STATE OF TEXAS §

August 3, 2015

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 August 3, 2015.

MEMBERS PRESENT: **MAYOR CARY WACKER; DEPUTY MAYOR DAVID PLYLER. COUNCIL MEMBERS DAVIS, SOFEY, STEELE, WATT.**

MEMBERS ABSENT: **COUNCIL MEMBER JOHNSON.**

CALL TO ORDER — **CALL TO ORDER**

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

APPROVE MINUTES — **APPROVE MINUTES**

The Council reviewed the Minutes of the Called City Council Meeting (Budget Workshop) of June 25, 2015 and the Regular City Council Meeting of July 20, 2015. Council Member Watt moved to approve the Minutes as presented; Second by Council Member Sofey. All present voted AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Wacker called for a public hearing on the: — **TAX ABATEMENT PANDA SHERMAN POWER**

PROPOSED TAX ABATEMENT AGREEMENT WITH PANDA SHERMAN POWER II, LLC FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO PROPERTY IN INDUSTRIAL REINVESTMENT ZONE NO. 072015-1

Mayor Wacker called for a public hearing on the proposed Tax Abatement Agreement with Panda Sherman Power II, LLC for improvement to property in Industrial Reinvestment Zone No. 072015-1.

Steve Tessem, Vice President for Development, Panda Power Funds

Mr. Tessem thanked the City Council for consideration of the tax abatement, adding that it was similar to the abatement for Phase I, which has been in operation for about a year.

The reason for the second project is due to the load growth that the company has seen in the last couple of years in North Texas. The State of Texas was actually setting demand records for electricity for the month of July 2015.

With the increase in demand in North Texas, they determined the need for a project such as Phase II. They will be adding staff to the facility and paying a substantial amount in property taxes when the facility is built.

Mayor Wacker said Panda has been a tremendous partner in Sherman and the Council is pleased that they are back.

No citizens appeared before the City Council to discuss the Proposed Tax Abatement Agreement with Panda Sherman Power II, LLC.

Mayor Wacker called for a public hearing on the:

PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENTS

CHARTER AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION FOR THE NOVEMBER 3, 2015 SPECIAL ELECTION

Mayor Wacker called for a public hearing on the Charter Amendments proposed for the November 3, 2015 Special Election.

Robby Hefton City Manager, said at the June 15, 2015 Meeting, the City Council created a Charter Review Commission that was established to review the City's Charter to see if there were any modifications that needed to be made. The Commission met, and along with staff recommendations, considered any changes that might be needed.

Brandon Shelby, City Attorney, said there were a total of 16 areas where the Charter might need updating or revision. In May 2005, voters passed Proposition 11, and in November 2010, voters passed Proposition 3. These two propositions allow the Council to amend the Charter through an action of Council if the changes are clerical in nature. Fifteen of the proposed 16 amendments were deemed to be clerical.

The one proposed amendment that does need a vote of the citizens was to amend Article 4, Section 5, entitled "Legal Officer." The recommendation was to move the City Attorney back under the responsibility of the City Manager instead of directly reporting to the City Council.

No citizens appeared before the City Council to discuss the Charter Amendments proposed by the Charter Review Commission for the November 3, 2015 Special Election.

ORD 5888 ANNUAL BUDGET

INTRODUCTION AND PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCES

Mayor Wacker introduced Ordinance 5888 and called for a public hearing:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR OPERATING AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2015, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2016; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER.

Mayor Wacker read the following statement, "this budget will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by $670,000 and 7.6%, and of that amount $419,000 is revenue to be raised from the new property to be added to the roll this year." She said the Council is pleased about the growth in Sherman.

Dan Steelman, Executive Director, Sherman Museum

Mr. Steelman thanked the City Council for their action at the previous City Council Meeting, to increase funding for the Sherman Museum to $70,000. The increase will allow them to continue their operation at the existing level of service.

