

STATE OF TEXAS

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June 1, 2020

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 June 1, 2020.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

MAYOR DAVID PLYLER; DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIE STEELE.
COUNCIL MEMBERS HOLLAND, HOWETH, MELTON,
STEVENSON, TEAMANN.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

NONE.

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 Daron Holland.

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVE MINUTES

The Council reviewed the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of May 18, 2020. Council Member Melton moved to approve the Minutes, as presented; Second by Council Member Howeth; All present voted AYE.
MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVE MINUTES

CITIZEN'S REQUESTS

RECENT PROTEST IN SHERMAN

Bill Magers, Grayson County Judge, said last night, hundreds of people assembled peacefully in Fairview Park and marched to the Grayson County Courthouse in response to the killing of George Floyd in a police brutality incident last week in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

RECENT PROTEST
IN SHERMAN

He said it was awesome to see so many people, from all walks of life, exercise their first amendment rights by standing against injustice and for equality for all people. On behalf of Grayson County, Judge Magers thanked the City of Sherman, local leaders, Police Chief Zach Flores, Sheriff Tom Watt, and all law enforcement officials, for supporting this effort and ensuring that the purpose was not hijacked by illegitimate forces.

He also thanked Mayor David Plyler, Council Member Daron Holland, and former Council Members and colleagues, Terrence Steele and Reverend Charles Brown. He added that, due to their leadership, our local community is a model for the nation, and he thanked them for their commitment and service to Grayson County.

PUBLIC HEARING

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

INDUSTRIAL &
COMMERCIAL TAX
ABATEMENT
PROGRAM

Mary Lawrence, Director of Finance, said, by State law, the City must renew the Commercial and Industrial Tax Abatement Guidelines and Criteria every two years. This program is one tool that the City uses to promote economic development.

The value of these tax abatements may be limited in the future depending on the effect the abatement has on the revenue cap calculation. Each abatement will be evaluated on its impact on the City.

No citizens appeared before the City Council to discuss the renewal of the Guidelines and Criteria for the City of Sherman's Industrial and Commercial Tax Abatement Program.

Mayor Plyler introduced Ordinance No. 6296 and called for a public hearing:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, EXTENDING THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF SAID CITY SO AS TO ANNEX 6.00 ACRES OF LAND LOCATED EAST OF LAMBERTH ROAD, AT THE INTERSECTION OF MEADOWLAKE DRIVE AND LAMBERTH ROAD, ADJACENT TO THE SHERMAN CITY LIMITS AND IN THE CITY OF SHERMAN'S EXTRA TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION; PROVIDING FOR A MUNICIPAL SERVICE PLAN; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER.

ORD 6296
ANNEXATION
WILEY DEVELOPMENT

Clint Philpott, Assistant City Manager, said this annexation was requested by the property owner. There are four lots and two houses on the property.

As part of the acceptance of the annexation, the property owner agreed to dedicate the right-of-way for the future Friendship Road and a utility easement, and the City will extend water along the property frontage, that ties into the main on Lamberth Road.

No citizens appeared before the City Council to discuss Ordinance No. 6296.

Mayor Plyler introduced Ordinance No. 6297 and called for a public hearing:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, EXTENDING THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF SAID CITY SO AS TO ANNEX APPROXIMATELY 10.25 ACRES OF LAND LOCATED WEST OF EAST STREET, SOUTH OF SHERMAN STREET, AND EAST OF MONTGOMERY STREET, ADJACENT TO THE SHERMAN CITY LIMITS AND IN THE CITY OF SHERMAN'S EXTRA TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION; PROVIDING FOR A MUNICIPAL SERVICE PLAN; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER.

ORD 6297
ANNEXATION
SOUTHSIDE ADDITION
POST OAK PLACE

Mr. Philpott said this annexation was requested by the property owners, who have plans to develop a subdivision. He is currently working on the submission of plans to the

Engineering Department for review. The subdivision will include concrete streets and water and sewer extensions.

No citizens appeared before the City Council to discuss Ordinance No. 6297.

The Public Hearing was closed.

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance 6296

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, EXTENDING THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF SAID CITY SO AS TO ANNEX 6.00 ACRES OF LAND LOCATED EAST OF LAMBERTH ROAD, AT THE INTERSECTION OF MEADOWLAKE DRIVE AND LAMBERTH ROAD, ADJACENT TO THE SHERMAN CITY LIMITS AND IN THE CITY OF SHERMAN'S EXTRA TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION; PROVIDING FOR A MUNICIPAL SERVICE PLAN; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER.

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Ordinance 6297

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ORD 6297
ANNEXATION
SOUTHSIDE ADDITION
POST OAK PLACE

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Melton to adopt Ordinance Nos. 6296 and 6297, as presented. Second by Council Member Stevenson.

VOTING AYE: Holland, Howeth, Melton, Steele, Stevenson, Teamann.

VOTING NAY: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Council reviewed the Consent Agenda. Council Member Melton asked to remove Item D3, entitled "Resolution 6622, Authorizing Execution of a Professional Engineering Services Agreement with Hayter Engineering for Design of the 2021 South Surface Waterline and Southwest Booster Pump Station Modification Project," and Item E2, entitled "Request to Advertise, Proposals for a Generator and Uninterrupted Power Supply (UPS) at the Sherman Municipal Building," from the Consent Agenda for consideration in their regular order of business.

CONSENT AGENDA

Since that only left Item D4 on the Consent Agenda, Mayor Plyler said all items would be taken separately.

RESOLUTION NO. 6622 --- AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH HAYTER ENGINEERING FOR DESIGN OF THE 2021 SOUTH SURFACE WATERLINE AND SOUTHWEST BOOSTER PUMP STATION MODIFICATION PROJECT

**RES 6622
SOUTH SURFACE
WATERLINE &
SOUTHWEST
BOOSTER PUMP
STATION
MODIFICATION**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH HAYTER ENGINEERING FOR DESIGN OF THE 2021 SOUTH SURFACE WATERLINE AND SOUTHWEST BOOSTER PUMP STATION MODIFICATION PROJECT.

Council Member Melton asked to remove Item D3 from the Consent Agenda for consideration in its regular order of business.

She asked for clarification about the engineering portion of the project, which will cost over \$300,000, and asked if there was an engineering firm in Sherman that could do the work.

