

STATE OF TEXAS §
 July 6, 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 July 6, 2015.

MEMBERS PRESENT: MAYOR CARY WACKER; DEPUTY MAYOR DAVID PLYLER.
 COUNCIL MEMBERS DAVIS, JOHNSON, SOFEY, STEELE,
 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 Regular City Council Meeting of June 15, 2015. Council Member Steele moved to approve the Minutes as presented; Second by Council Member Johnson. All present voted AYE.
MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVE MINUTES

INTRODUCTION AND PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCES

Mayor Wacker introduced Ordinance 5884 and called for a public hearing:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, AMENDING SECTION 8, SUBSECTION (5)(A), ORDINANCE NO. 2280, SO AS TO GRANT A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT TO ALLOW AN ELEVATED WATER STORAGE TANK IN AN R-1 (ONE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) DISTRICT AT 2200 SOUTH FM 1417 (HERITAGE PARKWAY), BEING LOT 2, HALIBURTON ADDITION (CITY OF SHERMAN, OWNERS); PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER; PROVIDING THAT THIS SPECIFIC USE PERMIT SHALL BE GRANTED SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS; PROVIDING A PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED \$2,000.00.

ORD 5884
SUP FOR
ELEVATED WATER
STORAGE TANK

Mark Gibson, Director of Utilities, said the staff is proposing to construct a new water tower on property currently owned by the City and where an existing pump station is located. The property is located on FM 1417, across from Park Avenue.

This water tower will be paired with the Gallagher tower and will allow the City to take the Gallagher tower out of service for repairs. It will also increase water storage capacity for future development needs.

The cost of the new water tower will be paid from bond money from the Water Development Board.

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No citizens appeared before the City Council to discuss Ordinance 5884.

The Public Hearing was closed.

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance 5884

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ORD 5884
SUP FOR
ELEVATED WATER
STORAGE TANK

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Sofey to approve Ordinance No. 5884, as presented. Second by Deputy Mayor Plyler.
VOTING AYE: Davis, Johnson, Plyler, Sofey, Steele, Watt.
VOTING NAY: None.
MOTION CARRIED.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 5981 – CONFIRMING THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE SHERMAN FIRE DEPARTMENT'S FIRE CHIEF

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, CONFIRMING THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE SHERMAN FIRE DEPARTMENT'S FIRE CHIEF.

RES 5981
SHERMAN FIRE CHIEF

Robby Hefton, City Manager, presented his recommendation of Danny Jones to the City Council for validation as the new Sherman Fire Chief. He said State law and the City's Charter require that the City Council "validate" the appointment made by the City Manager.

Mayor Wacker said the City Council informally approved last week when the promotional ceremony was held. She said they are looking forward to working with the new chief.

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Watt to approve Resolution No. 5981, as presented. Second by Council Member Sofey.

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

VOTING NAY: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 5982 – AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN ENCROACHMENT EASEMENT TO YOUNG PROPERTY INVESTMENTS, LP, FOR THE PLACEMENT OF A 2” PVC SEWER SERVICE LINE CASED IN 3” PVC WITHIN THE 20’ SANITARY SEWER EASEMENT TO SERVE THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1522 BAKER ROAD IN THE CITY OF SHERMAN

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN ENCROACHMENT EASEMENT TO YOUNG PROPERTY INVESTMENTS, LP, FOR THE PLACEMENT OF A 2” PVC SEWER SERVICE LINE CASED IN 3” PVC WITHIN THE 20’ SANITARY SEWER EASEMENT TO SERVE THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1522 BAKER ROAD IN THE CITY OF SHERMAN.

CONSENT AGENDA.

RES 5982
SEWER LINE
ENCROACHMENT
EASEMENT

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 551.087

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 5:07 p.m.

On Motion duly made and carried, the Executive Session recessed at 5:49 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

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

Mayor Wacker introduced Ordinance 5885:
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF

ORD 5885
INDUSTRIAL

SHERMAN, TEXAS, DESIGNATING A CERTAIN AREA AS INDUSTRIAL REINVESTMENT ZONE, NUMBER 072015-1, CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AGREEMENTS WITHIN THE ZONE, AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO; PROVIDING FINDINGS OF FACT; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE REINVESTMENT ZONE AND THIS ORDINANCE.

