

May 2, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT: MAYOR DAVID PLYLER; DEPUTY MAYOR JASON SOFEY. COUNCIL MEMBERS COUCH, DAVIS, JOHNSON, STEELE, WATT.

CALL TO ORDER

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APPROVE MINUTES

MOTION CARRIED.

“MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH” – MAY 2016

**MENTAL HEALTH
AWARENESS MONTH
(MAY 2016)**

In the last few years, the organization has expanded to provide medical and counseling services to all citizens. Ms. Redden thanked the City Council for the proclamation.

**MOTORCYCLE
SAFETY &
AWARENESS MONTH
(MAY 2016)**

Mr. Dodson also introduced representatives of the American Legion Post #231. He urged all motorists to look out for

each other. In 2014, there was a 2% increase in fatalities in Texas and this year, by all indications, he said fatalities for all motorists will increase by the highest percentage in 50 years.

Mr. Dodson said distracted driving is becoming a major contributor to fatality accidents and 27% of fatal accidents involve cell phones. He also recognized the effect that proactive cities have and how approving these proclamations help make citizens aware of motorcycle safety.

PUBLIC HEARING

CONDUCT THE FIRST PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE ANNEXATION OF A 0.777 ACRE TRACT OF LAND ON SISTRUNK STREET, ADJACENT TO THE SHERMAN CITY LIMITS AND IN THE CITY OF SHERMAN'S EXTRA TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION

ANNEXATION
4798 SISTRUNK ST.

Mayor Plyler introduced the first public hearing on the proposed annexation of a 0.777 acre tract of land on Sistrunk Street.

Robby Hefton, City Manager, said the property owner requested annexation because he is in need of City water services. The water system he was previously on is going out of business.

No citizens appeared before the City Council to discuss the annexation of a 0.777 acre tract of land on Sistrunk Street.

The Public Hearing was closed.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 6076 – EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A KROGER MARKETPLACE IN SHERMAN, GRAYSON COUNTY, TEXAS

RES 6076
KROGER
MARKETPLACE

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A KROGER MARKETPLACE IN SHERMAN, GRAYSON COUNTY, TEXAS.

Mr. Hefton said the Tax Reinvestment Committee reconvened a couple of weeks ago to consider an incentive for the proposed Kroger Marketplace, to be located on Travis and Taylor Streets and on the South Service Road of Hwy 75.

The project is a great proposed project and would include over \$20 million in taxable investment to the City of Sherman, in property taxes. There would be another

significant amount in sales tax and water usage fees. The project is a competitive project and Kroger representatives meet annually to determine which projects will be approved.

Kroger has requested that the City approve a Resolution of Support to submit to their Capital Committee, which is the group that approves the projects. The Tax Reinvestment Committee has also submitted a Letter of Intent in support of the project. This resolution will express the entire City Council's support for the project.

Mr. Hefton said the City expects to hear a decision from Kroger by the end of May, as to whether or not the Sherman project will move forward.

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Sofey to approve Resolution No. 6076, as presented. Second by Council Member Davis.

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

VOTING NAY: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 6077 – AUTHORIZING THE EARLY TURNOVER OF DELINQUENT 2016 BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY ACCOUNTS BEGINNING ON APRIL 1, 2017, AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 6.30 AND SECTION 33.11 OF THE TEXAS TAX CODE

RES 6077
DELINQUENT
BUSINESS
PROPERTY TAX

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE EARLY TURNOVER OF DELINQUENT 2016 BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY ACCOUNTS BEGINNING ON APRIL 1, 2017, AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 6.30 AND SECTION 33.11 OF THE TEXAS TAX CODE.

Bruce Stidham, Grayson County Tax Assessor-Collector, said the proposed Resolution would authorize the early turnover of business personal property delinquent accounts. All property, real or personal, becomes delinquent on February 1 of each year. Currently all delinquent accounts, both business and personal, are turned over to the tax attorneys on July 1. The attorneys then begin to "work" those accounts.

