

STATE OF TEXAS §
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 December 17, 2007.

**MEMBERS PRESENT: MAYOR BILL MAGERS; DEPUTY MAYOR CHIP ADAMI.
COUNCIL MEMBERS HUGHES, SMITH, T. STEELE, W.
STEELE, WACKER.**

MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bill Magers called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance and the Invocation were given by Council Member Willie Steele.

APPROVE MINUTES

The Council reviewed the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of December 3, 2007 and the Called Meeting of December 11, 2007. Deputy Mayor Adami moved to approve the Minutes as presented; Second by Council Member Hughes. All present voted AYE.
MOTION CARRIED.

INTRODUCTION AND PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCES

Mayor Magers introduced Ordinance 5503 and called for a public hearing:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR A PERMANENT “STOP” SIGN AT THE INTERSECTION OF KNOLLWOOD DRIVE AND NORTH CREEK DRIVE, STOPPING SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC ON KNOLLWOOD DRIVE WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY PROVISION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER.

No citizens appeared before the City Council to discuss Ordinance 5503.

Mayor Magers introduced Ordinance 5504 and called for a public hearing:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR A PERMANENT "FIFTEEN MINUTE PARKING ONLY" SIGN AT 115 SOUTH TRAVIS STREET WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY PROVISION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER.

No citizens appeared before the City Council to discuss Ordinance 5504.

Mayor Magers introduced Ordinance 5505 and called for a public hearing:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR TWO (2) PERMANENT “FIFTEEN MINUTE PARKING ONLY” SIGNS ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE OF HOUSTON STREET WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY PROVISION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER.

ORD 5505
PARKING LIMIT
ON HOUSTON

No citizens appeared before the City Council to discuss Ordinance 5505.

Mayor Magers introduced Ordinance 5506 and called for a public hearing:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 6 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, “HEALTH AND SANITATION,” ARTICLE 6.02, “FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS,” AT SECTION 6.02.003, “PERMIT APPLICATION AND FEES”; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER.

ORD 5506
HEALTH DEPT.
PERMIT FEES

Marshall Ward, 1310 Hopson

Mr. Ward is the Grayson County Health Department Chief Sanitarian in the Environmental Health Department. The Environmental Health Department requested a fee increase on their services and that increase has been approved by the Grayson County Commissioner’s Court.

The increase will cover operational costs associated with State law requirements and administrative demands. Recent law changes pertaining to retail food establishments have generated significant increases in the complexity and technical resources involved in the health inspection of food establishments.

The average time required to conduct initial, routine, and follow-up inspections, and to provide training, has risen significantly and is more complex than in the past.

Steve DeVore, 505 N. Walnut

Mr. DeVore is the Grayson County Health Department Public Health Director and was available to answer any questions the Council might have.

No other citizens appeared before the City Council to discuss Ordinance 5506.

The Ordinances were introduced and the Public Hearing was closed.

CLOSE PUBLIC
HEARING

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance 5503

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR A PERMANENT “STOP”

ORD 5503
STOP SIGN

SIGN AT THE INTERSECTION OF KNOLLWOOD DRIVE AND NORTH CREEK DRIVE, STOPPING SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC ON KNOLLWOOD DRIVE WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN; PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY PROVISION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER.

Ordinance 5504

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**ORD 5504
PARKING LIMIT
ON TRAVIS**

Ordinance 5505

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**ORD 5505
PARKING LIMIT
ON HOUSTON**

Ordinance 5506

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**ORD 5506
HEALTH DEPT.
PERMIT FEES**

Mayor Magers said the City has nothing to do with the Environmental Health Department fees and he asked why their approval was needed.

Doreen McGookey, City Attorney, explained that the Environmental Health Department requested approval of their fees and it was found that the ordinance actually states the fee schedule, and those fees were incorrect. The Health Department is actually setting the fees anyway, so this ordinance reflects what is actually being done and gives the Health Department the authorization to set and collect the fees.

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Hughes to approve Ordinance Nos. 5503, 5504, 5505, and 5506, as presented. Second by Council Member Smith.

VOTING AYE: Adami, Hughes, Smith, T. Steele, W. Steele, Wacker.

VOTING NAY: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 5133 – AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH GRAYSON COUNTY, TEXAS, FOR THE GRAYSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIVISION RELATED SERVICES

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH GRAYSON COUNTY, TEXAS, FOR THE GRAYSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIVISION RELATED SERVICES.

