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Since that time, the staff has worked to reduce the cost of the project with the engineer and the contractor. The bid was received from Lynn Vessels Construction, and the consulting engineer feels that the bid is the lowest possible bid, and comparative to other contractors.

Deputy Mayor Steele confirmed that the project was part of the \$13 million list of projects. There will be eight total projects, and this is the first one.

Council Member Melton asked for clarification on what the project is. Mr. Pruitt said the State regulates rainfall runoff, and no runoff is allowed to escape the plant. All rainwater will collect at one point, near a Lift Station, which is old and undersized.

A new Lift Station will be constructed and will pump the rainwater to a retention pond, where it will slowly be released back into the Wastewater Treatment Plant. This is a zero discharge facility, as required by rule.

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Melton to adopt Resolution No. 6617, as presented. Second by Council Member Stevenson.

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

VOTING NAY: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 6618 – AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN ENCROACHMENT EASEMENT TO BRIDGESTONE CONSTRUCTION, LLC FOR THE ENCROACHMENT OF A SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE WITHIN THE PLATTED PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT RUNNING ALONG THE WEST SIDE OF LOT 1, BLOCK 2 OF PARKHAVEN ESTATES, PHASE I, AS SHOWN IN VOLUME 24, PAGE 34, PLAT RECORDS, GRAYSON COUNTY, TEXAS, LOCALLY KNOWN AS 2610 BROSSARD DRIVE IN THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN ENCROACHMENT EASEMENT TO BRIDGESTONE CONSTRUCTION, LLC FOR THE ENCROACHMENT OF A SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURE WITHIN THE PLATTED PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT RUNNING ALONG THE WEST SIDE OF LOT 1, BLOCK 2 OF PARKHAVEN ESTATES, PHASE I, AS SHOWN IN VOLUME 24, PAGE 34, PLAT RECORDS, GRAYSON COUNTY, TEXAS, LOCALLY KNOWN AS 2610 BROSSARD DRIVE IN THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS.

CONSENT AGENDA.

RESOLUTION NO. 6619 – AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH LAZY L ENTERPRISES FOR THE ABATEMENT OF AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE AT

RES 6618
ENCROACHMENT
EASEMENT
(2610 BROSSARD DR)

RES 6619
RESIDENTIAL TAX
ABATEMENT
(601 E. CARTER ST)

**601 EAST CARTER STREET WITHIN CITY OF SHERMAN
REINVESTMENT ZONE, NUMBER TEN (#10)**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH LAZY L ENTERPRISES FOR THE ABATEMENT OF AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE AT 601 EAST CARTER STREET WITHIN CITY OF SHERMAN REINVESTMENT ZONE, NUMBER TEN (#10).
CONSENT AGENDA.

CHANGE ORDER NO. 1

**CENTER STREET & US 75 UTILITY RELOCATION PROJECT;
VESSELS CONSTRUCTION, A DIVISION OF VESCOR, INC.;**
\$92,510.00 INCREASE

CHANGE ORDER
CENTER ST & HWY 75
UTILITY RELOCATION

Mr. Pruitt said the original 16" water line at Center Street and Hwy 75 was installed in 1965. BNSF Railroad is realigning the spur track and installing drainage structures and storm water pipe. This 16" water line serves Texas Instruments and Finisar.

In an unrelated project, the Council approved a contract with Vessels Construction in February 2020, for sewer replacement along Hwy 75 at Center Street, related to the Texas Department of Transportation's ongoing Hwy 75 "Gap" project. This project with Vessels involves boring under Hwy 75 in order to complete the sewer replacement.

In order to expedite the process on the storm water project, and to save the additional cost of a bid award, the staff is recommending to have Vessels Construction also complete the water line realignment.

They will already have the equipment mobilized for boring under Hwy 75 at Center Street and it will save the City money to combine the two projects through a change order. By doing so, the City will save \$28,000 in cost for the water line project.

This project was not foreseen at the time, but will be paid for through the Utility Improvement Fund. Council Member Melton confirmed that this project was not previously foreseen.

Mr. Hefton said this project arose from BNSF's new drainage project that they are doing throughout Sherman. As a result of their project, they realized that our pipe was in their way, and he said the City is required to move it. By combining the two projects, the City will save about \$28,000.

Mr. Pruitt added that there is a 10" ground water line on the east side of the road that will not need to be relocated.

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Melton to approve Change Order No. 1, to Vessels Construction, for a \$92,510 increase for the Center Street and US Hwy 75 Utility

Relocation Project, as presented. Second by Council Member Stevenson.

