE DORCHESTER #8 TRINITY WELL REPAIRS.
CONSENT AGENDA.

RES 5091
WATER WELL
REPAIRS

RESOLUTION NO. 5092 – AWARDING A BID TO AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH WEISINGER WATER WELL, INC. FOR THE DORCHESTER #10 TRINITY WELL REPAIRS

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, AWARDING A BID TO AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH WEISINGER WATER WELL, INC. FOR THE DORCHESTER #10 TRINITY WELL REPAIRS.
CONSENT AGENDA.

RES 5092
WATER WELL
REPAIRS

RESOLUTION NO. 5093 – AWARDING A BID TO AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH SLUDGE TECHNOLOGY, INC. FOR THE 2007 BIOSOLIDS PROJECT AT THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, AWARDING A BID TO AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH SLUDGE

RES 5093
BIOSOLIDS PROJECT

TECHNOLOGY, INC. FOR THE 2007 BIOSOLIDS PROJECT
AT THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT.
CONSENT AGENDA.

RESOLUTION NO. 5094 – AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A
DEVELOPER'S AGREEMENT WITH SHERMAN HILLS
COUNTRY CLUB, LTD. FOR CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC
FACILITIES IN THE SUNRISE TRACT, PHASE I, OF THE
SHERMAN HILLS ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SHERMAN
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
SHERMAN, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A
DEVELOPER'S AGREEMENT WITH SHERMAN HILLS
COUNTRY CLUB, LTD. FOR CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC
FACILITIES IN THE SUNRISE TRACT, PHASE I, OF THE
SHERMAN HILLS ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SHERMAN.
CONSENT AGENDA.

RES 5094
PUBLIC FACILITIES
AT SHERMAN HILLS

REQUEST TO ADVERTISE
RECONSTRUCTION OF AN EXISTING CULVERT ON LAKE
STREET

The City Council approved a request to advertise for the
reconstruction of the existing culvert on Lake Street. The
culvert conducts water from a tributary of Post Oak Creek
and was damaged during the recent flood. The replacement
is necessary to ensure the stability of the road and the
proper drainage of Post Oak Creek.
CONSENT AGENDA.

REQ TO ADVERTISE
LAKE STREET
CULVERT

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT – DIGESTER
REHABILITATION

The City Council approved a request to advertise for the
rehabilitation of the Wastewater Treatment Plant digester.
The existing digester gas lines and compressors have
deteriorated, resulting in a potentially hazardous operating
condition. The project is funded in the 2007-2008 Capital
Improvement Program at \$1,020,000.
CONSENT AGENDA.

WWTP
DIGESTER

CHANGE ORDER NO. 1
HOWARD CONSTRUCTION, INC.; DEXTER STREET WATER
MAIN REPLACEMENT; \$6,787.50, INCREASE

The City Council approved Change Order No. 1, which is a
final reconciliatory change order to adjust the final contract
amount on the project to replace a water main on Dexter
Street. The change order is an increase of \$6,787.50 and is
related to additional pipe length and additional service
connections to the new main. The new contract price for the
project will be \$141,412.50.
CONSENT AGENDA.

CHANGE ORDER
DEXTER ST.
WATER MAIN

OTHER BUSINESS
RECEIVE PRESENTATION FROM LIBRARY SERVICES
ADMINISTRATOR JACQUELINE BANFIELD ON THE LOAN
STAR LIBRARIES GRANT AWARD

Jacqueline Banfield, Library Services Administrator,
presented a report on the Loan Star Libraries Grant Award

LIBRARY GRANT
AWARD

which the Sherman Public Library has received for the upcoming fiscal year.

Since 2002, the State of Texas has distributed almost \$20 million to accredited public libraries through Lone Star Libraries. This is a direct State program partnership between the State of Texas and local jurisdictions.

Their intent is to provide an incentive for local communities to extend public library services without charge to citizens residing outside each library's local legal service area in order to improve library services statewide and improve access to public library resources and services for all Texans.

The amount of the grant is dependent on the Lone Star Libraries appropriation, the number of eligible accredited public libraries, local expenditures, and the presence of non-residence fees or participation in the TexShare Card Program.

A portion of the appropriation is allocated as a match on local expenditures. The more local money spent on library services, the higher the State aide amounts earned. Libraries must maintain a certain level of local expenditures to meet the minimum standards of accreditation.

Since 2002, the Sherman Public Library has received grant amounts ranging from \$3,050 to \$6,104. The grant amount awarded for FY 2007-2008 is \$12,217. With this money, the Library plans to purchase shelving, replace a microfiche reader/printer and a cash register, subscribe to the Herald Democrat on microfilm, and purchase children's music CDs and books on tape and CD.