Tom Pruitt, Utility Engineer, explained that the project also includes a Hydraulic Analysis of the Southwest Booster Pump Station. There is a lot of growth in Sherman in that area and this will be the first surface water line that is feeding the east side of U.S. Hwy 75, and includes two, very large diameter pipes.

One ground water pipe is 24 inches in diameter, and the surface water pipe will probably be 20 inches in diameter, depending on the demands for that area. The proposed Bel Air development will be located to the east of this site. The current water line runs through their proposed lake site, so it needs to be relocated.

Marilee Water Supply has also requested the purchase of one million gallons per day at the Shepherd Water Tank. Council Member Melton asked if they would help pay for this project.

Mr. Pruitt said they would not help pay for this part of the project. It will be paid under the Utility Improvement Fund.

Robby Hefton, City Manager, said the staff is currently working with Kimley-Horn on the Impact Fee Program. This type of engineering and project, would likely be incorporated into developer's fees that would be paid through impact fees. The program is not currently in place, but the staff is working on it.

Council Member Melton confirmed that the \$307,627 cost would only be for the engineering services portion of the project. Mr. Pruitt said the construction cost for the project would probably be in excess of \$2 million.

He said they did go out for qualifications, and had responses from two engineering firms. The firm selected definitely had the better qualifications.

Council Member Teamann said, given the uncertainty with the status of the Bel Air Project, and not currently having a formal commitment with them, is there any other purpose for doing this project.

Mr. Pruitt said Marilee Water Supply also wants to increase their water capacity. He said, for many years, the City of Sherman has professed their desire to be a regional water purveyor, and this will “push” water from the surface water supply, to cities south of Sherman. There will continue to be a greater demand for water.

He mentioned major industries such as Texas Instruments, Finisar, and Tyson that each use approximately 100,000 gallons of water per day, and will be coming off this line. There will also be improvements at the Pump Station.

Council Member Melton asked if there was currently a problem with water pressure in the subdivision that is already there or at the industries. Mr. Pruitt said if the City adds flow and demand, without adding pressure, there could be a problem. He said that would need to be determined through a hydraulic model. Mr. Hefton said part of this project is the hydraulic model, at a cost of \$94,000.

Council Member Stevenson asked if the Booster Pump Station would help protect the industries downline if there is a water main break, so they don't have to go offline. Mr. Pruitt said their situation probably won't change because the lines will keep the same pressure, but the City will be able to pull from a different source.

They will be able to pull water out of the Southwest Elevated Tower, which they are not able to do at this time. He added that in the absence of electricity, they will be able to get water out of the tank. Basically, there will be a second source.

Council Member Teamann asked about the rate of return on the investment. Mr. Philpott added that all these engineering design projects are dependent on the development happening. The idea is to get a design and a plan, so the staff knows what is happening, but actual construction can be delayed until development is happening. By doing this, the City can be “ready with a solution” as development occurs and not be months behind, waiting on a design.

Mr. Pruitt added that if the award of bid is approved today, the staff anticipated that they would be ready to break ground in July 2021.

Council Member Melton verified that the money for the design project is already budgeted and available.

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Stevenson to adopt Resolution No. 6622, as presented. Second by Council Member Holland.

VOTING AYE: Holland, Howeth, Melton, Steele, Stevenson, Teamann.

VOTING NAY: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 6623 – APPOINTING A VOTING MEMBER TO THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE SHERMAN-DENISON METROPOLITAN PLANNING OFFICE

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, APPOINTING A VOTING MEMBER TO THE TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE SHERMAN-DENISON METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION.

RES 6623
APPOINT MPO VOTING
MEMBER TO
TECHNICAL ADVISORY
COMMITTEE

Mayor Plyler said Item D4 would be taken separately since it was the only item left on the Consent Agenda.

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Howeth to adopt Resolution No. 6623, as presented. Second by Council Member Melton.

VOTING AYE: Holland, Howeth, Melton, Steele, Stevenson, Teamann.

VOTING NAY: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

REQUEST TO ADVERTISE PROPOSALS FOR A GENERATOR AND UNINTERRUPTED POWER SUPPLY (UPS) AT THE SHERMAN MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Council Member Melton asked to remove Item E2 from the Consent Agenda for consideration in its regular order of business.

REQ TO ADVERTISE
MUNICIPAL BLDG
GENERATOR &
UNINTERRUPTED
POWER SUPPLY

Council Member Melton asked why the staff was recommending this project, since the City has gone “years without it.” Ms. Lawrence said there are currently two batteries that need to be installed. There are servers on the third floor of the Municipal Building. If there is a power outage, they would suffer a really “hard shutdown,” which could damage the servers and cause the City to lose data. Restoring a backup can take days.

Under an alternate power supply, with a generator, this would allow the staff to do a more orderly shutdown to preserve the servers and the equipment. Up to this point, the City has not suffered a severe power outage that has damaged the equipment.

Council Member Melton asked for an estimate of cost for the equipment. Ms. Lawrence said the money was actually budgeted last year and carried over as an encumbrance to this year. Shawn Hackworth, IT Manager, estimated that the cost

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of the equipment would be about \$65,000, including installation.

Ms. Lawrence added that the generator would not run power for the offices, it would only be for the IT servers and the equipment. It gives them enough time to perform an orderly shutdown. Mr. Hackworth added that it would also keep the servers up so the Police and Fire Departments could use their remote mobiles.

Council Member Teamann said there will probably be many items in the budget that the City will have to forgo this year. He verified that the current agenda item is a request to advertise to determine the actual cost. The actual decision to purchase will be made at a later date. Council Members will consider any award of bid at a later date.

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Melton to approve the request to advertise for the purchase and installation of a Generator and Uninterrupted Power Supply for the Municipal Building, as presented. Second by Council Member Stevenson.

VOTING AYE: Holland, Howeth, Melton, Steele, Stevenson, Teamann.

VOTING NAY: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 6620 – 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

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.

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Stevenson to adopt Resolution No. 6620, as presented. Second by Council Member Teamann.

VOTING AYE: Holland, Howeth, Melton, Steele, Stevenson, Teamann.