REINVESTMENT
ZONE
(PANDA SHERMAN
POWER)

Mayor Wacker said this is the first step on this item. Mr. Hefton said this item is related to a potential expansion by Panda Power. They are proposing to expand their current location and this item relates to the creation of a Tax Reinvestment Zone which will allow the City to grant them a tax abatement if they do decide to build in Sherman.

He introduced Steve Tessem, Senior Vice President, Panda Power Funds, to brief the Council on the project. Mr. Tessem explained that the project is a combined cycle power project making electricity with a combustion turbine, a heat recovery steam generator, and a steam turbine generator.

It will be located on the same property as the current Sherman 1 Project and will probably use natural gas from the same source. They will interconnect with Oncor at the Payne Substation, similar to the first project.

The biggest difference is that they are proposing to purchase wastewater effluent from the Post Oak Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Mr. Tessem said that during the construction portion of the project, they would anticipate hundreds of construction jobs in Sherman for one to two years. After the construction phase, between five and ten permanent positions would be added to the existing staff. These would be highly trained technicians.

He said the investment for the project would not be as large as the first project, because it's about half the size and a little more than half the money of the first project. There are still many steps to the development, including an air permit application with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and an interconnection study with Oncor.

Mr. Tessem said if everything goes well, they anticipated construction beginning by the end of 2016, and the commercial operations date would be in the summer of 2019. The plant will be a 400 to 500 megawatt plant.

An expansion of the plant is needed because of the growing load in North Texas and the market is "robust" for electricity, according to Mr. Tessem. They have been in the market for a year with the first phase Sherman plant and he

said they like the way it works, for both the consumers and the suppliers. He said they have had a good relationship with the City and it has been mutually beneficial to both parties.

Mayor Wacker said that the City of Sherman is very pleased that Panda Power Supply is considering an expansion in Sherman. She said the first step for this project is for the Council to consider introducing an ordinance for the Industrial Reinvestment Zone. Mr. Hefton said a motion to introduce should also include setting the public hearing for July 20, 2015.

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Steele to introduce Ordinance No. 5885 and to set a Public Hearing for July 20, 2015, as presented. Second by Council Member Davis.

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

VOTING NAY: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 5980 – AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH PANDA SHERMAN POWER II, LLC FOR WATER SERVICES

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH PANDA SHERMAN POWER II, LLC FOR WATER SERVICES.

**RES 5980
WATER AGREEMENT
WITH PANDA
SHERMAN POWER**

Mr. Hefton said this is the first step that both the City and Panda Power Supply would need to complete before the second phase plant is up and running.

The proposal is to provide effluent water from the Post Oak Wastewater Treatment Plant. Currently the flow is going down the Post Oak Creek into the Choctaw Creek and then eventually into the Red River. The City is proposing to reserve up to four million gallons per day of the effluent stream for the Panda project.

The City would still need to get State approval for the agreement, but they require that a contract already be in place before they will consider the City diverting some of the effluent discharge into the creek.

Mr. Hefton said it is a 30 year agreement and would be good for the City because it is a source of water that is currently “going down the creek” and is not being used for any other industrial use. It also helps the City reserve their raw water storage in Lake Texoma for drinking purposes and other purposes that are important to Sherman’s growth potential.

Mr. Hefton said the agreement would also help the City keep the rates “in check” for all water customers and is a beneficial reuse of water for water that is currently not being

used. Also, he said that once the pipeline is installed, it has the potential to be used for other customers for purposes such as irrigation or cooling. Mr. Hefton said the contract will also generate approximately \$700,000 to \$800,000 in revenue annually for the City.

Mayor Wacker said there are many potential users once the pipeline is built. She said that Sherman is very fortunate to have a lot of water resources, and the growth pressure on the North Texas area, dictates that the Council be wise about water reuse. She said this is an excellent project for the “green” reuse of water.

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Watt to approve Resolution No. 5980, as presented. Second by Council Member Sofey.

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

VOTING NAY: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

OTHER BUSINESS

EXCEPTION AND SITE PLAN APPROVAL FOR SHERMAN CROSSROADS, LTD, OWNERS; AND JEFF CARROLL, CARROLL ARCHITECTS, ARCHITECT; UNDER ORDINANCE NO. 2252, ARTICLE IV, SECTION 410(2)(J) TO ALLOW A MEDICAL HOSPITAL IN THE BLALOCK INDUSTRIAL PARK/ BLALOCK COMMERCIAL OVERLAY DISTRICT IN THE 2800-3600 BLOCKS OF SOUTH U.S. HIGHWAY 75

Larry Phillips, Attorney, Siebman, Burg, Phillips & Smith, appeared representing the applicants for the Exception and Site Plan for Sherman Crossroads, located in the 2800 to 3600 blocks of South Hwy 75. The applicants would like to use the property for medical hospital purposes in the Blalock Commercial Overlay District.