He said he is also excited about the strategic planning part of the agreement because he has been wanting to look at the direction of the Museum for some time, to determine how it can best benefit the City and the region.

Mr. Steelman said one of his main goals has been community engagement and finding ways to become more important in the lives of citizens. There has been a great diversification of the people coming into the Museum.

Mr. Steelman said $70,000 is greatly appreciated and needed, and will allow them to continue their operation. However, when he began working at the Museum, there were 3.5 employees. Today there are two employees, including Mr. Steelman.

He asked if he could get $7,000 approved by his Museum Board to hire another person, would the City Council agree to match it with another $7,000 to hire two part time people. Mr. Steelman felt this would be enough to "keep the doors open."

He thanked the City Council for funding from the Hotel/Motel Tax Fund, saying they did their best to maximize every dollar that the Council gives them.

Mayor Wacker said the Council already had a funding amount that was agreed upon, but everyone is committed to help with fundraising efforts to help leverage the money available.

She added that this was the first reading of Ordinance 5888, the second and final public hearing, and the adoption will be scheduled for the next City Council Meeting on August 17, 2015. Two public hearings on the budget ordinance are required by law.

No other citizens appeared before the City Council to discuss Ordinance 5888.

Mayor Wacker introduced Ordinance 5889 and called for a public hearing:

ORD 5889 ALCOHOL SALES FOR EXTENDED HOURS

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 4 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, ENTITLED "BUSINESS REGULATIONS", ARTICLE 4.14, ENTITLED "ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES", AT DIVISION 2, ENTITLED "LAWFUL CONSUMPTION", SECTION 4.14.034, ENTITLED "HOURS OF OPERATION", AND AT DIVISION 3, ENTITLED "UNLAWFUL CONSUMPTION", SECTION 4.14.066, ENTITLED "SALE OF ALCOHOLIC

BEVERAGES DURING EXTENDED HOURS BY PRIVATE CLUB PERMITTEE", TO PROVIDE FOR EXTENDED HOURS FOR THE SALE OF ALCOHOL PURSUANT TO THE TEXAS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CODE; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER.

Mr. Shelby explained that, at the last meeting, Council Member Sofey suggested that the staff look into extending the hours of operation for bars and restaurants.

The Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission sets the hours for the sale of alcoholic beverages. Based on the population, Sherman's hours are set at midnight on weekdays and 1:00 a.m. on weekends. In cities with a larger population, they are allowed to sell alcoholic beverages until 2:00 a.m., seven days a week.

Small cities, such as Sherman, may adopt these extended hours by ordinance. The proposed ordinance would allow for a restaurant or bar, that holds a mixed beverage license, to apply to TABC for an extended hours license, giving them the opportunity to stay open until 2:00 a.m., seven days a week, if they choose.

Mayor Wacker confirmed that the extended hours are not automatic and a restaurant or bar would need to go through an application process with TABC.

No citizens appeared before the City Council to discuss Ordinance 5889.

Mayor Wacker introduced Ordinance 5890 and called for a public hearing:

ORD 5890
ENGINE BRAKING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 12 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, ENTITLED "TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES", ARTICLE 12.02, ENTITLED "OPERATION OF VEHICLES GENERALLY", TO PROVIDE FOR A NEW SECTION 12.02.010 TO BE ENTITLED "ENGINE BRAKING"; PROVIDING FOR EXCEPTIONS; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER.

Mr. Hefton said the proposed ordinance was in response to the City Council request to look at the engine braking issue and the noise pollution it causes, especially on the major highways, US Hwy 75 and US Hwy 82.

The proposed ordinance is modeled on what other cities of similar or larger size have adopted to address the issue. From a practical standpoint, he said if the ordinance is adopted, the staff will install signage on major thoroughfares at entrances to the City, however he said enforcement would be a little difficult. He said other cities

have found that the signage works to notify truck drivers and they seem to follow the prohibition fairly well.