VOTING NAY: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 6621 – AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR A GRANT AWARDED BY THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TO FUND EXPENDITURES INCURRED DUE TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19), DESIGNATING THE CITY MANAGER AS THE AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL TO ACCEPT,

RES 6620
GUIDELINES &
CRITERIA FOR
INDUSTRIAL &
COMMERCIAL
TAX ABATEMENT
PROGRAM

RES 6621
COVID-19 GRANT
APPLICATION TO
FUND EXPENDITURES

REJECT, ALTER OR TERMINATE THE GRANT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR A GRANT AWARDED BY THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TO FUND EXPENDITURES INCURRED DUE TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19); DESIGNATING THE CITY MANAGER AS THE AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL TO ACCEPT, REJECT, ALTER OR TERMINATE THE GRANT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY.

Ms. Lawrence said the City was allotted \$55 per capita, through this grant from the Texas Department of Emergency Management, to fund expenditures incurred due to the Coronavirus Disease 2019. Total amount of the grant is about \$2.2 million.

The City can “draw down” 20% of that amount immediately. The staff will still need to document the expenses, and 75% of the money is for certain eligible expenses that meet specific guidelines.

This funding is for medical expenses and for employees that are substantially responding to the public health emergency. Twenty five percent can be used for economic programs from March 1 through December 30, 2020. The money cannot be used for revenue shortfall or anything that was previously budgeted, only for additional expenses that were incurred.

She said, within the guidelines, they can offer some utility bill, rent, and mortgage assistance with the funds. This amount will be dependent upon how many other expenses have been incurred. Also, any money that is not spent, must be returned.

Council Member Teamann verified that this money was coming from the same “pool” of money that was received by Collin County. Ms. Lawrence said the County may share it’s allocation of money with the City and the City can share it’s allocation with the County.

Ms. Lawrence said this grant is a lot of money and she would be surprised if Sherman even spends 20% of its allotment, because the requirements are very restrictive.

She reiterated that 20% of the grant is available immediately. She said there is also FEMA money available, as well as other Federal sources that have money available for some things.

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Stevenson to adopt Resolution No. 6621, as presented. Second by Council Member Teamann.

VOTING AYE: Holland, Howeth, Melton, Steele, Stevenson, Teamann.

VOTING NAY: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 6624 – AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A NEW SEWER JET TRUCK FOR THE WATER UTILITIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT FROM PIPE HUNTER INC. THROUGH THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (H-GAC)

RES 6624
JET SEWER TRUCK

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A NEW SEWER JET TRUCK FOR THE WATER UTILITIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT FROM PIPE HUNTER INC. THROUGH THE HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (H-GAC).

Kevin Winkler, Public Works Manager, said on May 22, 2020, the City's sewer truck was involved in a single vehicle accident, which left it inoperable. This was the primary unit that is used daily to unclog choked sewers. The staff is requesting to replace that equipment as soon as possible.

The loss has been submitted to the insurance company, but they do not have a price back yet. Mr. Hefton added that the vehicle that was totaled was 11 or 12 years old, a 2008 model, and had 146,000 miles on it. He did not anticipate that the insurance would provide a lot of payoff.

Mr. Winkler said that was the only truck the City has of that style. They do have another one they are using in the interim, which is larger and has a camera on the end. The camera is causing problems for the device and gets stuck as the sewer is being unchoked. They actually had to dig up 60 foot of line to get it unchoked while using this truck.

Mr. Winkler said the truck is used every day, and if they didn't have the second truck, they would either have to rent a truck or borrow one from another City. He said it is a key piece of equipment for sewer back-ups.

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Stevenson to adopt Resolution No. 6624, as presented. Second by Council Member Howeth.

VOTING AYE: Holland, Howeth, Melton, Steele, Stevenson, Teamann.

VOTING NAY: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

REQUEST TO ADVERTISE CONSTRUCTION OF EAST PARK AVENUE ROADWAY EXTENSION

REQ TO ADVERTISE
EAST PARK AVE
ROADWAY EXTENSION

Wayne Lee, Director of Engineering, said the staff was requesting to advertise for the construction of the East Park Avenue Roadway Extension, which is part of the 2009

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Comprehensive Master Plan to connect East Park to Lake Avenue. The project also replaces the railroad crossing on Lake Avenue, that was washed out in 2015.

Construction should start around the end of Summer, and should be completed by next Summer. Cost of the project will be approximately \$1.1 million.

Mr. Lee said the City already has executed contracts with the railroad for the actual construction of the crossing itself. They have just received the easement agreements to cross the railroad right-of-way, and those should be executed this week.

Council Member Melton asked why the City waited so long to complete this project. Mr. Lee said the delay was due to the railroad. Council Member Teamann confirmed that there was an agreement with the railroad, "in-hand."

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Teamann to approve the request to advertise for construction of the East Park avenue Roadway Extension, as presented. Second by Council Member Holland.

VOTING AYE: Holland, Howeth, Melton, Steele, Stevenson, Teamann.

VOTING NAY: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

CHANGE ORDER NO. 2

WEST TRAVIS STREET PHASE II & III PROJECT; LYNN VESSELS CONSTRUCTION, LLC; \$445,000.85 INCREASE

Mr. Lee said Change Order No. 2 is to Lynn Vessels Construction, LLC, in the amount of a \$445,000.85 increase for the West Travis Street Phase II and III Project. The project will extend Steeple Chase Drive by 710 feet, and will provide an additional access point to the new high school.

The extension is being handled as a change order to expedite the construction phase of the project, since the high school is scheduled to open this Fall.

The prices for the project are the same as in the West Travis Street project, so the staff believes they are good prices. Concrete work should begin two to three weeks after they complete the concrete on the West Travis Street project.

Council Member Melton asked if the City would be saving money by completing this project now. Mr. Hefton said the actual cost came in about 30% below the projections on West Travis Street. With unit pricing, the City will be getting a 30% discount on this project too.

Deputy Mayor Steele asked if this was something that the City was always going to have to do. Mr. Hefton said, not initially. Over the last two years, the City has worked with the School District on accessibility to the high school. There are already

**CHANGE ORDER
W. TRAVIS ST
PHASE I & II**

projects on three sides of the high school, including the extension of West Travis Street, Moore Street, and the FM 1417 at Travis Street project. This project is another accessibility project on the north side of the campus.

In discussions with the School District on how they would connect in, it made sense to have an access point for them that would tie in with a City collector street to whatever development happens on the tract north of the high school. He said it was always contemplated, but as the school developed and the plans developed, the entities worked together to benefit from the “economy of scale.”

Council Member Teamann said with the 30% savings, where does the City stand on the cost of the overall contract. Mr. Philpott said, including this project, the cost is about \$1.5 million.

