

STATE OF TEXAS

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July 21, 2014

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 July 21, 2014.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

MAYOR CARY WACKER; DEPUTY MAYOR ROBERT
SOFTLY.
COUNCIL MEMBERS DAVIS, JOHNSON, PLYLER, SOFEY,
WATT.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

NONE.

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 Tom Watt.

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVE MINUTES

The Council reviewed the Minutes of the Called City Council (Budget Workshop) Meeting of June 18, 2014 and the Regular City Council Meeting of July 7, 2014. Deputy Mayor Softly moved to approve the Minutes as presented; Second by Council Member Sofey. All present voted AYE.
MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVE MINUTES

CONSENT AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 5866 – RELATING TO GREATER TEXOMA
UTILITY AUTHORITY CONTRACT REVENUE BONDS,
SERIES 2014 (CITY OF SHERMAN PROJECT), APPROVING
THE ISSUANCE THEREOF AND THE FACILITIES TO BE
CONSTRUCTED OR ACQUIRED BY SUCH AUTHORITY FOR
THE BENEFIT OF THE CITY

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, RELATING TO GREATER TEXOMA UTILITY AUTHORITY CONTRACT REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2014 (CITY OF SHERMAN PROJECT), APPROVING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF AND THE FACILITIES TO BE CONSTRUCTED OR ACQUIRED BY SUCH AUTHORITY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CITY.

RES 5866
GTUA BONDS
FOR WWTP
IMPROVEMENTS

Drew Satterwhite, Greater Texoma Utility Authority General Manager, said the proposed \$1.78 million will be used for the construction of the Ultraviolet Disinfection facilities at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Eastside Outfall Sewer improvements.

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These bonds will be sold through the Texas Water Development Board's Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program, which offers a 1.25% below interest rate advantage. The rate received is 2.11%, which is very attractive.

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Watt to approve Resolution No. 5866, as presented. Second by Council Member Sofey.

VOTING AYE: Davis, Johnson, Plyler, Sofey, Softly, Watt.

VOTING NAY: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 5867 – APPROVING THE GREATER TEXOMA UTILITY AUTHORITY'S INTENTION TO CONTRACT WITH FELIX CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR INSTALLATION OF THE ULTRAVIOLET (UV) DISINFECTION EQUIPMENT AT THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, APPROVING THE GREATER TEXOMA UTILITY AUTHORITY'S INTENTION TO CONTRACT WITH FELIX CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR INSTALLATION OF THE ULTRAVIOLET (UV) DISINFECTION EQUIPMENT AT THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT.

CONSENT AGENDA.

RES 5867
UV DISINFECTION
AT WWTP

RESOLUTION NO. 5868 – APPROVING THE GREATER TEXOMA UTILITY AUTHORITY'S INTENTION TO CONTRACT WITH PC CONTRACTORS, LLC FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SAND CREEK SEWER NORTH BRANCH (289 SEWER)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, APPROVING THE GREATER TEXOMA UTILITY AUTHORITY'S INTENTION TO CONTRACT WITH PC CONTRACTORS, LLC FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SAND CREEK SEWER NORTH BRANCH (289 SEWER).

CONSENT AGENDA.

RES 5868
SAND CREEK SEWER
NORTH BRANCH
(289 SEWER)

RESOLUTION NO. 5869 – AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH FREEMAN-MILLICAN, INC. FOR THE SHERMAN INDUSTRIAL PARK REPLACEMENT SEWER

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH FREEMAN-MILLICAN, INC. FOR THE SHERMAN INDUSTRIAL PARK REPLACEMENT SEWER.

CONSENT AGENDA.

RES 5869
SHERMAN INDUSTRIAL
PARK REPLACEMENT
SEWER

REQUEST TO ADVERTISE TWO-WAY RADIO AND EARLY WARNING SIREN MAINTENANCE

The City Council approved the request to advertise for parts replacement, repairs and maintenance for in-vehicle two-way radios and the early warning siren system. The contract would cover the radios for the Police, Fire, and Public Works

REQ TO ADVERTISE
RADIO & EARLY
WARNING SIREN
MAINTENANCE

vehicles, as well as maintenance on the early warning siren system for Emergency Management.

CONSENT AGENDA.