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

VOTING NAY: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

OTHER BUSINESS

RECEIVE QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT FROM SHERMAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION PRESIDENT KENT SHARP

SEDCO QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

Kent Sharp, Sherman Economic Development Corporation President, presented a quarterly progress report on the Board's activities. He said the mission of SEDCO hasn't changed, and is to grow and diversify the economy of Sherman and the surrounding area through the addition of new jobs and the investment of primary employers.

During the first quarter of 2020, SEDCO submitted proposals for nine projects and hosted three site visits. They also approved a resolution which increases the maximum amount of incentive award for the Buy Local Grant program from the current level of \$20,000 to a new level of \$50,000. This grant encourages new companies or existing companies that are expanding, to buy local goods to keep profits in Sherman.

During the COVID-19 crisis, SEDCO has served as a communications resource for local industries. They have been contacting them regularly to stay abreast of their current and near future operating environments.

During the next quarter, Mr. Sharp said they will still work to attract new jobs and investments, monitor all the economic development performance agreements with existing companies, and restart business retention and expansion. Most of the companies have been very resilient and have had very few layoffs. Currently two companies are adding jobs.

Council Member Howeth asked if SEDCO was still receiving calls from companies interested in what Sherman has to offer and if there is still a shortage of employees. Mr. Sharp said they are still getting calls about Sherman, and they are currently pursuing an "industrial manufacturer."

He said the current situation for employees is the Federal unemployment payment. People are making more money staying home than they are being offered through jobs.

REPLAT APPROVAL OF LOT 3, BLOCK 2, INDEPENDENCE SQUARE ADDITION, SECTION 3, A REPLAT OF PART OF LOT 1, BLOCK 2, BEING PART OF LOT 1, BLOCK 2, INDEPENDENCE SQUARE ADDITION, SECTION 3, CONTAINING 3.260 ACRES; POST OAK LIQUIDATING TRUST, OWNERS; THE STAINBACK ORGANIZATION, DEVELOPER; LUKE STAINBACK, REPRESENTATIVE; AND UNDERWOOD DRAFTING AND SURVEYING, INC., SURVEYOR (2200 NORTH U.S. HIGHWAY 75)

APPROVE REPLAT INDEPENDENCE SQUARE ADDITION (2200 N. HWY 75)

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The City Council approved the Replat of Lot 3, Block 2, Independence Square Addition, located at 2200 North U.S. Highway 75, between Taylor Street and Lamberth Road.

The 3.260 acre tract is zoned a C-1 (Retail Business) District and is also located in the O-1 (75 & 82) Overlay District. The developer would like to replat the property into one lot for commercial development.

Due to the Coronavirus, the April 21, 2020 regular meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission was cancelled. The plat was submitted to the Development Services Department on March 24, 2020.

The Local Government Code provides that a municipal authority responsible for approving plats shall approve, approve with conditions, or disapprove a plan or plat within 30 days after the date the plan or plat is filed. A plan or plat is approved by the municipal authority unless it is disapproved within the period and in accordance with the Local Government Code.

CONSENT AGENDA.

MEDIA QUESTIONS

There were no media questions.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

THANK YOU TO FIRST RESPONDERS

Council Member Stevenson thanked the first responders during this pandemic. They go to work every day and then have to go home to their family. That's a hard thing to do and they do it without complaining.

He urged citizens to thank them, as well as doctors and nurses, for their service.

THANK YOU TO FIRST RESPONDERS

Council Member Teamann agreed with Council Member Stevenson and also wanted to thank first responders.

UNEMPLOYMENT DURING PANDEMIC

Council Member Melton agreed with Council Member Stevenson about thanking first responders, but said there are people taking advantage of unemployment. She said "it will end" and she hoped those taking advantage now, wouldn't regret it when that time comes and there aren't any jobs left.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Plyler announced the following:

- Planning for Hot Summer Nights continues and the event will be compliant with public health guidelines, while still bringing some great music to the Municipal lawn.
- Coffee with the Mayor will be back live and in-person June 5, 2020, at 9:00 a.m., at Guild Mortgage.

MEDIA QUESTIONS

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- He urged everyone to return their Census information as soon as possible. The Census determines a variety of Federal and State funding for Sherman, so everyone needs to be counted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 551, GOVT. CODE, V.T.C.S., (OPEN MEETINGS LAW)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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.

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| 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: DELIBERATE THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, REASSIGNMENT, DUTIES, DISCIPLINE, OR DISMISSAL OF A PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE |
| 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 5:21 p.m.

On Motion duly made and carried, the Executive Session recessed at 6:53 p.m. and reconvened in Open Meeting.

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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 6:54 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MAYOR

CITY CLERK