Council Member Stevenson said, considering the process, if they don't approve the change order, they would have to start over, and since it still puts the City significantly under budget, Mr. Philpott said the City bid out Moore Street and Lynn Vessels was the low bidder on that project too.

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Stevenson to approve Change Order No. 2 to Lynn Vessels Construction, LLC, for an increase of \$445,000.85, for the West Travis Street Phase II and III Project, as presented. Second by Council Member Melton.

VOTING AYE: Holland, Howeth, Melton, Steele, Stevenson, Teamann.

VOTING NAY: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

OTHER BUSINESS

RECEIVE UPDATE FROM ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER CLINT PHILPOTT, P.E. ON THE CITY'S SOLID WASTE RECYCLING PROGRAM

**SOLID WASTE
RECYCLING PROGRAM**

Mr. Philpott said about two years ago the Council was presented with an update on the City's current recycling program, which was based on the market situation at that time. China had stopped buying a large stream of the recyclable goods, glass was no longer allowed, and only #1 and #2 plastic was allowed. Cardboard, paper, and aluminum cans were still allowed.

With that in mind, the City changed their curbside pick-up to address some of those problems. One change was to allow citizens that wanted to recycle to “opt-in” to the program. Citizens that didn't want to recycle had been using their second recycling cart as a regular trash can.

Under the current program, everyone has two carts, and if you don't opt-in for recycling, they are two trash carts. Citizens that did opt-in for recycling had a yellow lid placed on one of

their carts to designate a recycling cart. Approximately 2,700 citizens opted-in to the recycling program. The staff also worked to increase awareness about what was allowed to be recycled.

Since that time, the contamination has been reduced, but it's still not great. One concern is that the current cost for recycling is \$150 per ton, and based on all indications, it is still being taken to the landfill, instead of being recycled. This is due to the market changes and the cleanliness of the load.

Mr. Philpott said it costs \$35 per ton to take the load directly to the landfill. The annual cost of the curbside pick-up program is \$250,000 and one of this year's budget requests was for the purchase of a new solid waste truck. Between the cost of the program and the new equipment, the cost for the program for 2021 would be \$600,000.

He added that, of the total solid waste stream produced in the City of Sherman, only 0.3% is actually being sent for recycling. This is a very small portion of the trash that is being produced by the citizens.

He showed an example of contaminated recycling that was collected in Sherman. The City pays the recycling center \$150,000 per ton to accept it and, because it is "contaminated," they take it to the landfill at a cost of \$35 per ton. Basically, the work the citizens are doing to recycle is for naught, and it is costing the City a huge amount.

Based on the current conditions, the staff is recommending to suspend the curbside recycling program on June 15, 2020. Citizens could still take their recycling to the Drop-Off Center on East Street. There will be specific containers to accept their pre-sorted recycling.

They are not recommending that the commercial recycling pick-up be discontinued. The commercial pick-up includes cardboard and plastic that are pre-sorted. The City doesn't have to pay drop-off fees for those recyclables.

Mr. Philpott said they are looking to expand the Drop-Off Center hours to help residents that wish to use it. Citizens will continue to have two trash carts, and they can both be used for regular trash.

Currently the recycling program has one driver and that person will be used to help staff the Drop-Off Center to help insure that the recyclables are pre-sorted at drop-off. The employee will also continue to serve as back-up for the residential trash service. In the past, this driver has been used to offset some of the hours needed due to the addition of sanitation customers.

Mr. Philpott said the residential trash Drop-Off Center is located on East Street, adjacent to the railroad track.

Currently, customers can drop off any bulk waste at this site, per the guidelines. The facility will be expanded to accept recycling. At this time, the Drop-Off Center is open on Thursday, from noon to 5:00 p.m., and Saturday, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The staff will need to work with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality to adjust the hours, but plan to extend them on Thursday from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., and on Saturday from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. To drop off recycling, citizens will need to pre-sort the material. He said the staff feels comfortable they will be able to find a recycler that will take the sorted material and not charge more than it would cost to take it to the landfill.

Deputy Mayor Steele asked if the Drop-Off Center will be manned and would they refuse to accept co-mingled recycling. Mr. Philpott said currently there are employees at the gate that check water bills and make sure the items are on the approved list for disposal. If they are not, they are not allowed into the facility. This will also be applied to the recycling and they will assure that the recycling is clean and meets the standards before they are allowed into the Drop-Off Center.

Council Member Stevenson said to set up a recycling Drop-Off Center quickly, the current facility is probably the best location. However, he would like to explore a more convenient location, where large trucks are not entering and exiting.

Mr. Philpott said the facility needs to be manned to make sure that it's being used responsibly. If it's not manned with an employee, he said it would not be used appropriately. Council Member Stevenson said if the City's saving \$600,000, they can probably hire an employee to watch the facility.

Council Member Melton said she strongly feels that the City should be recycling, but she was not against "setting it aside" now, but she felt the City needed to better educate the citizens as to what can be recycled. She understood that the City had been offered help from Austin College to determine the best way to handle the process. She also said they need to determine who would accept more items than are currently being accepted.

Council Member Howeth was concerned that citizens think they are recycling, but because of the company being used, it's actually going into the landfill, at a much higher rate. She said this seems like the only solution, but she did want a large sign at the Drop-Off Center telling what can and can't be recycled.

Council Member Melton said citizens are still confused and think they are recycling because they have two containers, even though they actually have two trash containers. She felt

the main issue is that citizens need to be educated about recycling.

Council Member Teamann said the agenda mentioned “indefinite” suspension of the program, but after talking with the staff, this won’t be a permanent suspension. The City will be looking for options, and as market conditions change, a different program may be introduced.

Mr. Philpott said three years ago, the recycler wasn’t charging the City \$150 per ton. The staff will continue to work with local recyclers and if things change, they can reinstate curbside recycling.

Council Member Teamann also wanted to be sure a flyer was mailed to all recycling customers educating them on the new program. Mr. Philpott said a flyer will be designed and mailed to each customer that has opted in for the curbside recycling program, which is approximately 2,700 customers. Everyone else will get an ad on their water bill advising of the program. The flyer will have more detail for the existing curbside recycling customers.

Council Member Teamann also encouraged the staff to work with those individuals in attendance at tonight’s Council Meeting, that are educated in the field or work with non-profits, to find solutions that will be better for everyone.