No citizens appeared before the City Council to discuss Ordinance 5890.

The Public Hearing was closed.

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

ORD 5889 ALCOHOL SALES FOR EXTENDED HOURS (TABLED)

Ordinance 5889

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 4 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, ENTITLED "BUSINESS REGULATIONS", ARTICLE 4.14, ENTITLED "ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES", AT DIVISION 2, ENTITLED "LAWFUL CONSUMPTION", SECTION 4.14.034, ENTITLED "HOURS OF OPERATION", AND AT DIVISION 3, ENTITLED "UNLAWFUL CONSUMPTION", SECTION 4.14.066, ENTITLED "SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DURING EXTENDED HOURS BY PRIVATE CLUB PERMITTEE", TO PROVIDE FOR EXTENDED HOURS FOR THE SALE OF ALCOHOL PURSUANT TO THE TEXAS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CODE; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER.

Council Member Watt asked about the time that late hours would allow. Mr. Hefton said the proposed ordinance would adopt the TABC extended hours and then a restaurant could adopt whatever hours they wanted too, up to those hours.

Council Member Sofey asked if the City could be specific and designate that Sunday through Thursday was still midnight, but Friday and Saturday are later. He asked if the City Council had that ability.

Mr. Shelby set the statue sets the hours at 2:00 a.m. and the language of the statue says that cities that aren't included may adopt these hours by ordinance. "These hours" applies to the clause in the statue that says 2:00 a.m. It doesn't say the City can't modify it, but it would require additional research to assure that a City can do that.

Council Member Watt said from a public safety standpoint, he would like to know if there is any research available about what happens from midnight until 2:00 a.m. as opposed to closing at midnight.

Mr. Hefton said the staff did not research from that standpoint. There are other cities in the area that have adopted the 2:00 a.m. language. In staff discussions the thought has been that opening up the hours from midnight until 2:00 a.m. isn't going to draw any more traffic to those areas, but it might allow those that are already out to stay longer. He added that there is really no way to know what impact the change would have locally.

Chief Henry said they had no actual data, but the extended hours are common throughout the State.

Council Member Sofey said he introduced the idea at the last Council Meeting, and that many younger people don't go out until 10:00 p.m. He thought it might be an opportunity to keep some dollars in Sherman and would be an "olive branch" to some of the businesses that felt they would lose revenue with the no smoking policy.

He said he would like to do something on the weekends and didn't realize the State law said it would have to be done seven days a week. The businesses he talked to had an interest in staying open an extra hour or two at night, but probably not all week.

He said he would like to know if the City has an option to make the change on the weekend only and not all seven days a week.

Council Member Steele said the businesses would still have to go through the TABC permitting process in order to be open the late hours.

Deputy Mayor Plyler asked if the Council would like to table the ordinance until the next meeting and let the City Attorney research what options the Council might have. Council Member Sofey said he would feel more comfortable if the research showed they could make the change only on Friday and Saturday nights.

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Sofey to table Ordinance No. 5889, until the next Council Meeting. Second by Deputy Mayor Plyler.

VOTING AYE: Davis, Plyler, Sofey, Steele, Watt.
VOTING NAY: None.
MOTION CARRIED TO TABLE.

Council Member Watt asked when the City Attorney researches the Council's options, could he verify that if the ordinance is eventually approved and there is a problem, can the Council change it back.

Ordinance 5890 **ORD 5890**
ENGINE BRAKING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 12 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, ENTITLED "TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES", ARTICLE 12.02, ENTITLED "OPERATION OF VEHICLES GENERALLY", TO PROVIDE FOR A NEW SECTION 12.02.010 TO BE ENTITLED "ENGINE BRAKING"; PROVIDING FOR EXCEPTIONS; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER.

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Sofey to approve Ordinance No. 5890, as presented. Second by Council Member Watt.