The location is in front of the old Johnson & Johnson property, and consists of approximately 44 acres. Mr. Phillips said the entire tract is 130 acres and will be developed in the future. The issue today is only the medical component.

He said in Texas, a hospital license is required to have a surgical day center, an urgent care facility, or a 24 hour emergency care facility. They are requesting that the City allow an exception to the Blalock Overlay District to allow them to build for “hospital purposes.” He felt that the applicants were bringing a great opportunity to Sherman with this development.

Mr. Phillips said the Blalock Overlay District was adopted by the City Council in 2010 to assure good development in that area. He felt a medical component would be a good anchor to draw development for the south side of Sherman. He discussed permitted uses in the Overlay District and felt it would be a benefit to the residents of that area as well as

**EXCEPTION &
SITE PLAN FOR
SHERMAN
CROSSROADS
(2800-3600 BLOCKS
OF SOUTH HWY 75)**

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helping to develop FM 1417 both east and west. He felt the potential development would be consistent with the permitted uses that are currently outlined in the Overlay District.

Mr. Phillips added that there is no place in Sherman today where a hospital could be built without coming to the City Council. If approved, he said they expect to see development of a day surgery facility and an urgent care facility within the next twelve months. He said in the future, market conditions would dictate whether or not a full purpose hospital is located at the site.

He said with the creation of the medical component, there would be an opportunity to have medical, professional offices around the development. He felt allowing the exception will help “spark” development in the area.

He said the Exception and Site Plan were approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission, and Mr. Phillips asked the City Council to follow that recommendation and approve the request.

At that meeting, he said there was some concerns from industries such as GlobiTech and since that time, they have been working with the industries to be good neighbors. They have come up with a resolution of those issues and some good solutions and ideas to help alleviate the concerns and help the Blalock Overlay District. He said the owners care about Sherman and want to help develop Sherman.

Mr. Phillips added that, if the exception is granted, they are asking that it be effective December 1, 2015.

Council Member Watt verified that the wording provided by Mr. Phillips concerning the Blalock Overlay District was verbatim from Section 6 of the City Code of Ordinances. Mr. Phillips added that the only two things prohibited in the Blalock Overlay District are bulk chemical and petroleum storage terminals and sexually oriented businesses.

Council Member Davis asked if the industrial neighbors have told Mr. Phillips that they are comfortable if the City rezones the area for a hospital or for other medical facilities that might be located there. Mr. Phillips said yes, the agreement is specifically with GlobiTech. He added that, if a full service hospital is located there, there is a commitment to provide a safe place in the hospital during dangerous conditions.

Council Member Johnson asked if any of the other industries besides GlobiTech have voiced concerns. Mr. Phillips said GlobiTech was the primary industry with concerns. He said they worked with them and agreed to some things that would never be located in the development, even in the future. Council Member Johnson

asked if the deed restrictions were harmonious with the current Blalock Overlay District and the permitted uses. Mr. Phillips said they were.

Mayor Wacker recognized Rick Boston, GlobiTech Vice President of Operations, who appeared representing GlobiTech as well as Global Wafers, their parent company. Mr. Boston said GlobiTech brought up concerns about the hospital being located in the Overlay District and have worked hard with Council Members and the investors, and with the agreement in place, GlobiTech would like to support the request to approve the Exception to allow a hospital on the northern part of the subject property.

He said the agreement also stipulates certain restrictions about what can be located on the property in the future, and those are also agreeable to GlobiTech and they support the request.

Kitty Richardson, Administrator, Wilson N. Jones Regional Medical Center, addressed the Council representing the hospital. She said this zoning issue could affect Sherman's current and future industrial base, but it will also affect the livelihood of over 700 employees and volunteers that serve at Wilson N. Jones Regional Medical Center. This is a local community hospital that has watched over the health and well-being of this community for more than a century.