OTHER BUSINESS

**RECEIVE POLICE CHIEF OTIS HENRY'S DEPARTMENT
ACTIVITY UPDATE**

**POLICE DEPT.
ACTIVITY UPDATE**

Otis Henry, Police Chief, presented an update on the Department's activities. There were four success areas that he addressed including recruiting, an audit from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement, the Uniform Crime Reports, and property and evidence.

To enhance recruiting, the Department expanded the advertising and the recruiting area, they reduced the paperwork and implemented an online application, they modified eligibility requirements, and implemented a lateral entry program.

At the first entry level test since the changes, they had 149 applicants, with 93 actually taking the test. As of today, Chief Henry said they have hired seven officers and the top four were already certified. Three others started at the Police Academy today and the two remaining positions should be filled shortly.

At the request of the Department, the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement completed an audit of the Police Department records. Overall the audit said the Department kept excellent records and utilized excellent organizational skills. He recognized Jarena Capps, Administrative Coordinator, for her work with the records.

Chief Henry said intelligence led policing is the basis for the Department's philosophy on policing. Through a strategic analysis of crime in the area, they determined which crimes were occurring more frequently, which costs them the most work, which ones offered the criminals the greatest opportunity, and which ones gave them the best opportunity to be proactive.

By using the Uniform Crime Reports, they looked for places that would attract criminals and give them the best opportunity to thwart.

The Retail Theft Initiative began in 2006 where the Department partnered with local retailers to obtain data to target prolific offenders. In December 2013, the Holiday Safe Shopper program was initiated. That month there were 66 total thefts, which was the lowest number of thefts in December since 2006.

Chief Henry said the philosophy is that a criminal that is shoplifting is the same criminal that is burglarizing cars, committing forgery with stolen checks, and burglarizing homes. Therefore, when the Retail Theft Initiative began,

there was a corresponding drop in other crimes too. He displayed a graph tracking drops in the other UCR crimes for the same years.

Chief Henry said the property and evidence area stores criminal evidence, such as drugs, weapons, currency, and jewelry, as well as found and abandoned items. This property and evidence must be managed and controlled with a chain of custody, which increases the chances of successful prosecution and conviction of suspects. The items must also be retained and retrieved in the same condition in which they were received.

He displayed photographs of two of four property and evidence rooms at the Police Department. Items are categorized and stored in order. He recognized Joanna Curry, Records and Municipal Court Supervisor, and her staff, for their work with the property and evidence.

In 2009, an audit was held by a State recognized property and evidence consultant. The same consultant returned for a second audit in March 2014. The consultant checked 1,200 to 1,500 pieces of evidence to make sure it was categorized, checked in, and stored correctly.

After some “housekeeping” issues, the report stated it was a “well managed property room” with “no areas of concern pertaining to tampering or mishandling of evidence.”

Chief Henry said all the good work that has been done is from the cumulative efforts of the outstanding men and women at the Police Department.

Mayor Wacker thanked Chief Henry for the report saying they are proud of the Police Department and all the public safety employees.

REVIEW 2014-2015 DRAFT BUDGET

DRAFT BUDGET

Mayor Wacker said this has been the most thorough budget process the City has ever had and she said she felt good about the issues the staff has brought forth and felt the Council has looked at these needs, in-depth.

Mayor Wacker said “this budget will raise more total property taxes than last year’s budget by \$992,000 and 13%, and of that amount \$353,400 is revenue to be raised from new property to be added to the roll this year.”

Robby Hefton, Assistant City Manager/CFO, said this is the same budget that was presented at the budget workshop, and has a little over \$65 million in appropriations for the upcoming year. It also takes into consideration the direction given by the City Council at the budget workshop.

If the Council is okay with what was presented, he asked for a motion to bring this budget back at the August 4, 2014

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Council Meeting in the form of a draft ordinance. Mayor Wacker confirmed that there will be two public hearings on the budget and two on the tax rate.

Mr. Hefton added that the City received numbers today from the Grayson Appraisal District about the certified totals. The numbers came in “right at” what was projected, so there are no surprises.

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Softly to bring back the Draft Budget as an Ordinance at the August 4, 2014 City Council Meeting, as presented. Second by Council Member Plyler.

VOTING AYE: Davis, Johnson, Plyler, Sofey, Softly, Watt.

VOTING NAY: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSSION OF THE PROPOSED TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015 AND SCHEDULING PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR THE BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

**PROPOSED
TAX RATE**

Mr. Hefton said there will be a series of meetings, beginning with the next Council Meeting on August 4, 2014, with two public hearings on the budget and two on the tax rate ordinance. He outlined the schedule of meetings.