VOTING AYE: Davis, Plyler, Sofey, Steele, Watt.
VOTING NAY: None.
MOTION CARRIED.

CONSENT AGENDA — **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 5989 – AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH PANDA SHERMAN POWER II, LLC FOR THE ABATEMENT OF AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES WITHIN INDUSTRIAL REINVESTMENT ZONE NO. 072015-1 — **RES 5989 TAX ABATEMENT PANDA SHERMAN POWER II**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH PANDA SHERMAN POWER II, LLC FOR THE ABATEMENT OF AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES WITHIN INDUSTRIAL REINVESTMENT ZONE NO. 072015-1.

Mayor Wacker said Resolution Nos. 5989, 5990, and 5991 are all related. She asked Mr. Hefton to discuss the proposed resolutions.

Mr. Hefton explained that Resolution Nos. 5989 and 5990 are both incentive agreements with Panda Sherman Power II, the proposed development that Mr. Tessem spoke about earlier. Resolution 5989 is the tax abatement agreement and would be for 10 years, with a declining structure for abatement. The abatement starts at 65% and declines to 25% by the end of the abatement period.

It is a similar abatement to the one currently in effect for Panda I. The numbers are a little different but the effect is about the same.

Mr. Hefton said Resolution 5990 is a Chapter 380 Agreement from the Local Government Code that allows the City to enter into economic incentive agreements with businesses proposing development in Sherman. This agreement would extend the abatement, in the form of a rebate, for five additional years.

This would be a total 15 year incentive, with the first ten years being in the form of a tax abatement and the last five years in the form of a rebate agreement that would rebate 25% of their property taxes paid. They would pay the taxes and the City would rebate back to them 25% of what was paid.

Resolution No. 5991 is a 380 Agreement for the current facilities that are in place in Sherman. Panda, since it's

inception has already generated over $3 million in revenue to the City. This includes utility revenue during construction and post construction, sales tax revenue during construction, and hotel/motel tax revenue during construction. They have already had an incredible financial impact on the City.

This proposed agreement would rebate back to Panda Sherman Power $60,000 of taxes that will be paid this current fiscal year for pollution control exemptions that ended up not being exempt after action by the Grayson Appraisal District and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

There were some properties that were previously indicated to be exempt from taxes that are now not exempt for FY 2015. This agreement would rebate that amount that was changed at the last minute.

The City also proposes to take these issues to Grayson County for their consideration as a rebate. They are under no obligation, however the County has historically followed the City's lead on economic development type agreements.

Mayor Wacker said by reviewing the agreements together there would be a good understanding of what is being considered. She said Panda is Sherman's largest taxpayer, by far, even with the abatement agreements in place.

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Davis to approve Resolution No. 5989, as presented. Second by Council Member Steele.

VOTING AYE: Davis, Plyler, Sofey, Steele, Watt.
VOTING NAY: None.
MOTION CARRIED.

RES 5990 PANDA SHERMAN POWER II – CHAPTER 380 AGREEMENT

<u>RESOLUTION NO. 5990 – AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH PANDA SHERMAN POWER II, LLC FOR THE GRANT OF INCENTIVES PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 380 OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE</u>

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH PANDA SHERMAN POWER II, LLC FOR THE GRANT OF INCENTIVES PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 380 OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE.

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Steele to approve Resolution No. 5990, as presented. Second by Council Member Watt.

VOTING AYE: Davis, Plyler, Sofey, Steele, Watt.
VOTING NAY: None.
MOTION CARRIED.

RES 5991 PANDA SHERMAN POWER – CHAPTER 380 AGREEMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 5991 – AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH PANDA SHERMAN POWER, LLC FOR THE GRANT OF INCENTIVES PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 380 OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH PANDA SHERMAN POWER, LLC FOR THE GRANT OF INCENTIVES PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 380 OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE.

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Sofey to approve Resolution No. 5991, as presented. Second by Deputy Mayor Plyler.

