

STATE OF TEXAS

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August 3, 2009

COUNTY OF GRAYSON

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BE IT REMEMBERED THAT A Called Meeting of the Sherman City Council was begun and held in the Grayson County Commissioner's Courtroom at the Grayson County Courthouse, 100 W. Houston Street, Sherman, Texas, on August 3, 2009, when a quorum of Council Members attended the Grayson County Commissioner's Meeting.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Bill Magers.
Council Members Howeth, Steele, Wacker.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Deputy Mayor Joe Smith.
Council Members Adami, Softly.

GRAYSON COUNTY PERSONNEL: Drue Bynum, County Judge; Commissioner Jackie Crisp; Commissioner David Whitlock; Commissioner Johnny Waldrup; Commissioner C.E. "Gene" Short.

CITY STAFF PRESENT: George Olson, City Manager; Brandon Shelby, City Attorney; Linda Ashby, City Clerk.

PURPOSE: Act on request to hear opinion of Bill Magers on
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ACT ON REQUEST TO HEAR OPINION OF BILL MAGERS ON MAINTAINING GRAYSON COUNTY JAIL IN ITS CURRENT LOCATION

There was a quorum of City Council Members present at the Grayson County Commissioners Meeting on August 3, 2009, at 10:00 a.m.

Mayor Bill Magers appeared before the Commissioner's Court, at 10:02 a.m., to discuss maintaining the Grayson County Jail in its current location. He presented a statement signed by a number of former Sherman leaders stating:

"We, the undersigned, strongly support the following positions relating to the current Grayson County jail expansion project:

The location of the jail should remain in downtown Sherman

The jail facility should be reasonably sized and accommodate the current and future needs of all its users; local, state and federal court systems

The elected Grayson County Sheriff should continue to directly manage jail operations and, most especially, its staff and prisoners

The taxpayers should not be exposed to unneeded financial risk"

The statement was signed by:

William L. Magers, Sherman Mayor 2005 – Present

Julie Ellis Starr, Sherman Mayor 2003-2005, 1995-1999

Jo Ann Osburn, (widow of Sherman Mayor Tom Osburn), 1999-2003

Harry R. Reynolds, Sherman Mayor 1991-1995

Dean Gilbert, Sherman Mayor 1985-1989

David Sprowl, Sherman Mayor 1983-1985

Jack G. Kennedy, Sherman Mayor 1981-1983

Virginia Morriss, Sherman Mayor 1979-1981

Tim McGraw, Grayson County Judge 2003-2006

Horace Groff, Grayson County Judge 1979-1987, 1991-2002

John Crawford, Grayson County Judge 1988-1990

Mayor Magers said his position is not new and has not changed, and he felt moving the jail from Downtown Sherman would have an approximate \$5 million negative impact on the community. He felt there is space to build the new jail Downtown and he asked that representatives of the Sherman City Council be allowed to negotiate with the Grayson County Commissioners to keep the jail Downtown. He also asked that the Grayson County Sheriff and the Sherman Chief of Police participate in the negotiations.

Mayor Magers yielded the floor at 10:08 a.m.

At 10:11 a.m. Grayson County Judge Drue Bynum asked to “revisit” Mayor Magers’ proposal and asked him to define “formally talk.” Mayor Magers reiterated his request to have a committee of Council Members meet with Commissioners, either in open meeting or as a committee without a quorum of members, to negotiate to keep the jail Downtown. He also asked that George Olson, Sherman City Manager, Sheriff Keith Gary, and Police Chief Tom Watt be included in the meetings.

Mayor Magers said nothing is “off the table” and there would be no pre-conditions of the talk, but the City Council would like the Downtown option and to be involved in the process. Judge Bynum said he would sit down with a committee, but asked the Council to consider how much the City will contribute financially to the project. Mayor Magers said it’s not just “dollars and cents.” Judge Bynum and Mayor Magers will set up a formal meeting.

Mayor Magers yielded the floor at 10:16 a.m.

Council Member Wacker left the meeting at 10:48 a.m. and there was no quorum of Council Members. She returned at 10:53 and there was a quorum.

Judge Bynum adjourned the Meeting at 10:54 a.m.

MAYOR

ATTEST

CITY CLERK