Ms. Richardson said the community is already served by two outstanding acute care hospitals and a surgical hospital. She agreed that competition is good, but said this healthcare market cannot support another medical hospital or any other healthcare related facility.

She said the proposed facility is not an economic stimulus for the hospital or the community and will create an over-saturation of the market. There won't be additional jobs coming to Sherman, only a depletion of jobs from the current healthcare facilities.

Ms. Richardson said while WNJ strives to provide the best healthcare services possible, they are also an active member of the Sherman community and surrounding communities.

WNJ has over 700 employees and volunteers, an annual payroll of over \$28 million, approximately 280 physicians and providers on staff, they provide \$30 million in charity care, and approximately \$700,000 in annual property taxes. In addition they give approximately \$30,000 in funds to the community to support local charity events. They partner with Grayson County and Texoma Medical Center to provide care to the indigent.

Unfortunately the success of their hospital and the livelihood of their employees could be adversely affected by

the request being considered tonight. The community could possibly lose WNJ and the resources it brings to Sherman and her citizens.

Ms. Richardson added that they would not be objecting to construction of a new hospital or other healthcare related facilities if they were not adequately able to care for the needs of the residents of Sherman and the surrounding communities. However, there are sufficient facilities and healthcare professionals to provide the quality care needed. WNJ is currently at 60% capacity and could add additional beds if needed.

WNJ is financially strong and is doing well under the new ownership. They will open a South Wing in August 2015 and have invested approximately \$25 million over the past several years and have expanded and enhanced several areas. There is growth both within the hospital and on the campus.

She asked the Council to study the issue before them closely in regards to the hospital and the capacity issues.

Mayor Wacker said she recently toured WNJ and saw some of the changes being made. She said there is a lot of strength with the new ownership and they are doing a great job. She said Sherman appreciates their community hospital.

Council Member Steele reiterated that WNJ's daily capacity is at 60% and he asked what Texoma Medical Center's capacity is. A representative of TMC said they are licensed for 326 beds and average about 200 per day.

Tim McGraw, area resident, also addressed the Council saying he was formerly the Director of Operations at Johnson & Johnson in Sherman. He also served on the site selection committee to help locate the plant.

About six years ago he was asked to talk to current industrial plant managers in Sherman about releasing the 130 acres, in front of the old Johnson & Johnson facility, from the Blalock Industrial Park to allow its use for other purposes. All the plant managers agreed that was okay to do.

During the process, however, it was agreed that two things would not be located on the property. That was a hospital or a senior citizens home. The concern was that, if there was a problem, there might have to be an evacuation.

One of the industries has agreed with the proposed development, but Mr. McGraw said he would not be satisfied until all the industries agree, because all had agreed to

release the property from the Blalock Industrial District. He said the various industries have some “scary stuff” in their plants. That’s the purpose of having an industrial park.

He asked the Council to review the integrity of the agreement made six years ago when the 130 acres was removed from the Blalock Industrial District. He was concerned about locating a hospital next to a “problem.”

Mayor Wacker said she felt that everyone involved in the process has done due diligence with all the existing industries. The risk is on the developer and she felt the industry partners have been engaged in the discussions and have not brought forward any concerns that have not been resolved.

Mayor Wacker reiterated that the issue before the Council is an exception for possible future development of the subject property for medical use.

Brandon Shelby, City Attorney, said a motion would need to consider approval of the Exception and the Site Plan, and the Council could consider the developer’s request to make the effective date December 1, 2015.

Council Member Davis said he was serving on the Planning and Zoning Commission in 2010 when the Blalock Overlay District was developed. For the most part, industries wanted development on that portion of property for the amenities it would provide their employees.

Now the Council is discussing a land use issue on that property and whether or not these different land owners can be neighbors. He said from what he has heard tonight, the industries have indicated that they can “live with this.” The land planning issue is the only issue before the City Council tonight. They are not discussing the viability of various businesses.

Council Member Sofey verified that all the industries had been notified of the request. Mr. Hefton said they were all aware of the request.

Council Member Steele said he has read all the emails and letters he has received on the issue and as an elected official he must make decisions not based on his heart. As an employee of Workforce Texoma, he said he knows a lot of medical people leave the area and drive south for jobs.

Council Member Steele said the issue tonight is land use and voting on this tonight does not mean they will build a hospital tomorrow. It is considering the use of land for a medical complex. It is not the Council’s job to make a decision about viability.