Mr. Hefton said, for clarification, the City is not “canning” the recycling program, but it is the curbside portion that is being suspended for now. They still have the commercial program that is performing well, and for which there is still a market. The City isn’t making any money from it, but also aren’t being charged \$150 per ton either.

Residential recycling will also still be there, but in a drop-off format, not in a curbside pickup format. There are also some arrangements with some people that will allow some industrial/commercial recycling as well. The City is not abandoning the recycling program, but ceasing the curbside portion until the market recovers for co-mingled streams and there is a further cleaning of the stream.

Council Member Holland verified that the downtown recycling customers, which are commercial customers that take their recycling to the curb, will also have their service suspended.

Council Member Melton verified that there is currently one driver that ran the curbside recycling program.

Dr. Peter Schulze, 416 Ridgeview Road

Dr. Schulze felt there was a “spin” on the issue, including inaccurate information. He said people are messing up, either on purpose or by mistake, probably by mistake.

He did not feel the contamination should be contributed to the residents, and said the City should better educate them. He read an example from a City flyer that was distributed several years ago. He said the citizens don't know they are contaminating the stream. He also questioned how the driver knew a cart was contaminated.

He contacted Waste Connections, a recycler and they said they don't reject contaminated loads at the same rate the City says their loads are being rejected. They said they reject a load when it is 70% contaminated, but still process loads that are 50% to 60% contaminated. Waste Connections also said they charge \$150 per ton to cities that don't have a contract with them, but less to cities that have a contract.

Citizens have also told him it was hard for them to opt-in for the recycling program and that it wasn't working the way it was supposed to work. Those opting in never received a list of what was accepted and what was not accepted.

Dr. Schulze said recycling saves a lot more resources than you would initially imagine. He also said he, and his colleagues in Environmental Studies, would be willing to help the City any way they can, for free.

Sarah Campbell Stevens, 1712 W. McGee Street

Ms. Stevens previously worked at Austin College in the Environmental Services Department. She said the original rollout program seemed to be a very well thought out, well researched program with citizen education and impacts considered.

She said citizen education is a very important component of the program and felt there was less education recurring as the program continued. With new citizens moving to Sherman and new homeowners, she felt citizen education should be continuing constantly.

She expressed surprise about the changes in 2018 and the new changes that were being announced now. She felt "jipped" that the recycling she has been collecting has not been recycled. She also told about a neighbor that had stopped recycling because she was confused by what items were allowable. She didn't feel it should be that difficult to determine what items are accepted for recycling.

Ms. Stevens said she understood that a change in the recycling market is the underlying issue, and she asked what would be done about that.

She said Sherman is a "forward thinking" City that is hoping for new homes and development, and taking recycling to a Drop-Off Center is not a good solution.

Ms. Stevens said she was hopeful that the City would "do the right thing." She said sometimes it's hard and takes

education, and sometimes it takes help from the experts. She did not feel a substandard program would be good for the City.

Amy Hoffman-Shehan, 1503 S. Travis Street

Ms. Hoffman-Shehan, with the Texoma Earth Day Festival, felt the education flyer was very confusing, and about three-fourths of the citizens she helped sign up, think they are participating in the program now.

It was also taking months to get the “yellow lid” to participate in the curbside program. She understood that citizens could continue to use their old recycling container and they would be recycling. With long delays in getting the yellow lids and multiple types of containers, Ms. Hoffman-Shehan said it had not been a smooth roll-out.

She agreed that public education about the program has been a problem. The population changes and education must be on-going.

Ms. Hoffman-Shehan said she understood the financial situation, but felt the City should have been looking for other options. She hoped this would only be a suspension, because some citizens will be eliminated with this change. It would be good if people that live in apartments or in the County could drop-off without proving residency. It will also eliminate elderly citizens who are unable to haul their recycling to the Drop-Off Center, as well as those without a vehicle.

RECEIVE FINANCIAL UPDATE AND FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 BUDGET OUTLOOK FROM CITY MANAGER ROBBY HEFTON AND FINANCE DIRECTOR MARY LAWRENCE

FINANCIAL UPDATE
& FISCAL YEAR
2020-2021 BUDGET

Mr. Hefton said this report is a pre-cursor to the Budget Workshop, as well as a financial update. He referenced COVID-19 and things the staff has done to address the financial impact of the pandemic. The monthly sales tax detail is being used to develop the budget for FY 2020-2021, and to gain an understanding of the financial impact that the COVID situation has on the potential recession that may be coming.

The staff has placed a freeze on open positions, implemented on a case-by-case basis; looked at essential operations vs non-essential operations, and is making adjustments, such as with the curbside recycling. He said they are reviewing various programs to “scrape together” the needed funds. They have also looked at accessing reserves from the Solid Waste Fund and the Group Health Care Fund.

He said there are eight or ten National indicators that would show the Country is in a recession. Every one of these indicators is a “yes,” some a strong yes. These indicators point toward a recession. Some of the City’s information is contradictory to a recession.

Sherman’s unemployment is the highest it has been in decades at over 10%. That’s high unemployment, but Mr.

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Hefton said it is still lower than the National average of about 15%. The solid waste volumes are also up 2% this year, which is contradictory.

He said housing starts are up 45% for January through May, 2020, versus 2019. Retail sales for March were down, but they are down less than they are nationally.

Mr. Hefton said the big question as the Council moves forward in developing the budget for 2021, is how deep and wide and long is the recession going to be, and what will the financial impact be to the City of Sherman. Also, how will that information be used to build the budget for the City of Sherman.

Ms. Lawrence said for FY 2019, the General Fund ending reserves were \$250,000 below FY 2018, but they had been projected to be down by \$600,000. For FY 2020, the reserves will be down quite a bit.

Some of the revenue will be offset with a \$1.1 million additional transfer-in from the Group Health Fund to offset the \$1.5 million shortfall in sales tax and property tax. The Group Health Fund has almost three years of good claim performance.

Personnel expenses are above budget, primarily from the way the City calculates FLSA overtime in the Fire Department.

In the Utility Fund, ending reserves were up from FY 2018. She said this effect will also be seen in FY 2019 and FY 2020. There will be some debt service that “comes on line” in 2019 and 2020. However, the full effect won’t be seen until FY 2021. The challenge in the Utility Fund will be to fund the debt service for the projects and improvements at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The Utility Fund and the Solid Waste Fund will both receive transfers-in from the Group Health Fund, which will refund some of the premiums they paid into that fund.