VOTING AYE: Davis, Plyler, Sofey, Steele, Watt.
VOTING NAY: None.
MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Wacker said the City Council is very glad they chose Sherman and urged them to keep moving forward.

RES 5992 HUNT STREET EROSION PROTECTION

RESOLUTION NO. 5992 – AWARDING A BID TO AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH EAST VALLEY GOLF, LTD. DBA REVEGETATION SERVICES BASED ON AN INVITATION TO BID FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE EROSION PROTECTION FOR HUNT STREET

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, AWARDING A BID TO AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH EAST VALLEY GOLF, LTD. DBA REVEGETATION SERVICES BASED ON AN INVITATION TO BID FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE EROSION PROTECTION FOR HUNT STREET.

Clay Barnett, Director of Public Works and Engineering, explained that this was the first of the repair projects for the damage that the City suffered during the heavy rainfall experienced in the late Spring and early Summer.

The damage consisted of a slope failure on Hunt Street. This project will place a box culvert at the bottom of the slope and fill in the area, eliminating the future potential for erosion.

The City received five bids with the lowest bid submitted by Revegetation Services. The staff has checked their financials and their references and they appear to be in good stable condition.

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Steele to approve Resolution No. 5992, as presented. Second by Council Member Watt.

VOTING AYE: Davis, Plyler, Sofey, Steele, Watt.
VOTING NAY: None.
MOTION CARRIED.

RES 5993
E911 SYSTEM
REMOTE HOSTING
TCOG

RESOLUTION NO. 5993 – AUTHORIZING APPROVAL AND EXECUTION OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE TEXOMA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS REGARDING THE SHARING AND REMOTE HOSTING OF EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS E911 SYSTEMS

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING APPROVAL AND EXECUTION OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE TEXOMA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS REGARDING THE SHARING AND REMOTE HOSTING OF EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS E911 SYSTEMS.

Mayor Wacker asked Otis Henry, Police Chief, to discuss Resolution 5993 and Resolution 5994 since they were related.

Chief Henry said the City's E911 equipment is currently housed at the Sherman Police Department and is a "stand alone" system.

The equipment, software, and hardware have reached their end of life. The staff has been working with AT&T to complete specs on the equipment and obtain quotes.

Chief Henry said they would like to make a change in the way they do business and enact an interlocal agreement with the Texoma Council of Governments. This will allow the City to cut their costs by sharing some of the expenses with the other entities that are part of the shared hosting program.

By participating, the City will save about $100,000 on equipment and it will also allow redundancy. If the City happened to lose capability to receive 911 calls at the Police Department, they would be able to go to any of the other partners, such as Whitesboro, Grayson County, Fannin County, or Cooke County, and receive calls at those remote sites and dispatch from that location.

Mayor Wacker said the interlocal agreement was approved at the last TCOG Governing Board Meeting. Chief Henry added that the staff had previously discussed the next generation 911 and the State's effort to bring it online. This equipment will be next gen capable and ready to go when the State is ready. It will also give the Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP).

Council Member Watt asked if there was a timeline as to when the State might be ready to partner with local jurisdictions. C.J. Durbin, TCOG Public Safety Program Manager, said they are working on the plan and several Councils of Government will go on by the end of 2017.

Council Member Watt asked if there was any change in the status of the City's 911 funds. Chief Henry said the way the E911 funds were disbursed will be unaffected by the

agreement and the City will still maintain control over the incoming fees. Mayor Wacker confirmed that this is the fee that is on a telephone bill that is dedicated to 911 communications. The fee is now $0.80.

ACTION TAKEN.
Motion by Council Member Watt to approve Resolution No. 5993, as presented. Second by Council Member Sofey.
VOTING AYE: Davis, Plyler, Sofey, Steele, Watt.
VOTING NAY: None.
MOTION CARRIED.