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ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Steele to approve the Exception and Site Plan for Sherman Crossroads, Ltd, as presented. Second by Council Member Davis.

AMEND MOTION.

Motion by Council Member Steele to amend his motion to approve the Exception and Site Plan for Sherman Crossroads, Ltd, and set an effective date of December 1, 2015. Second by Council Member Davis.

Council Member Watt agreed with Council Member Steele, stating that this is a land use issue. He also recently met with Ms. Richardson and said WNJ is in very good hands and he felt very good about their future.

As Council Members, he did not feel that they could provide protection for one organization over another. That is not the Council's role. He reiterated that he feels very good about their future and felt that they would be fine.

As for the public safety issue, Council Member Watt said there are probably hazardous materials at every hospital location. As a former emergency management coordinator for the City of Sherman, there are hazardous chemicals everywhere and it is the responsibility of the builder to build the facility to allow for the protection of the citizens.

RESTATEMENT OF AMENDED MOTION.

Motion by Council Member Steele to amend his motion to approve the Exception and Site Plan for Sherman Crossroads, Ltd, and set an effective date of December 1, 2015. Second by Council Member Davis.

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

VOTING NAY: Johnson.

MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Wacker said the Exception and Site Plan are granted effective December 1, 2015. She thanked all that were in attendance at the meeting saying that the Council is committed to insuring that every business in Sherman is successful.

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 26, 2015

The City Council approved the 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 26, 2015. The run will begin at 7:00 p.m.

The event will include a live band, concession stand, and other activities around the Grayson County Courthouse. The organizers also plan to apply for an alcohol permit from

**CLOSE STREETS
CRISIS CENTER
FUN RUN**

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the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission to provide free beer to participants after the race.

The event will require traffic control assistance, barricades, and cones from the City, as well as overtime labor and equipment to place and remove the barricades. Solid waste receptacles will also be provided by the City.

CONSENT AGENDA.

CONSIDER REQUEST OF AUSTIN COLLEGE TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE CERTAIN STREETS FOR THE 2015 “A” RUN FOR ROOS ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2015

The City Council approved the request of Austin College to temporarily close certain streets for the 2015 “A” Run for Roos on Saturday, November 14, 2015. The event will begin at 8:00 a.m.

CLOSE STREETS
AUSTIN COLLEGE
RUN

The event will require City labor and equipment to provide traffic control assistance and implement barricade placement and removal.

CONSENT AGENDA.

CITIZENS REQUESTS

There were no citizen’s requests.

CITIZENS REQUESTS

MEDIA QUESTIONS

There were no media questions.

MEDIA QUESTIONS

COUNCIL COMMENTS

WILSON N. JONES REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Council Member Davis said he wants WNJ to be successful and he appreciates the good medical care we have in Sherman. He said medical care is something that businesses look at when moving into a City, along with good schools, and a quality work force. He hoped that Sherman could keep the quality of medical care that they currently have.

WILSON N. JONES
REGIONAL MEDICAL
CENTER

SHERMAN CROSSROADS EXCEPTION

Council Member Johnson thanked Mr. Phillips for his time and for representing his client in the Blalock request, and for coming together with GlobiTech and the other players to reach an agreement.

SHERMAN
CROSSROADS
EXCEPTION

He agreed that it was a land use, zoning issue and was not about protecting businesses. The reason he voted no is that he felt the Council currently has “one piece of the puzzle.”

He said the Blalock Overlay District has very stringent rules and is the “front door” to Sherman from the south. Council Member Johnson said he is not against development on this corner and felt something should be done extremely well.

He expressed concern about granting exceptions and waivers to this district without more information. However he said he isn’t against development on that site.

CONGRATULATIONS TO NEW FIRE CHIEF

Council Member Johnson congratulated Danny Jones on his appointment as Sherman's new Fire Chief, saying he looked forward to new things.

CONGRATULATIONS
TO NEW FIRE
CHIEF

LIGHTS ON THE LAKE

Council Member Johnson thanked the City staff for the recent Lights on the Lake event, adding that it was a huge success.

LIGHTS ON THE
LAKE

SHERMAN CROSSROADS EXCEPTION

Deputy Mayor Plyler said this is the most "worked" development that the Council has had, citing City staff, industry neighbors, and the medical community. He said the developers "went the extra mile" to insure that industry was comfortable with the development.