Ms. Lawrence said the ending reserve in the Solid Waste Fund looks good for 2020.

The projected fund balances as of September 30, 2020 are expected to be \$7.3 million in the General Fund, which will be \$1.2 million below the budget, and would have been more without the transfer from the Group Health Fund. That should still be 64 days of reserves.

She said the State Comptroller released their numbers for sales tax this afternoon. The State’s tax revenue was down 13.2% versus the previous year. She said that was good news, because she thought it would be more.

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Ms. Lawrence said the “bright spot” was the Group Health Fund. The fund was performing better than they expected.

The revenue from sales tax, fines and penalties, recreation, and the pool are affected by the COVID-19 situation. She also explained a graph of the sales tax history.

Ms. Lawrence said the Utility Fund is fine. The Debt Service line item is where the projects are listed.

Council Member Melton asked if the City had lost water sales because of all the rain this year. Ms. Lawrence said the City has lost water sales, but residential is surprisingly up. That was not the case last year. There has been a significant increase in the number of accounts

Water usage for the industries is down, however some have been limiting their operations because of the COVID-19 emergency.

There is 62 days of reserves in the Solid Waste Fund. They also plan to transfer some excess funds from the Solid Waste Fund to the General Fund. There should be another payment from the Texoma Area Solid Waste Authority next year.

The General Improvement Fund mostly includes the debt funded projects such as Pecan Grove Park, Travis Street West, and Moore Street.

Ms. Lawrence presented the new value and growth in existing property which amounts to about a 12% increase over the prior year. The new value is about \$150 million total. Final numbers will be received from the Grayson Appraisal District at the end of July 2020.

Mr. Hefton presented an update on the City's debt and listed the bond summary and the corresponding projects. He also presented expected future bond needs and listed the years they were expected.

There will be some challenges with the Solid Waste Program including the contamination of the curbside recycling waste stream, the lack of a market for the mixed recycle stream, and the COVID-19 challenges.

At the current levels of activity, Mr. Hefton said TASWA is generating revenues, where the excess reserves could be redistributed back to the member cities to help with their budgets. These distributions could help with the budget in 2020 and in 2021. The first distribution is expected sometime in 2020, but no check has been received.

Mr. Hefton said the General Fund is the focus of the FY 2021 Work Plan, and they really don't know how to project the revenues. If projections are accurate, they will be in the 60 day

range, but if the projections aren't accurate, it will be in the 50 day range.

They are assuming transfers from TASWA for the Solid Waste Fund, and the Utility Fund is in "okay" shape. Without the transfers that were presented earlier, the deficit would be about \$2 million in the General Fund, this year.

Priorities for the General Fund are to maintain the current level of service, not add a lot of capital projects and capital spending, no change in rates in the General Fund, taking care of employees, a limited approach to development, and doing more planning activities rather than construction activities. There may be some proposals to increase rates in the Utility Fund and for the initiation of impact fees.

A focus on commercial development that is ongoing includes the Bel Air PD, Sherman Crossroads continued pad site development, the Munson PD, and others that will be identified later. Also continued residential development, especially in the southwest portion of the town, however there is also some development in the northwest portion as well. The Council has also discussed the Impact Fees

Mr. Hefton said the workplan also continues to focus on the infrastructure for both thoroughfares and the utility system. This includes a rate study for the water and sewer system and Master Plans for both systems. There will also be discussions about bulk water sales to customers in southern Grayson County.

Mr. Hefton presented the financial expectations for the upcoming budget. For the General Fund, they expect property tax values to be up \$350 to \$400 million for increased values plus new property added for \$1.3 million in revenue; expect sales tax revenues to be flat versus 2019; but group health costs are the bright spot.

He said there will need to be a discussion about Utility Fund rate increases and Impact Fees. He did not expect change to the Solid Waste rates or Stormwater Fee.

Currently, Sherman falls in the middle or the lower end of the water rate comparison for cities our size. Sherman is at the lower end of the wastewater rate comparison.

Mr. Hefton said he had spoken with Council Members about their needs or desires, and he said the resounding theme is a focus on "keeping the wheels on the bus," maintaining the current level of service, and finishing what was started. He asked for more discussion at the Budget Work Shop.

The staff has had discussions, internally, about what should be done in light of the budget situation and the needs. He said no action is required for this agenda item, however there are

some citizens in attendance that would like to speak on the item.

There have been internal conversations about what needs to be done at The Splash, because of the situation with COVID-19 and the length of time it would take to get the facility up and running, and lifeguards trained.

At the current time, Mr. Hefton said if the staff started today to try and prepare The Splash to open, it would be late June before it could open. The pool would need to be filled and the employees would need to be trained. If that was the case, it would probably be a “limited scope” of activity because of the numbers.

Currently The Splash costs about \$300,000 to \$350,000 per year net loss, above revenue collected, to keep the facility open.

Warren Essin, 2508 Shoreline Drive

Mr. Essin said the citizens need something for the kids and The Splash would be good. People are worried about COVID-19, but in 2018, in Texas, 10,000 people died from the flu. From January 2019 to today, in Texas, there have been 1,650 deaths from COVID-19.

He did not feel this was a good reason to close The Splash. He said the children should be having fun, rather than dealing with everything that’s going on in the Country.

Laura Baca, 1502 N. Lockhart Street

Ms. Baca said, in the past, her kids have been lifeguards at The Splash. She said UV rays and chlorine kill viruses. Statistics now show that COVID-19 is declining and there are benefits to sunlight and its effect on the virus.

She said Sherman needs The Splash for morale, and to see it shut down would be a constant reminder that the economy is down and things are shut down. She said people need to have fun, the kids are bored, and they need to have something to do and some place to go and have fun. They are sitting at home, playing video games, and watching Netflix.

Ms. Baca said for the last seven years, at least one of her kids have been a lifeguard at The Splash. They work, save their money, and spend it during the year.

She understood it cost the City money to run the facility, but said it’s needed for morale, and it creates community. The lifeguards that work there will spend their money in Sherman, and this is indirectly good for the local economy. She asked the City Council to open The Splash.

Elizabeth Raney, 2908 Anthony Drive

Ms. Raney said she has worked at The Splash for the last five summers, this would have been her sixth year. Every year has

it's challenges, and this year it would have been COVID-19. They would have had to clean off the chairs, but it wouldn't have been any different than any other summer.