CONSENT AGENDA.

RESOLUTION NO. 5134 – AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH BUCHER, WILLIS & RATLIFF FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF BROCKETT STREET FROM TRAVIS STREET TO GRAND AVENUE

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH BUCHER, WILLIS & RATLIFF FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF BROCKETT STREET FROM TRAVIS STREET TO GRAND AVENUE.

Deputy Mayor Adami asked if the cost was in-line with what was expected. George Olson, City Manager, said the cost is in-line and the staff went through the process to select the firm.

Bucher, Willis & Ratliff have completed a similar project in Waxahachie, Texas that included old interurban rail in a street. Their experience on that project will be helpful on the Sherman project. A different engineering company originally completed the study of Brockett Street when the plan was first considered.

Mayor Magers also thanked Austin College for their participation in the project. They are contributing \$400,000 to the project, which serves as an entryway to Austin College.

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Terrence Steele to approve Resolution No. 5134, as presented. Second by Council Member Smith.

CONSENT AGENDA

**RES 5133
HEALTH DEPT.
FEES**

**RES 5134
BROCKETT STREET
RECONSTRUCTION**

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VOTING AYE: Adami, Hughes, Smith, T. Steele, W. Steele.
VOTING NAY: None.
ABSTAIN: Wacker.
MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 5135 – AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN
EASEMENT INTO THE STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY OF DUGAN
STREET IN THE CITY OF SHERMAN

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
SHERMAN, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN
EASEMENT INTO THE STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY OF DUGAN
STREET IN THE CITY OF SHERMAN.

RES 5135
DUGAN STREET
EASEMENT

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Adami to approve
Resolution No. 5135, as presented. Second by Council
Member Terrence Steele.

VOTING AYE: Adami, Hughes, Smith, T. Steele, W. Steele.
VOTING NAY: None.
ABSTAIN: Wacker.
MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 5136 – AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A
SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH INTERMEDIX TECHNOLOGIES,
INC. PROVIDING FOR THE BILLING AND COLLECTION OF
AMBULANCE FEES

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
SHERMAN, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A
SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH INTERMEDIX TECHNOLOGIES,
INC. PROVIDING FOR THE BILLING AND COLLECTION OF
AMBULANCE FEES.
CONSENT AGENDA.

RES 5136
AMBULANCE FEES

RESOLUTION NO. 5137 – ADOPTING A PERMANENT LOAN
AGREEMENT AND INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE
TEXOMA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FOR A GRANT
FUNDED VEHICLE

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
SHERMAN, TEXAS, ADOPTING A PERMANENT LOAN
AGREEMENT AND INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE
TEXOMA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FOR A GRANT
FUNDED VEHICLE.
CONSENT AGENDA.

RES 5137
GRANT FUNDED
VEHICLE

RESOLUTION NO. 5138 – AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF
AN UPGRADE TO THE OUTDOOR WARNING SIREN SYSTEM
FROM FEDERAL SIGNAL CORPORATION

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
SHERMAN, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF AN
UPGRADE TO THE OUTDOOR WARNING SIREN SYSTEM
FROM FEDERAL SIGNAL CORPORATION.
CONSENT AGENDA.

RES 5138
OUTDOOR
WARNING SIRENS

REQUEST TO ADVERTISE

SEAL COAT EMULSIFIED ASPHALT OIL AND STONE

The City Council approved a request to advertise for bids to provide street seal coat stone and emulsified asphalt oil for the City's street maintenance program.

Each year the Street Department's goal is to seal coat between 25 to 30 miles of streets, depending on material costs and the annual budget.

CONSENT AGENDA.

OTHER BUSINESS

**RECEIVE QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT FROM
SHERMAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
BOARD MEMBER RAD RICHARDSON AND SEDCO
PRESIDENT JOHN BOSWELL**

Rad Richardson, Sherman Economic Development Corporation Board Member, presented a quarterly progress report on their activities.

Sherman's economy remains strong and unemployment has averaged 4.9% over the last three months. Statistics also say there are 2,200 people in Grayson County that are actively looking for jobs.

During the last quarter, SEDCO has approved two new agreements with existing businesses. Texas Instruments announced plans for 200 new jobs and \$20 million in capital investment. Progress Rail is moving toward adding 55 new jobs and \$15.6 million in new capital investment. These projects will have a positive ripple through the community.