RES 5994
AT&T PHONE SYSTEM

RESOLUTION NO. 5994 – AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH AT&T FOR THE PURCHASE OF A NEW VESTA E911 SYSTEM

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH AT&T FOR THE PURCHASE OF A NEW VESTA E911 SYSTEM.

ACTION TAKEN.
Motion by Council Member Watt to approve Resolution No. 5994, as presented. Second by Council Member Steele.
VOTING AYE: Davis, Plyler, Sofey, Steele, Watt.
VOTING NAY: None.
MOTION CARRIED.

RES 5995
ANNUAL AUDIT

RESOLUTION NO. 5995 – APPOINTING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH ADAMI, LINDSEY & COMPANY, L.L.P. TO PERFORM THE FISCAL YEAR 2015 AUDIT

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, APPOINTING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH ADAMI, LINDSEY & COMPANY, L.L.P. TO PERFORM THE FISCAL YEAR 2015 AUDIT.
CONSENT AGENDA.

RES 5996
CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT TAX ABATEMENT PROGRAM

RESOLUTION NO. 5996 – DECLARING THE CITY OF SHERMAN'S ELIGIBILITY AND INTENTION TO RENEW ITS TAX ABATEMENT PROGRAM TO PROMOTE DEVELOPMENT/REDEVELOPMENT IN THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT OF THE CITY; ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, DECLARING THE CITY OF SHERMAN'S ELIGIBILITY AND INTENTION TO RENEW ITS TAX ABATEMENT PROGRAM TO PROMOTE DEVELOPMENT/

REDEVELOPMENT IN THE CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT OF THE CITY; ESTABLISHING GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA.
CONSENT AGENDA.

OTHER BUSINESS

RECEIVING POLICE CHIEF OTIS HENRY'S UPDATE ON NEW RECRUITING INITIATIVES — **POLICE RECRUITING**

Chief Henry presented an overview of the Police Department's new recruiting initiatives. At the Budget Workshop, he presented numbers for the last five test cycles.

They are now in a new test cycle and he presented the new webpage for Sherman Police Department recruiting. The site is www.shermanpd.com and offers specific information about testing, free prep classes, steps of the hiring process, and the registration questionnaire. The webpage was designed by CBC Creative. They also contracted with Grayson County College to help reduce the failure rate which was at about 40%.

Through the partnership with Grayson County College they began offering prep courses. After determining the categories of questions on the tests they also determined the ones that applicants seemed to struggle with. With this information the College created practice tests and prep classes, as well as test-taking strategies and reading comprehension, that should help applicants pass the test.

The goal is to increase the "pass" rate and increase the pool of applicants that are available to the Police Department. The classes are free to the applicant.

Personnel also contacted applicants from the last five tests to invite them to take the test again.

Chief Henry said they are also advertising through social media because that is what reaches the young people today. They will have a presence on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook. He said that today, two weeks into the campaign, they have 78 people signed up online.

Mayor Wacker said she is very proud of all the first responders and said they are doing a great job.

CONSIDER SCHEDULING A JOINT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE SHERMAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 12:00 NOON ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2015 TO REVIEW AND APPROVE SEDCO'S ANNUAL BUDGET AND WORK PLAN — **SET CALLED MEETING ANNUAL JOINT WITH SEDCO**

Council Members considered dates for the annual Joint Meeting between the City Council and the Sherman Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors to review and consider approval of their annual budget and work plan.
Council Member Watt said that date was difficult for him but he would try to attend the meeting.

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Sofey to schedule a Joint Meeting of the City Council and the SEDCO Board of Directors for September 15, 2015 at 12:00 noon, as presented. Second by Deputy Mayor Plyler.

VOTING AYE: Davis, Plyler, Sofey, Steele, Watt.
VOTING NAY: None.
MOTION CARRIED.

SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2015-2020 CIP

REVIEW DRAFT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) 2015-2020 AND SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2015

Mayor Wacker said the Council will receive a presentation on the Draft Capital Improvement Program and will need to set a public hearing on the program.