She said the kids need to have an escape. She has been home since March 12, 2020, with their her parents and little brother, and she needs to see her friends. Her hope has been that The Splash will open so she can see friends.

She said The Splash has made her an adult and she can see how her "boss" for the summer has also grown up. She said it has truly made them adults. She agreed that it makes the community come out together, and is a wonderful thing.

She said four boys recently passed away in Durant, Oklahoma, and the kids need to find something else to do.

Bill Brennan, 847 Tate Circle

Mr. Brennan appeared in support of opening The Splash and said his daughter had worked as a lifeguard in the past, at the facility. He wanted to support what the other citizens said and said he felt the same way.

He said he felt it was not about the COVID-19 virus, but that The Splash was a "money loser." He felt "you need to spend money to make money."

Mr. Brennan said you need to get people out of their house for their own mental health. He felt it was "more of a plandemic than a pandemic." The States are beginning to open up and he felt it was important to get back to some kind of normalcy. Mr. Brennan said the swimming pool is important to the community for their mental health and the healing process.

He said his daughter has worked at The Splash for the past couple of years and is completely stressed out about not having this job. He asked the Council to consider opening The Splash for the summer and also to extend the timeframe it is open until Memorial Day.

Mr. Hefton said the cost to the City of about \$350,000 annually, is assuming that it is open the same hours and the same length of time. He said a calculation could be done for the cost for the rest of the summer or for a shortened season.

Theresa Hutchinson, Parks and Recreation Manager, said they "ran some numbers" for shortened hours and being open three, four, and six days per week. She said the occupancy is now at 25% and their total occupancy is 400, which would mean only 100 could be inside the facility at any time. She said it might actually be at 50% by the time they could open.

Her calculations indicated that if 300 people came to the pool every day, for six days, for the seven weeks they would schedule to be open, it would bring in about \$63,000 in

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revenue. However, cost of the staff would be \$69,000. They could reduce the number of days from that point.

She said they originally had 30 applications for lifeguard, but some had accepted other jobs. Currently there are 27 certified lifeguards that would be willing to work. With 27 lifeguards, they could manage to be open four days per week. If they had 33 to 40 lifeguards, they could open six days per week. This would be for a six hour day.

Council Member Melton asked if there would be any issue if there are people inside the facility, with a line outside waiting to enter the facility. Ms. Hutchinson said they sometimes have lines now, they would just need to manage them outside, and incorporate social distancing.

They would also need to have additional people for sanitizing and social distancing. She expressed concern about managing social distancing in a pool where 70% of the patrons are children under the age of 15.

Mr. Hefton said there are multiple issues including what is the net cost under the different scenarios; there is no social distancing with three year olds and how would that be managed by pool staff; and they might look at not doing kid's swim lessons or cabana rentals. It would be a "scaled down" version of what is normally offered. He said many pools are not opening, and some that are open are under a limited scenario.

He said the staff is taking all this under consideration, however he would like to have the April sales tax numbers. He said if the cost is about the same as the revenue, under a reduced model of operations, that might be a different discussion. They would like to determine what impact a limited opening might have. He said there is no requirement that the City Council take any action. This is a staff decision, but they did want to take the Council's input into consideration.

Council Member Howeth asked if the season could be extended to Labor Day. Ms. Hutchinson said they typically start losing staff at the beginning of August because of all the school activities starting up.

Deputy Mayor Steele asked about the attendance on a normal day at The Splash. Ms. Hutchinson said normally they serve about 1,000 people a day on Saturdays.

Council Member Stevenson said they normally have long lines waiting to get into the pool. He was concerned about the number of people waiting outside to get into the pool. These people could become angry and frustrated. He asked to see a plan for dealing with this situation. Mayor Plyler said it might have to be a reservation type situation. He confirmed that The Splash brings in about \$120,000 annually.

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Mr. Hefton said there are issues with training and safety, as well. Under State guidelines, lifeguards are supposed to get weekly training. This is “hands-on” training with no separation or distancing. He said the City needs to keep employees safe too. Ms. Hutchinson said they are required to provide one hour of training per week, as a Class C Municipal Pool.

Council Member Howeth said these young people want to work, and she asked if there were other summertime jobs that they might hold.

Council Member Teamann said it is not a Council decision, however he encouraged the staff to look at a reservation plan if they did open The Splash. He also urged them to always side with caution. Ms. Hutchinson said the Governor only allowed water parks to open this past Friday.

Ronald Aycock, 220 E. Houston

Mr. Aycock asked if you put these kids back in the swimming pool and in line, and one of them catches the Coronavirus, who is liable for it. Council Members agreed that is a good question.

CONSIDER CHANGING THE LOCATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL’S BUDGET WORKSHOP CALLED FOR JUNE 25-26, 2020

COUNCIL BUDGET
WORKSHOP
(JUNE 25-26, 2020)

Mr. Hefton said this item is to consider scheduling the annual Budget Workshop in the same location where it was held last year. This location is very comfortable and gives the staff a chance to provide a good bird’s eye view of the projects.

He proposed that the Council change the location to Schulman’s Movie Bowl Grille for June 25 and June 26, 2020. The plan is for a one day meeting, however the second day is always considered in case it is needed.

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Howeth to change the location of the City Council’s Budget Workshop on June 25-26, 2020, to Schulman’s Movie Bowl Grille, located at 110 East FM 1417 and US Highway 75, as presented.

Council Member Stevenson felt the Council needed to discuss the issue. Council Member Howeth rescinded her motion.

Deputy Mayor Steele said they were “beat up” a little last year for the additional cost. Mr. Hefton said the cost of having it there is about the same cost as having it at the City. The cost is really in the food and is about the same at either location.

Council Member Melton ~~said there is more room for social distancing at Movie Bowl Grille.~~ Council Member Teamann said they are one of the only large venues in Sherman, but he did not want to make a habit of going to the same place every year. It should be spread around to other businesses.

*asked which location
had more space.
(amended at 7/6/2020
Council Mtg.)*

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Mr. Hefton said the staff was also considering social distancing and that venue allows for distance to spread out.

Council Member Stevenson felt there were negative aspects of going to another location. He felt the meeting should be held in the City's facility and should be catered. Council Member Teamann and Council Member Holland agreed that it should be held at the City.

Council Member Howeth asked if the Municipal Ballroom would be a better location for social distancing. Mr. Hefton said there is more room to spread out than in the Council Chambers.

At this time the meeting is scheduled to be on the Municipal campus.

MEDIA QUESTIONS

There were no media questions.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

ANIMAL SHELTER RENOVATIONS

Council Member Melton thanked everyone that participated in the Animal Shelter renovations. It has now opened.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Council Member Melton said if any citizens are bored and want something to do, volunteers are needed for the Meals on Wheels Program. There are not enough volunteers to deliver meals each weekday.

PARK STREET THOROUGHFARE

Council Member Howeth said it has been a battle for many years to get the improvements on Park Street. She said Lake Street collapsed in 2015 and has been barricaded since that time.

Through the improvements, the street will connect with US Hwy 75 and will make for easier access for southeast Sherman residents. She said it has been a battle to move this project forward, but was excited to see that the thoroughfare would eventually connect that part of town with the Municipal Airport.

RECYCLING PROGRAM

Deputy Mayor Steele said his family does recycle, however this was a tough decision that the Council needed to make. He said he would like additional information on the market and on what other cities are doing. He said there is a discrepancy in what the company says they will accept and what the City says they actually collect.

Deputy Mayor Steele said he was not a "big fan" of the bulk pick-up. He said the City has been educating citizens for years, and they still don't follow the rules. He said, at the end of the day, the almighty dollar dictates.

MEDIA QUESTIONS

ANIMAL SHELTER RENOVATIONS

MEALS ON WHEELS

PARK STREET THOROUGHFARE

RECYCLING PROGRAM

He said if there is a way to get the recycling to market and it is profitable, he was “for” it. But if it’s a program that is offered for a few citizens, and the City has offered another alternative, that’s okay too.

GRAYSON COUNTY JUDGE’S APPEARANCE

Council Member Teamann thanked Grayson County Judge Bill Magers for his appearance thanking the law enforcement personnel, Council Member Holland, Mr. Hefton, and Mr. Steele for their role in facilitating a peaceful protest for citizens. He said he appreciated people expressing their First Amendment rights and said that went in such a way that shined a light on this community. He said he appreciated the entire process of the peaceful protest.

**GRAYSON COUNTY
JUDGE’S
APPEARANCE**

UPCOMING BUDGET WORK SESSION

Council Member Teamann said the upcoming Budget Work Session is the first look at the budget. With new values going up by 12%, and with many citizens seeing their property tax bills at 200% to 300% over their past year value, he felt the Council should consider the rollback rate.

**UPCOMING BUDGET
WORK SESSION**

The City has the ability for an 8% increase, and the staff is not proposing an increase now, but given the 12% increase in the values, he felt the City should consider the rollback rate. The City is also planning to take away some of the services this year because of the COVID-19 situation. He felt the Council should “look at that” to offset some of the “take-aways” from the citizens.

EMPLOYEES INVOLVED IN ACCIDENT

Council Member Teamann said two City employees were recently involved in an accident and one employee is still hospitalized. He asked everyone to keep them in their thoughts and prayers.

**EMPLOYEES
INVOLVED IN
ACCIDENT**

RECENT CITIZEN PROTEST

Council Member Holland thanked everyone that recently came out for the protest. He said it was a “scary situation” and he didn’t know what to expect. When he heard there was going to be a protest, he contacted Mayor Plyler, Mr. Hefton, and Mr. Steele to make sure things didn’t escalate. The protest started with 100 people at Fairview Park.

**RECENT CITIZEN
PROTEST**

He said it was “nerve-racking” for businesses and for citizens. However, this City, this County, and the surrounding cities that were involved handled the situation with very few incidents. The citizens stood for justice and for the people of this town. They protested, as they planned, and then they were gone.

He said the protest “worked out great” between the Police Department, the County, and the citizens, and it was a great feeling. He said Sherman is a class area. Council Member Holland thanked everyone involved.

SHERMAN IS A COMMUNITY THAT CARES

Council Member Stevenson said there is currently a recession, the Cronavirus, and rioting in the streets in the big cities, and things seem pretty bad. But, Sherman has “community.” We are a community that will show up and wade through the “boring stuff” so they can tell us when the pool will be open and about the recycling program.

There was a protest and people from the community attended, and it’s really easy for anyone that wants too, to become involved in the community. “Our community cares” and as long as the community cares, all the other stuff will work itself out.

No matter what happens, there will be input from the citizens, and that’s what they need most. He said it was easier to make a tough choice when the citizens tell them what they want.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Plyler announced the following:

- The first Hot Summer Nights concert will be held June 4, 2020, and will feature the band “Time Machine.” Extra precautions will be used to make sure the events are COVID-compliant. They will also be streaming the concerts online.
- Coffee with the Mayor will be held June 5, 2020, at 9:00 a.m., at Guild Mortgage. A “very special musical guest” will make an appearance.
- Don’t forget to return your Census information as soon as possible. The Census determines a wide variety of Federal and State funding for our area, so we want to ensure everyone is counted.

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.

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

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

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CLEARLY CONFLICTS WITH THIS
CHAPTER

SECTION 551.074 --

PERSONNEL MATTERS:
DELIBERATE THE APPOINTMENT,
EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION,
REASSIGNMENT, DUTIES,
DISCIPLINE, OR DISMISSAL OF A
PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE

CONSIDER THE QUALIFICATIONS,
APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF
MEMBERS TO BOARDS AND
COMMISSIONS:
CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION (2)

SHERMAN HOUSING AUTHORITY
(3)

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 7:26 p.m.

On Motion duly made and carried, the Executive Session
recessed at 7:52 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

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

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION (2)

SHERMAN HOUSING AUTHORITY (3)

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Howeth to reappoint Keith
Carlisle to the Civil Service Commission, for a term from
June 7, 2020 to June 7, 2023, and to reappoint Dr. Al
Hambrick for a term from July 18, 2020 to July 18, 2023,
and to reappoint Janet Roy, Craig Anthony Davis, Sr., and
Thurman Jackson to the Sherman Housing Authority, for
a term from June 1, 2020 to June 1, 2022. Second by
Council Member Stevenson.

CIVIL SERVICE
COMMISSION &
SHERMAN HOUSING
AUTHORITY

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VOTING AYE: Holland, Howeth, Melton, Steele, Stevenson, Teamann.

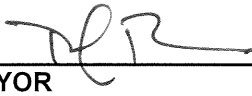
VOTING NAY: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

On Motion duly made and carried, the meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT


MAYOR


CITY CLERK