SHERMAN
CROSSROADS
EXCEPTION

A lot of details were worked out, land use planning was discussed, open issues were discussed, questions answered, and "slippery slopes" were addressed. Based on the location at the far north edge of the property, he felt it would be a positive thing for the community.

Deputy Mayor Plyler said he loves and uses WNJ, and did not feel this facility would negatively impact WNJ. He felt the properties can co-exist and that WNJ will continue to grow. He said he was impressed with what they have done and what they will do in the future.

His support of the permit was in response to all the work, all the planning, all the discussions, and everything that has gone into the issue. These decisions are not always easy. He voted to move forward, but there will still be other issues that must come before the City Council.

CONGRATULATIONS TO NEW FIRE CHIEF

Deputy Mayor Plyler congratulated Mr. Jones on his appointment as Fire Chief, adding he looked forward to working with him.

CONGRATULATIONS
TO NEW FIRE
CHIEF

LIGHTS ON THE LAKE

Deputy Mayor Plyler said the work that went into Lights on the Lake was phenomenal and the fireworks show was great.

LIGHTS ON THE
LAKE

PANDA SHERMAN POWER

Council Member Sofey said he was excited about Panda Sherman Power. He said it was great news for the City and shows that local industry is growing.

PANDA SHERMAN
POWER

CONGRATULATIONS TO NEW FIRE CHIEF

Council Member Sofey congratulated Mr. Jones on his appointment as Fire Chief.

CONGRATULATIONS
TO NEW FIRE
CHIEF

CONGRATULATIONS TO NEW FIRE CHIEF

Council Member Watt said he would try to call Mr. Jones, Chief Jones, but it would probably be "Danny."

CONGRATULATIONS
TO NEW FIRE
CHIEF

SHERMAN CROSSROADS EXCEPTION

Council Member Watt thanked Mr. Phillips for bringing clarity to a chaotic issue on the proposed exception to the Blalock Overlay District.

He also reiterated to Ms. Richardson how impressed he was with the improvements and changes that were going on at WNJ and wished them the best.

CONGRATULATIONS ON HERALD DEMOCRAT ARTICLE

Council Member Watt recognized Nate Strauch, Herald Democrat Reporter, for a recent article on the Chamber of Commerce's new website.

He also congratulated the Chamber of Commerce for taking home the silver honors in the Texas Chamber of Commerce Executives' annual awards for their newly revamped website.

LIGHTS ON THE LAKE

Council Member Watt congratulated Lauren Roth, Tourism Director, for her work on the Lights on the Lake event. It was an outstanding event.

OVERLAY DISTRICTS

Council Member Steele said he served on the City Council from 2002 to 2008, and during that time the Council approved the College Park Overlay District. The Overlay District was approved to "protect" the property in the area, not to help Austin College "take people's property."

He said it was a hard decision, but he knew he was making the right decision for the citizens of Sherman. As a Council Member, he said you can't vote your heartstrings.

He felt the same way in tonight's decision. Council Member Steele said he felt WNJ would succeed, that TMC would succeed, and that this new development would succeed. Sherman is on the edge of exploding and he felt all the jobs would be protected.

CONGRATULATIONS TO NEW FIRE CHIEF

Council Member Steele congratulated Mr. Jones on his appointment as Fire Chief.

LIGHTS ON THE LAKE

Council Member Steele said Lights on the Lake was awesome and he also commended the Police Department for their traffic control.

PANDA SHERMAN POWER

Council Member Steele thanked Panda Sherman Power for expanding in Sherman again.

LIGHTS ON THE LAKE

Mayor Wacker said an estimated 7,000 to 8,000 people

SHERMAN
CROSSROADS
EXCEPTION

CONGRATULATIONS
ON HERALD
DEMOCRAT ARTICLE

LIGHTS ON THE
LAKE

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PANDA SHERMAN
POWER

LIGHTS ON THE
LAKE

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attended Lights on the Lake and she thanked all those that worked on the event.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL DISPATCH PROGRAM

Mayor Wacker said the Council recently approved the new Emergency Medical Dispatch program, which was a cooperative effort between the Police and Fire Departments. Through the program, dispatchers are allowed to give some assistance over the telephone prior to the arrival of emergency personnel.

Since its inception, the dispatchers have helped with the birth of a baby and helped provide CPR to a person in need.

ADJOURNMENT

On Motion duly made and carried, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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