The SEDCO Board continues to work with prospects. The local economy is strong and job creation continues to keep pace with the State of Texas. He thanked the City Council and the citizens for their support.

Mayor Magers asked about Christmas sales in the community. John Boswell, SEDCO President, said Christmas sales start around Thanksgiving, but the report comes out in January.

**RECEIVE BRIEFING FROM CABLE ONE MANAGER CLAUDE
EDWARDS ON RATE STRUCTURE ADJUSTMENT**

Claude Edwards, Cable One Manager, briefed the Council on a proposed rate structure adjustment for cable television services.

In January 2008 Cable One will have a rate adjustment, which is typically done every two years. The last rate adjustment was 23 months ago. The lifeline service will be increased from \$18.95 to \$20.00 per month or about 5.5%, expanded basic will increase \$23.55 to \$26.00 per month. Combined those two increases will be from \$42.50 to \$46.00 and will affect the most citizens in Sherman.

REQUEST TO ADV

SEAL COAT

ASPHALT, OIL, STONE

**SEDCO QUARTERLY
REPORT**

CABLE TV

RATE STRUCTURE

Mayor Magers confirmed that the changes would only affect cable programming at the present time. Mr. Edwards added that there will be increases in promotional rates later in the year. Internet services are also not included in the increase.

Mayor Magers asked for clarification on the NFL Network in relation to the Sherman market. Mr. Edwards explained that the larger cable companies have many more customers and can divide the cost between them. Cable One has a much smaller customer base so it would cost about \$1.00 per month to add the NFL Network in Sherman.

They currently cablecast ESPN, ESPN 2, and Fox Sports at a cost of \$1.5 to \$1.8 million per year. The NFL Network would add an additional \$200,000 to \$250,000. The increase includes about eight regular season football games and would be a cost whether or not the Dallas Cowboys are playing. People are more likely to pay the additional \$1 at certain times of the year.

Cable One would like to include the NFL Network on a tier to allow those that want to subscribe to have the opportunity. It would be more expensive for those wanting the station, but it would be a choice.

Deputy Mayor Adami asked about TNT high definition. Mr. Edwards said they removed TNT HD last year in a dispute over the rates. Each high definition signal requires specific negotiations to determine the level where it will be located. He said TNT HD will be introduced back into the lineup in late January or early February 2008. He added that more and more HD stations will be added as the 2009 transition date approaches.

Deputy Mayor Adami asked about EWTN, a Catholic network, and if there was any chance it would be increased from a 12 hour to 24 hour cablecast. Mr. Edwards said it would not be increased and there is not a lot of demand for the network.

Mayor Magers asked if Cable One was contractually obligated to rebroadcast the football games. Mr. Edwards said Grayson County is in the Sherman-Ada-Ardmore television market, not in the Dallas television market as it used to be. There are legal questions as to some programs being carried in the various television markets.

Mr. Edwards said Cable One is expected to carry the Dallas Cowboy game on Saturday, December 22, 2007.

**DISCUSSION OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN'S PARTICIPATION
IN A PROPOSED GRAYSON COUNTY REGIONAL
EMERGENCY OPERATING CENTER**

Drue Bynum, Grayson County Judge, addressed the City Council about the possibility of having a Multi-Jurisdictional

**EMERGENCY
OPERATING
CENTER**

Emergency Management Coordinator for Grayson County. Currently Judge Bynum is the County's Emergency Management Coordinator.

The County has an interlocal agreement with all the cities in the County except Sherman and Denison, to have an Emergency Management Coordinator position. Sherman and Denison are large enough that they can have their own coordinator.

Judge Bynum felt the area had a good response procedure during the floods this summer, but the recovery procedure could use improvement. He felt the County should build a system that has someone responsible for support and to offer assistance.

He felt that Grayson County, Sherman, and Denison should have a Multi-Jurisdictional Emergency Management Coordinator that would be guided by an advisory board, but would ultimately answer to the Grayson County Commissioner's Court. After discussions with representatives from both towns, Judge Bynum felt they were ready to post for the position. Before that, he wanted to address the Council.

The Commissioner's Court approved a full-time Emergency Management Coordinator position for Grayson County. There is a grant available that could pay up to 50% of a salary. He added that a plan for logistics would help with both response and recovery.

Judge Bynum said by hiring an Emergency Management Coordinator, the current Sherman-Denison Coordinators would be allowed to do the job they were actually hired to do. Chief Jeff Jones is the Emergency Management Coordinator for Sherman, but he is also the Fire Chief. There is also a duplication of paperwork between the three entities.