Don Keene, Director of Administration and Finance, presented the Draft CIP for 2015-2020. He explained that the City is required to maintain a Five Year Capital Improvement Project Plan. He explained that Year 1 for 2016 is funded in the budget. Years 2 through 5 are not funded.

The projects for Year 1 will be done and the remaining projects will be reviewed and reshuffled during next year's budget workshop. He added that Year 1 ties to what was presented to the Council during the budget meetings.

Mayor Wacker asked if there will be an additional presentation at the next meeting. She asked to highlight a couple of the projects that are really big and are important for the future.

Mr. Hefton said the staff will present a brief presentation at the next Council Meeting.

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Steele to set a public hearing on the Capital Improvement Program for September 8, 2015, as presented. Second by Council Member Davis.

VOTING AYE: Davis, Plyler, Sofey, Steele, Watt.
VOTING NAY: None.
MOTION CARRIED.

QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT

APPROVE QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

The City Council approved the Quarterly Investment Report for the quarter ended June 30, 2015. As of June 30, 2015, the portfolio was in compliance with applicable State laws and the Investment Policy.

The operating investment portfolio had a book value of about $19.9 million, a slight decrease of about $250,000 from the prior quarter of $20.1 million.

The underlying investments were adequately diversified among four different types of securities. This portfolio is

appropriately liquid and its weighted-average maturity was about 485 days, down from 490 days last period.

The portfolio yield of 0.665% for the quarter is higher than the benchmark yield of 0.28%. The portfolio value on the City's books is essentially equal to the market value of the overall portfolio.
CONSENT AGENDA.

CONSIDER CALLING A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2015, DUE TO CONFLICT WITH A FEDERAL HOLIDAY — **SCHEDULE CALLED MEETING**

The City Council called a Special Meeting of the City Council for Tuesday, September 8, 2015, due to a conflict with a Federal holiday. The first regular meeting in September would have fallen on Labor Day.
CONSENT AGENDA.

CITIZENS REQUESTS

TEXOMA COMMUNITY CENTER — **TEXOMA COMMUNITY CENTER**

Whitney Redden, 3001 N. Ricketts, said she works at the Texoma Community Center, which is formally MHMR Services of Texoma. She said she plans to attend the Council Meetings regularly, and wanted the Council to know that in the last 18 months, they have expanded their services.

Ms. Redden said they have a lot of new services and are able to help almost anyone that is looking for social services or substance abuse treatment. Mayor Wacker said they are also expanding their facility.

MEDIA QUESTIONS — **MEDIA QUESTIONS**

There were no media questions.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

POLICE RECRUITING SERVICES — **POLICE RECRUITING SERVICES**

Council Member Watt recognized the outstanding job that Chief Henry and Chief Bob Fair have done on instigating new recruiting services. He also recognized the use of CBC Creative for their work on the program.

POLICE RECRUITING SERVICES — **POLICE RECRUITING SERVICES**

Council Member Sofey agreed that the new recruiting program was a good program.

PANDA SHERMAN POWER — **PANDA SHERMAN POWER**

Council Member Sofey said Panda is a huge part of the City and he thanked them again for locating in Sherman.

TAX ABATEMENT FOR CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT — **TAX ABATEMENT FOR CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT**

Deputy Mayor Plyler said the Tax Abatement Program for the Central Business District was renewed tonight and he recognized the program saying he was glad it was continuing.

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Mayor Wacker announced that filing began a week ago for the City Council Election in November and will continue through August 24, 2015. There will also be a Charter Amendment on the Election.

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Mayor Wacker welcomed Nate Strauch to the City of Sherman as the new Communications Manager. She said Mr. Hefton has been putting together his management team and moving forward with some new ideas. She welcomed Mr. Strauch saying the Council was glad he had joined in that capacity.

ADJOURNMENT

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On Motion duly made and carried, the meeting adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK