

STATE OF TEXAS §
 June 4, 2018
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 June 4, 2018.

MEMBERS PRESENT: MAYOR DAVID PLYLER.
 COUNCIL MEMBERS HOLLAND, SOFEY, STEELE,
 STEVENSON, TEAMANN.

MEMBERS ABSENT: DEPUTY MAYOR PAM HOWETH.

CALL TO ORDER

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

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVE MINUTES

The Council reviewed the Minutes of the Called City Council Meeting (Budget Planning) Meeting of April 27, 2018 and the Regular City Council Meeting of May 21, 2018. Council Member Stevenson moved to approve the Minutes as presented; Second by Council Member Steele. All present voted AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVE MINUTES

PUBLIC HEARING

FINANCIAL STATEMENT/ACTION PLAN FOR PROGRAM YEAR 2018 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

Mayor Plyler introduced the public hearing for the Financial Statement/Action Plan for Program Year 2018 of the Community Development Block Grant.

**CDBG FINANCIAL
STATEMENT &
ACTION PLAN**

Steve Ayers, Assistant City Manager, presented the annual review of the Community Development Block Grant. The plan will be reviewed in more detail at the upcoming Budget Work Session. This year's grant will be for \$368,000.

Mr. Ayers introduced Michelle Adams, Community Development Coordinator, who is now administering the program, after the retirement of Theresa Caudle.

He said this year the focus of the plan, with Council direction, is on infill development and the demolition of substandard structures. More funding will be invested for these items, as well as for park and public space improvements. For example, making Kidd-Key Auditorium more handicap accessible.

There will be a little less focus on the individual home rehabilitation, although there is still money in the plan for that program. More of the emphasis has been shifted on public spaces, park improvements, and substandard structures.

Additional discussion will be held during the Budget Work Session.

No citizens appeared before the City Council to discuss the Financial Statement/Action Plan for Program Year 2018 Community Development Block Grant.

INTRODUCTION AND PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCES

Mayor Plyler introduced Ordinance No. 6122 and called for a public hearing:

ORD 6122
SPEED LIMIT SIGNS

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR PERMANENT “SPEED LIMIT 30 MPH” SIGNS ON SHEPHERD DRIVE, BETWEEN U.S. HIGHWAY 75 WEST SERVICE ROAD AND FARMINGTON ROAD, WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY PROVISION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER.

Clint Philpott, Director of Engineering, said Shepherd Drive was recently repaved by the City’s Public Works Department, and as a result, traffic can go faster on the road. Because of this, it became necessary to post 30 mph speed limit signs on the road.

All streets in Sherman that are not posted with a speed limit are 30 mph. The signs have been posted for 90 days and the City has received no calls or concerns about the signs, so the staff recommends that the signs be adopted by ordinance.

No citizens appeared before the City Council to discuss Ordinance No. 6122.

Mayor Plyler introduced Ordinance No. 6123 and called for a public hearing:

ORD 6123
STOP SIGNS

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR PERMANENT “STOP” SIGNS ON CANYON CREEK DRIVE AT LAMBERTH ROAD, ON CANYON CREEK DRIVE AT SHADY OAKS LANE, ON SHADY OAKS LANE AT CANYON CREEK DRIVE, ON BANDERA DRIVE AT SHADY OAKS LANE, ON CANYON CREEK DRIVE AT HERITAGE PARKWAY, AND ON OVERLAND TRAIL AT HERITAGE PARKWAY WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY PROVISION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER.

Mr. Philpott said some of the proposed signs are a result of the Canyon Creek Drive Extension Project, when the road was extended to Lamberth Road. At the same time, the staff reviewed the entire O’Hanlon area to determine if other signage was needed and if there were ordinances for the existing signage.

Existing stop signs were found at three locations, which were not supported with an ordinance. All signs have been posted for 90 days and the City has received no calls or concerns.

No citizens appeared before the City Council to discuss Ordinance No. 6123.

Mayor Plyler introduced Ordinance No. 6124 and called for a public hearing:

ORD 6124
STOP SIGNS

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR PERMANENT “STOP” SIGNS ON PEGGEY’S COVE AT PARK AVENUE AND ON SOUTHRIDGE LANE AT PARK AVENUE WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY PROVISION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER.

Mr. Philpott said there will be additional stop signs needed as the area develops and traffic increases. All signs have been posted for 90 days and the City has received no calls or concerns.

No citizens appeared before the City Council to discuss Ordinance No. 6124.

The Public Hearing was closed.

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance 6122

ORD 6122
SPEED LIMIT SIGNS

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR PERMANENT “SPEED LIMIT 30 MPH” SIGNS ON SHEPHERD DRIVE, BETWEEN U.S. HIGHWAY 75 WEST SERVICE ROAD AND FARMINGTON ROAD, WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY PROVISION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER.

Ordinance 6123

ORD 6123
STOP SIGNS

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR PERMANENT “STOP” SIGNS ON CANYON CREEK DRIVE AT LAMBERTH ROAD, ON CANYON CREEK DRIVE AT SHADY OAKS LANE, ON SHADY OAKS LANE AT CANYON CREEK DRIVE, ON BANDERA DRIVE AT SHADY OAKS LANE, ON CANYON CREEK DRIVE AT HERITAGE PARKWAY, AND ON OVERLAND TRAIL AT HERITAGE PARKWAY WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY PROVISION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER.

Ordinance 6124

ORD 6124
STOP SIGNS

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR PERMANENT “STOP” SIGNS ON PEGGEY’S COVE AT PARK AVENUE AND ON SOUTHRIDGE LANE AT PARK AVENUE WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY PROVISION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER.

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Sofey to adopt Ordinance Nos. 6122, 6123, and 6124, as presented. Second by Council Member Stevenson.

VOTING AYE: Holland, Sofey, Steele, Stevenson, Teamann.

VOTING NAY: None.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 6375 – AUTHORIZING CERTIFICATION OF A STATE-SANCTIONED CULTURAL DISTRICT IN DOWNTOWN SHERMAN FOR AT LEAST TEN (10) YEARS TO BE NAMED, THE “SHERMAN CULTURAL DISTRICT”

**RES 6375
SHERMAN CULTURAL
DISTRICT**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING CERTIFICATION OF A STATE-SANCTIONED CULTURAL DISTRICT IN DOWNTOWN SHERMAN FOR AT LEAST TEN (10) YEARS TO BE NAMED, THE “SHERMAN CULTURAL DISTRICT”.

Cary Wacker, Former Mayor and Austin College Associate Vice President for Institutional Advancement and Director of the Center for Community and Regional Development, said she appreciated the steps that the City Council has already taken to create the Sherman Cultural District.

She said the 2009 Comprehensive Master Plan originally outlined the importance of the arts in Sherman. Many community partners have been engaged since that time. They are in the final steps of the project before the June 15, 2018 submission deadline to the Texas Commission on the Arts.

Ms. Wacker said the Cultural District project does not require an expanded budget commitment from the City. The plan is to leverage the existing Tourism budget by packaging the current arts activities, using social media, and working with the Tourism Department for activities that would be tourist draws to Sherman.

Austin College has also been recommended for funding from the National Endowment of the Arts Our Town Program, which is a \$50,000 grant, to be matched by another \$50,000, to bring art and community generated projects into downtown Sherman. Ms. Wacker said this is a significant commitment toward advancing the arts downtown.

If the City receives the official Cultural District status from the State, then they would be eligible for additional grant funds through the State.

As for the other budget impact, they have handled the personnel part by putting together a team from Austin College that will provide the manpower to promote and communicate Cultural District activities. Austin College already hosts the Sherman Symphony and the Sherman Community Series, and they interface with many other art groups.

The first agenda item is the resolution of support, and the second is for a Memorandum of Understanding for the parameters of how Austin College will work with the City.

Austin College will also be hosting the Cultural District Advisory Committee that will serve as the arts advocacy group, which will be a broad-based community representation to help network communication and plan arts activities.

If the MOU is approved, Austin College will report quarterly to the City Council concerning the Cultural District activity. She outlined the many arts-based businesses that currently reside downtown, as well as the many art-based events that are held throughout the year.

Ms. Wacker thanked the many citizens that have worked on the project to help make Sherman a destination for the arts.

RESOLUTION NO. 6376 – AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING DEFINING ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES BETWEEN THE CITY OF SHERMAN AND AUSTIN COLLEGE REGARDING OVERSIGHT OF THE SHERMAN CULTURAL DISTRICT PROGRAM

**RES 6376
SHERMAN CULTURAL
DISTRICT**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING DEFINING ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES BETWEEN THE CITY OF SHERMAN AND AUSTIN COLLEGE REGARDING OVERSIGHT OF THE SHERMAN CULTURAL DISTRICT PROGRAM.

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Teamann to approve Resolution Nos. 6375 and 6376, as presented. Second by Council Member Stevenson.

VOTING AYE: Holland, Sofey, Steele, Stevenson, Teamann.

VOTING NAY: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 6377 – AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN ENCROACHMENT EASEMENT TO QUIK TRIP FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A 154-SQUARE FOOT, 10' 10" TALL MONUMENT SIGN WITHIN A 20' SEWER EASEMENT ON THE NORTH PROPERTY LINE OF LOT 1, BLOCK 1 OF SHERMAN LANDING, PHASE I IN THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS

**RES 6377
ENCROACHMENT
EASEMENT FOR
QUIK TRIP FENCE**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN ENCROACHMENT EASEMENT TO QUIK TRIP FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A 154-SQUARE FOOT, 10' 10" TALL MONUMENT SIGN WITHIN A 20' SEWER EASEMENT ON THE NORTH PROPERTY LINE OF LOT 1, BLOCK 1 OF SHERMAN LANDING, PHASE I IN THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS.

Mr. Philpott said Quik Trip has requested to install a monument sign closer to the right-of-way, but there is a sewer line at the same location. They have coordinated with the City to verify that the construction of the sign will not affect the sewer line.

They have agreed to an encroachment easement and the staff sees no reason not to accept the agreement.

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Steele to approve Resolution No. 6377, as presented. Second by Council Member Sofey.
VOTING AYE: Holland, Sofey, Steele, Stevenson, Teamann.
VOTING NAY: None.
MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 6378 – RENEWING GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA FOR THE CITY OF SHERMAN'S INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL TAX ABATEMENT PROGRAM TO PROMOTE DEVELOPMENT/REDEVELOPMENT IN CERTAIN AREAS OF THE CITY

**RES 6378
INDUSTRIAL &
COMMERCIAL TAX
ABATEMENT CRITERIA**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, RENEWING GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA FOR THE CITY OF SHERMAN'S INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL TAX ABATEMENT PROGRAM TO PROMOTE DEVELOPMENT/REDEVELOPMENT IN CERTAIN AREAS OF THE CITY.

Mary Lawrence, Director of Finance, said every two years the City Council is required to readopt the policy on tax abatements. The policy has been updated this time.

New requirements are for additional information from the applicant about depreciation on the property, water usage, sales tax generated during construction, and expected sources of labor.

The policy has also been updated to lower the abatement value minimum to \$5 million, from \$10 million, which reflects what the City already does. Another change is to allow the abatement to be deferred. Currently the abatement starts the next year, but sometimes construction doesn't "follow that schedule." The City does currently allow for the deferral, so the policy is being updated to reflect that.

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Stevenson to approve Resolution No. 6378, as presented. Second by Council Member Holland.
VOTING AYE: Holland, Sofey, Steele, Stevenson, Teamann.
VOTING NAY: None.
MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 6379 – AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION OF THE PROPOSED FINAL STATEMENT/ACTION PLAN FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FOR PROGRAM YEAR 2018; AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF THE BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION; AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CERTIFICATIONS OF COMPLIANCE IN CONNECTION WITH THE ADMINISTRATION AND CONDUCT OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR PROGRAM YEAR 2018

**RES 6379
CDBG ACTION PLAN**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION OF THE PROPOSED FINAL STATEMENT/ACTION PLAN FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FOR PROGRAM YEAR 2018; AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF THE BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION; AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CERTIFICATIONS OF COMPLIANCE IN CONNECTION WITH THE ADMINISTRATION AND CONDUCT OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR PROGRAM YEAR 2018.

Mr. Ayers said the staff is asking permission to submit the Final Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant.

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Teamann to approve Resolution No. 6379, as presented. Second by Council Member Steele.

VOTING AYE: Holland, Sofey, Steele, Stevenson, Teamann.

VOTING NAY: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

CITIZENS REQUESTS

SHERMAN MUSEUM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dickie Gerig, 2420 N. Woods, President of the Sherman Museum Board of Trustees, introduced the Museum's new Executive Director, Betsy Deiterman. The Museum has also hired an Assistant Director, Natalie Bonner.

SHERMAN MUSEUM
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Ms. Deiterman is a graduate of the Texas Tech University Museum Sciences program and holds a Master of Arts in Museum Sciences, with a minor in Heritage Management, and a specialty in Historic Preservation. She was born and raised in Wichita Falls, but has spent most of her adult life in Denton.

Ms. Bonner is a graduate of Texas A&M University-Commerce. She has a BS in History, Literature, and Languages, and an MA in History with a certification in Public History. The Assistant Director position is a part-time position.

Ms. Deiterman said she looked forward to strengthening the partnership with the City and working together to promote tourism in Sherman.

MEDIA QUESTIONS

There were no media questions.

MEDIA QUESTIONS

COUNCIL COMMENTS

POLICE MOTORCYCLE

Council Member Holland said he liked the new police motorcycle.

POLICE MOTORCYCLE

OVERLAND TRAIL STOP SIGN

Council Member Teamann asked about the stop sign at Overland Trail. Mr. Philpott said the stop sign had been there, but there was not an ordinance placing it there.

OVERLAND TRAIL
STOP SIGN

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Plyler announced the following:

- Hot Summer Nights kicks off on June 7, 2018. The 90's rock band Fuel will be the featured act. This year the City is teaming up with Old Iron Post Restaurant to have opening acts, starting at 7:00 p.m. each week. This week, the local band ACTC will open for Fuel. ACTC will also play at Old Iron Post after Hot Summer Nights.
- Next week at Hot Summer Nights the main event will be Mark Chestnutt and the opening act will be Little Big Iron.
- The Parks and Recreation Department will host Monday Madness, starting June 11, 2018. The program will be Critterman. Events will be held each Monday at 2:00 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 CITY ATTORNEY CONCERNING PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION

SECTION 551.071 -- CONSULT WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY ON A MATTER IN WHICH THE DUTY OF THE ATTORNEY TO THE GOVERNMENTAL BODY UNDER THE TEXAS DISCIPLINARY RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT OF THE STATE BAR OF TEXAS CLEARLY CONFLICTS WITH THIS CHAPTER

SECTION 551.074 PERSONNEL MATTERS:
CONSIDER THE QUALIFICATIONS, APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF MEMBERS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:
SHERMAN HOUSING AUTHORITY (3)
TEXOMA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS (1)

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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 5:25 p.m.

On Motion duly made and carried, the Executive Session
recessed at 6:46 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

SHERMAN HOUSING AUTHORITY (3)

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Teamann to reappoint Craig
Anthony Davis, Sr., Janet Roy, and Harry Staff to the
Sherman Housing Authority Board for a term from June 1,
2018 to June 1, 2020. Second by Council Member Sofey.

VOTING AYE: Holland, Sofey, Steele, Stevenson, Teamann.

VOTING NAY: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

SHERMAN
HOUSING AUTHORITY

TEXOMA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (TCOG) GOVERNING
BODY (1)

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Steele to appoint Council
Member Josh Stevenson to serve as Sherman's
representative on the Texoma Council of Governments
Governing Body for a term from June 1, 2018 to June 1,
2019. Second by Council Member Holland.

VOTING AYE: Holland, Sofey, Steele, Stevenson, Teamann.

VOTING NAY: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

TCOG GOVERNING
BODY

ADJOURNMENT

On Motion duly made and carried, the meeting adjourned at
6:47 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MAYOR

CITY CLERK