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Softly to propose a tax rate of thirty-seven point two cents per hundred valuation for the upcoming budget year and to set public hearings on this proposal as presented. Second by Council Member Watt.

VOTING AYE: Wacker, Johnson, Plyler, Sofey, Softly, Watt.

VOTING NAY: Davis.

MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Wacker said that even with the 2.4 cent tax increase, Sherman is still well-below the tax rate of several years ago and remains the second lowest tax rate of peer cities in Texas, with a population between 30,000 and 50,000.

During the last five to six years during the economic downturn, the City has worked hard to be very lean and efficient and to deliver services with lower staffing levels and more efficiency. She added that she is proud of what the City workers do and the level of service that is given back to the citizens.

APPROVE QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT FOR QUARTER ENDED JUNE 30, 2014

**QUARTERLY
INVESTMENT
REPORT**

The City Council approved the Quarterly Investment Report for the quarter ended June 30, 2014.

As of June 30, 2014, the portfolio was in compliance with applicable State laws and the Investment Policy. The Operating investment portfolio had a book value of about

\$15.5 million, a decrease of about \$1.3 million from the prior quarter of \$16.8 million, due to seasonally slowing property tax collections during this period.

This portfolio is appropriately liquid; and its weighted-average maturity was about 442 days, up from 425 days last period, because of securities purchased during the quarter. The portfolio yield of 0.42% for the quarter is higher than the benchmark yield of 0.11%. The portfolio value on the City's books is essentially equal to the market value of the overall portfolio.

CONSENT AGENDA.

CONSIDER REQUEST OF UNITED WAY OF GRAYSON COUNTY TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE CERTAIN STREETS FOR THE "UNITED WAY HUSTLE FOR HEALTH" ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 2014

The City Council approved the temporary closing of certain streets for the "United Way Hustle for Health" on Saturday, August 16, 2014. The event, sponsored by United Way, begins at 7:00 a.m. and will include a 5K and Fun Run that starts at 8:00 a.m. The street closures will require traffic control assistance, barricades, and cones from the City of Sherman.

CONSENT AGENDA.

CLOSE STREETS FOR
UNITED WAY EVENT

CONSIDER REQUEST OF THE CRISIS CENTER OF GRAYSON COUNTY TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE CERTAIN STREETS FOR THE "SEEDS OF HOPE MOONLIGHT 5K & FUN RUN" ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2014

The City Council approved the temporary closing of certain streets for the "Seeds of Hope Moonlight 5K & Fun Run" on Saturday, September 6, 2014. The event, sponsored by the Crisis Center of Grayson County, includes a night run that will begin at 8:00 p.m. The event will also include a live band, vendor booths, and other activities around the Grayson County Courthouse.

The Crisis Center plans to apply for an alcohol permit from the Texas Alcohol Beverage Commission to provide free beer to participants after the race. The event will require traffic control assistance, barricades, and cones from the City of Sherman.

CLOSE STREETS FOR
CRISIS CENTER
EVENT

The Police Department has safety concerns for the participants since the 5K event takes place after dark. Brockett Street can be a busy street, intersecting with numerous other streets along the run route.

Organizers of the event will have approximately 50 volunteers to help at the intersections with traffic concerns. They have also agreed to hire six off-duty police officers to perform traffic control and minimize the risk involved. The Police Department will provide two patrol vehicles and use their utility vehicles for added safety.

CONSENT AGENDA.

CITIZENS REQUESTS

NEED FOR YMCA IN SHERMAN

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IN SHERMAN**

Renee Griffin, 2416 N. Lockhart, addressed the Council about the lack of youth activities and programming in Sherman. Over the last several years, Sherman has lost the bowling alley, putt-putt golf, go-carts, and indoor laser tag, and there's not much left for the youth to do.

She said programs such as the YMCA develop a stronger community where youth can grow and succeed. Sherman does have the Boys and Girls Club, but they have limited hours of operation and are not open in the evenings. The YMCA in McKinney is open later hours and on the weekends, to allow families to participate in activities together.

She said arrests for juvenile crime peaks between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. and there is a need for positive activities to reduce alcohol and drug abuse.

Ms. Griffin also expressed concern about juvenile obesity in Texas. The YMCA offers many activities to combat obesity through fun and physical activity, and also improves academic achievements.