The intent is that when Sherman has an emergency and depletes their resources, they can call the County. When the County depletes their resources, they can call the State.

Judge Bynum could not promise that Grayson County would receive the grant to help with salary, however he said the indication was good that they would receive it. He asked that the City of Sherman and the City of Denison consider designating some money for the position too.

He said there were also other logistics that would need to be worked out. Judge Bynum asked for support from the City Council before the position is posted. The advisory board would actually hire the Coordinator. Mr. Olson has recommended that Chief Jones represent Sherman on the advisory board. Judge Bynum also asked that Mr. Olson serve on the advisory board too.

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Currently Grayson County is trying to purchase a building to house the Emergency Management Operation.

Council Member Smith asked if the plan would “do away” with Sherman’s Emergency Management System. Judge Bynum said it would alleviate the need for an Emergency Management Coordinator. It won’t alleviate Sherman’s authority to respond during an emergency situation. Sherman’s resources will still be utilized locally but it helps get to the next level.

Council Member Smith asked who would determine the priority on where services would go during an emergency. Judge Bynum said the County would make that determination. If the County can’t respond to the City of Sherman the way they need, then the State resources would be requested.

Mayor Magers said if it gets to the point where Sherman resources are being diverted from Sherman, it will be a mess. The County Judge will ask for help from the State in that situation.

He added that Sherman’s Emergency Management Coordinator will “run the show” in Sherman and will be at field command service. All the administrative acts and paperwork for grants will be centralized under the County. It appears that if Grayson County moves toward this system, they will be elite in the State and positive things should happen.

Mayor Magers did not want to undermine the Chief’s ability to do his job in an emergency. His time will be freed up to handle his high level responsibilities.

Deputy Mayor Adami asked how long the grant would be in effect. Judge Bynum said that typically the Emergency Management Performance Grants (EMPG) continue to be funded. He asked the Council to make the decision based on the right thing to do, not whether or not Grayson County gets the EMPG grant.

Judge Bynum said the Mayors cannot delegate their authority. However, in an emergency situation, it is probably better for the Fire Chief to serve as an incident commander with operations rather than worrying about getting water pumps to the scene.

Council Member Wacker asked if the Coordinator would work through the framework of the Emergency Plans that are already in place in the various cities. Judge Bynum said they would work under those Plans. The plans would need to be combined so the County can support them all.

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Council Member Willie Steele asked if this was a new concept in Texas. Judge Bynum said there are several multi-jurisdictional systems on the Costal Bend of Texas and in South Texas. There is no Multi-Jurisdictional Emergency Management Coordinator position in North Texas.

He added that there have also been discussions about the Texas Department of Public Safety moving their District Disaster Center to Sherman.

Council Member Smith said the City's Strategic Plan calls for partnerships with the County and he asked what was needed from the Council. Mr. Olson said the staff needs direction and will come back with an interlocal agreement for consideration.

Mayor Magers said they are asking the City to contribute \$20,000. He added that the partnership will save money and increase efficiency.

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Smith to move forward with an interlocal agreement between the City of Sherman and Grayson County for a Grayson County Regional Emergency Operating Center. Second by Council Member Willie Steele.

VOTING AYE: Adami, Hughes, Smith, T. Steele, W. Steele, Wacker.

VOTING NAY: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE INTENTION TO ANNEX AREAS AND DIRECTING STAFF TO BEGIN THE ANNEXATION PROCESS

INTENTION TO ANNEX PROPERTY

Mr. Olson explained that the staff is asking the Council for authorization to begin the annexation process for three areas. The areas are on Highway 75 to Highway 691 to accommodate the new water and sewer infrastructure, enclose gaps and align the City limits between Texoma Parkway and Loy Lake Road; in the Hilltop Addition where a substandard water system exists, to move it into the City's CCN and to enclose gaps and align the City limits along Dripping Springs Road; and on North Travis Street where past annexations have left a residence and a portion of right-of-way outside the City limits.

Mayor Magers said annexation with Sherman's growth is an issue that will need to be discussed and he said the City should be very concerned about municipal utility districts appearing on Sherman's western borders.

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Hughes to move forward with the annexations and to direct the staff to begin the annexation process. Second by Deputy Mayor Adami.

VOTING AYE: Adami, Hughes, Smith, T. Steele, W. Steele, Wacker.