Mayor Magers said in 2005 the City stopped charging County residents for a library card. He asked what percentage of library visitors are from outside the City of Sherman. Ms. Banfield said they do track the visitors and it has been a positive increase since the fee was removed.

Mayor Magers verified that the County had offered to provide money to the Public Library, however it would cost Sherman grant money. Ms. Banfield said numbers must be reviewed annually to make sure the local expenditures meet the requirements.

RECEIVE QUARTERLY REPORT FROM TOURISM DIRECTOR SHAWNDA RAINS

Shawnda Rains, Tourism Director, presented the quarterly report on tourism activities. Between June and September 15, 2007, the Tourism Visitor Center has answered 3,275 calls, had 802 walk-in visitors, and have mailed 1,045 information packets.

**TOURISM
QUARTERLY
REPORT**

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This year there were eight concerts for Hot Summer Nights, with five held outdoors, one cancelled, and two were moved inside Kidd-Key Auditorium due to rain. About 400 citizens attended the concerts when they were moved indoors. One concert was moved to August.

The tourism grant program helped bring the Theatricks production of “Wizard of Oz” to Kidd-Key Auditorium. A children’s camp was also held in conjunction with the event.

The U.S. National Aerobatics Competition is scheduled for next week and will bring many visitors to Sherman and to the hotels.

They are also working on Texas Hospitality Training Certifications and guides for restaurants, lodging, and meeting planning which will target small market meetings.

Council Member Terrence Steele asked if the Stonebridge Hotel was now considered a full-service hotel since it has a restaurant. Ms. Rains said they are the only full-service facility in Sherman.

CITIZENS REQUESTS

POLICE COMPENSATION PACKAGE

Tom Watt, Police Chief, thanked Council Member Smith, Mayor Magers, and the entire City Council for supporting the Police Department and for the additional funds for the police compensation package that were approved earlier in the meeting.

POLICE COMPENSATION PACKAGE

MEDIA QUESTIONS

There were no media questions.

MEDIA QUESTIONS

COUNCIL COMMENTS

ARTS FESTIVAL

Council Member Wacker said she was proud of the 25th Annual Arts Festival held this past weekend, and thanked Chairman Sue Malnory, and the many citizens and City staff members that worked hard to make the event successful.

ARTS FESTIVAL

McGEE STREET PARKING

Council Member Smith said he was wrong, and asked the City staff to revisit the issue of parking at the curve on McGee Street. Several meetings ago the Council tabled the issue and did not add no parking signs to the area. Since that time, many citizens have contacted Council Member Smith and he asked that the situation be revisited either in the same form or for no parking on one side of the street.

McGEE STREET PARKING

SOCCER FIELDS

Council Member Willie Steele said the Soccer Association had their first games on the new grass at the soccer fields, after money was approved for field maintenance. He thanked Mr. Olson and Ben Uelton, Parks and Recreation Administrator, for spearheading the project.

SOCCER FIELDS

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Mayor Magers said Sherman's resources are used by County residents as well as City residents. He said the Soccer Association recently elected Sherman residents to the office of president and secretary, and he felt it was important to have representation on the various Boards since Sherman's assets are available to County residents.

SOCCER FIELDS

CITY VIEW

Mayor Magers said one of the Council's goals was to bring information to Sherman citizens and he introduced "City View," a cable television program that is cablecast on Channel 30.

CITY VIEW

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 THE CITY
ATTORNEY CONCERNING
LEGAL MATTERS AND PENDING
LITIGATION:
DISCUSS PROPOSED
SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE
ORDINANCE

CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS v.
CREIGHTON LEMOYNE ESCOE,
ET AL.; CAUSE NO. 03-0617

PROCK v. WOODMONT OF
SHERMAN GP LLC, ET AL; CAUSE
NO. 2:06-CV-484

SECTION 551.074 --

PERSONNEL MATTERS:
DISCUSS PERFORMANCE
EVALUATIONS FOR CITY
MANAGER AND CITY ATTORNEY

SECTION 551.087 --

DELIBERATIONS 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

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Mayor Magers explained that the Council will be deliberating in Executive Session, about a business prospect for economic development. Because of this, John Boswell, President of the Sherman Economic Development Corporation, will be invited to attend the Executive Session. Ms. McGookey confirmed with the Attorney General's Office that this was permitted.

On Motion duly made and carried, the Open Meeting recessed and reconvened in Executive Session at 5:34 p.m.

On Motion duly made and carried, the Executive Session recessed at 7:04 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 7:05 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MAYOR

CITY CLERK