She added that currently there are no new YMCA's being formed, however now is the time to plan for the future and bring the YMCA to Sherman in a long-term community planning goal. She addressed possible funding methods for the facility, which would provide a safe and secure environment for local youth.

Mayor Wacker thanked Ms. Griffin for bringing the issue forward. She said that the City's Parks and Recreation Department also has many programs available to Sherman youth. Ms. Griffin was aware of the programs adding that she was very excited by all the activities offered through the City. She still felt there was a large gap for activities and entertainment for youth.

Mayor Wacker asked her to send any information to the City Manager, saying he would forward it to the Council Members. Council Member Watt confirmed that Ms. Griffin said the Boys and Girls Club's hours are restricted, but not that it would promote juvenile delinquency.

MEDIA QUESTIONS

There were no media questions.

MEDIA QUESTIONS

COUNCIL COMMENTS

POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Council Member Sofey said he appreciated Chief Henry's presentation and was pleased that some of the open positions were being filled.

**POLICE DEPT.
UPDATE**

WEATHER

Deputy Mayor Softly said he appreciated the nice weather in Sherman recently.

WEATHER

SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Council Member Plyler said he heard good things about the Under 10 Softball Tournament that was recently held in Sherman. He thanked the City staff for their hard work.

SOFTBALL
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Council Member Johnson thanked the City staff and the Parks and Recreation Department for hosting a great tournament. He felt that the beautiful weather made a great statement for the Sherman community.

SOFTBALL
TOURNAMENT

POLICE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Council Member Davis commended Chief Henry for his leadership and organization at the Police Department.

POLICE DEPT.
UPDATE

SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Mayor Wacker said Sherman was proud to host the recent softball tournament and hoped it was the first of many tournaments.

SOFTBALL
TOURNAMENT

GREATER TEXOMA UTILITY AUTHORITY BONDS

Mayor Wacker thanked Mr. Satterwhite and GTUA for always being a good partner to Sherman and for finding those programs and the rates that help save significant money which translates to good rates for the rate payers or water users.

GTUA BONDS

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 551.074

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

PLANNING AND ZONING
COMMISSION (2)

MEALS ON WHEELS OF TEXOMA
BOARD OF DIRECTORS (1)

TEXOMA COMMUNITY CENTER
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(FORMERLY MHMR SERVICES OF
TEXOMA) (1)

SECTION 551.087

DELIBERATION REGARDING
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
NEGOTIATIONS:
DELIBERATE REGARDING
COMMERCIAL OR FINANCIAL
INFORMATION THAT THE CITY
HAS RECEIVED FROM BUSINESS
PROSPECTS AND DELIBERATE
ANY OFFERS OR INCENTIVES TO
THE BUSINESS PROSPECTS

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 6:22 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

APPOINT/REMOVE OR CONSIDER QUALIFICATIONS TO
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION (2)

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Sofey to appoint Sean
Vanderveer to the Planning and Zoning Commission to
fill an unexpired term from July 22, 2014 to November 8,
2014 and to appoint Chris Vellotti for a term from July
22, 2014 to July 22, 2017. Second by Council Member
Watt.

VOTING AYE: Davis, Johnson, Plyler, Sofey, Softly, Watt.

VOTING NAY: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

PLANNING &
ZONING COMMISSION

MEALS ON WHEELS OF TEXOMA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
(1)

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Johnson to appoint David
Plyler to the Meals on Wheels of Texoma Board of
Directors for a term from September 30, 2014 to
September 30, 2016. Second by Deputy Mayor Softly.

VOTING AYE: Davis, Johnson, Plyler, Sofey, Softly, Watt.

VOTING NAY: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

MEALS ON WHEELS
OF TEXOMA BOARD
OF DIRECTORS

TEXOMA COMMUNITY CENTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS
(FORMERLY MHMR SERVICES OF TEXOMA) (1)

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Watt to reappoint Margie
Morris to the Texoma Community Center Board of
Directors for a term from September 1, 2014 to August
31, 2016. Second by Council Member Johnson.

TEXOMA COMMUNITY
CENTER BOARD
OF DIRECTORS

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VOTING AYE: Davis, Johnson, Plyler, Sofey, Softly, Watt.

VOTING NAY: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

On Motion duly made and carried, the meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MAYOR

CITY CLERK