VOTING NAY: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

RECEIVE UPDATE FROM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR JEFF MILLER ON THE PHASE II STORM WATER PLAN AND PERMIT SUBMITTAL

**PHASE II STORM
WATER PLAN**

Jeff Miller, Director of Public Works, said the State of Texas has been trying to start its Phase II Storm Water Program for over five years. Last August, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) did issue the State's general permit and gave cities 180 days to complete and submit their plan.

Jessica Perkins, Project Coordinator, has been drafting Sherman's Plan, which will be presented to the City Council at the February 4, 2008 City Council Meeting, with a request to authorize submission of the Plan to the State.

Mrs. Perkins presented an overview of the State's requirements and described the process to prepare the Plan for submittal. Deadline for submission is February 11, 2008.

The written Plan must address how the City will protect storm water in six program areas and requires a five year commitment for completion of items in the Plan. Therefore the written Plan must be completed in full by August 2012.

The City must also track progress and submit annual reports every November. Mrs. Perkins outlined requirements of the Plan. Currently the City has ordinances in place and does perform some inspections.

She added that the City may have some requirements that will need to be handled as Capital Improvement Projects over the next few years. Also multiple studies have been done to provide estimates of the cost of these mandates and costs can range from \$1.50 to \$8.00 per person per year.

Council Member Smith confirmed that there would be State penalties if the requirements are not met. Mrs. Perkins added that Sherman will be required to map the storm sewer system on GIS software that is updated on a regular basis.

Mr. Olson said the City of Sherman's goal is to meet the legal requirements, but they aren't trying to be the best. Council Member Wacker said an up-to-date map will be beneficial since Sherman is growing.

CITIZENS REQUESTS

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There were no citizen's requests.

MEDIA QUESTIONS

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Kathy Williams, Herald Democrat Reporter, wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

COUNCIL COMMENTS

RECOGNIZE COUNCIL MEMBER'S FAMILY

Mayor Magers recognized Council Member Hughes' family in the audience and welcomed them to the meeting.

RECOGNIZE
COUNCIL MEMBER'S
FAMILY

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Council Members wished everyone a Merry Christmas and safe and happy holiday season. Council Member Smith reminded everyone to remember the "reason for the season."

MERRY CHRISTMAS

BENEFIT AND AUCTION

Council Member Hughes recently attended a benefit and auction for seven year old Lauren Sutton. Lauren has had many medical problems throughout the years. The event was spearheaded by Rick Bullock, Sherman Firefighter. Council Member Hughes praised the firemen that were involved with the benefit

BENEFIT &
AUCTION

BOOK SIGNING

Council Member Hughes said Faith Church will sponsor a book signing featuring Ron St. Angelo, the photographer for "Greatest Team Ever: The Dallas Cowboys Dynasty of the 1990's."

BOOK SIGNING

AUSTIN COLLEGE ALUMNI APPOINTED HEAD COACH AT SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI UNIVERISTY

Mayor Magers said his former teammate and Austin College Alumni Larry Fedora was appointed Head Football Coach at Southern Mississippi University recently.

AUSTIN COLLEGE
ALUMNI

CITY OF SHERMAN STAFF

Mayor Magers recently interfaced with City staff in the Solid Waste Department and the Code Enforcement Department as a private citizen. He said it was a positive experience and they all did a great job. Sherman has a great staff. He also expressed his thanks to the other City Council Members serving with him.

CITY OF
SHERMAN STAFF

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

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SECTION 551.071 -- CONSULTATION WITH CITY
ATTORNEY CONCERNING
LEGAL MATTERS AND
PENDING LITIGATION:
DISCUSS PROPOSED
SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE
ORDINANCE

ADDENDUM
SECTION 551.087 -- DELIBERATIONS REGARDING
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
NEGOTIATIONS:
DELIBERATE REGARDING
COMMERCIAL OR FINANCIAL
INFORMATION THAT THE CITY
HAS RECEIVED FROM BUSINESS
PROSPECTS AND DELIBERATE
ANY OFFERS OR INCENTIVES TO
THE BUSINESS PROSPECTS

On Motion duly made and carried, the Open Meeting
recessed and reconvened in Executive Session at 5:58 p.m.

On Motion duly made and carried, the Executive Session
recessed at 6:29 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

ADJOURNMENT

On Motion duly made and carried, the meeting adjourned at
6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MAYOR

CITY CLERK