The Texas Legislature passed a measure to allow for the early turnover of the delinquent business accounts. These accounts are more difficult to collect. Mr. Stidham said they would not go in and immediately seize property. This resolution would allow the attorneys a three month "window" to start the collection process with businesses. Then, after July, the attorneys would spend their time on the real property.

He said there are not a lot of delinquent business accounts, and last year it was estimated that the interest the City

would be losing would be about \$700. Since not all the delinquent accounts would be collected, the City would probably only lose about \$200 to \$300 in interest.

Mr. Stidham said, so far the measure has been enacted by about half of the 254 Counties in Texas.

Mr. Hefton verified that there are approximately 30 taxing entities in Grayson County and the measure does not have to be approved by each taxing entity to become effective. Some Counties require all the taxing entities to approve the measure and some Counties only require some of them to approve.

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Watt to approve Resolution No. 6077, as presented. Second by Council Member Couch.

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

VOTING NAY: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 6078 – ABANDONING A FIFTEEN FOOT (15') CITY DRAINAGE AND UTILITY EASEMENT LOCATED ON LOT 4, BLOCK B OF THE NORTH HAVEN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, WHICH PLAT IS RECORDED IN VOLUME 18, PAGES 171-172 OF THE PLAT RECORDS OF GRAYSON COUNTY, TEXAS

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CONSENT AGENDA.

RES 6078
ABANDONING A
15' DRAINAGE &
UTILITY EASEMENT
(NORTH HAVEN
ADDITION)

RESOLUTION NO. 6079 – AWARDING A BID TO AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH JOSH WILLEFORD FOR AN AGRICULTURAL LEASE AT THE SHERMAN WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

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CONSENT AGENDA.

RES 6079
AGRICULTURAL
LEASE AT WWTP

OTHER BUSINESS

CONSIDER REQUEST OF THE SHERMAN TOURISM/MAIN STREET MANAGER TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE CERTAIN STREETS AND USE CERTAIN CITY FACILITIES AND SERVICES FOR THE "34TH ANNUAL SHERMAN AUTUMN AND ARTS FEST" ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2016

Sarah McRae, Tourism/Main Street Manager, asked the City Council to approve the request to temporarily close certain

CLOSE STREETS
FOR ANNUAL
AUTUMN & ARTS FEST
(SEPT. 17, 2016)

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streets and use City facilities and services for the “34th Annual Sherman Autumn and Arts Fest” on September 17, 2016.

She said they would like to reserve the Municipal Building Grounds, Ballroom, and Auditorium, as well as all the tables and chairs, from September 14 through September 17, 2016. The event and races will also include street closings and will need support from the Police Department and the Street Department.

Ms. McRae said the event will return to the Municipal Building Grounds instead of being held along Mulberry Street, as it was last year.

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Sofey to approve the request to temporarily close certain streets and use City facilities for the “24th Annual Sherman Autumn and Arts Fest” on September 17, 2016, as presented. Second by Council Member Johnson.

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

VOTING NAY: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

CITIZENS REQUESTS

There were no citizens requests.

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MEDIA QUESTIONS

There were no media questions.

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**APPOINT/REMOVE OR CONSIDER QUALIFICATIONS TO
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD (2)

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Couch to appoint Sholden Daniels and Sarah Pierce to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, for a term from May 3, 2016 to May 3, 2018. Second by Council Member Steele.

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

VOTING NAY: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

**PARKS & REC
BOARD**

COUNCIL COMMENTS

TEXAS FIRST LADY VISIT TO SHERMAN

Council Member Johnson reminded citizens that Texas First Lady Cecilia Abbott will be in Sherman on May 4, 2016, for the Main Street Dedication Ceremony.

**TEXAS FIRST LADY
VISIT TO SHERMAN**

KROGER MARKETPLACE

Deputy Mayor Sofey said he was excited that the Kroger Marketplace might come to Sherman. He said it was a nice, upscale grocery store and a company that has already been in Sherman a long time.

**KROGER
MARKETPLACE**

JOINT MEETING WITH THE SHERMAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Council Member Davis said he was out of town when the Joint Meeting was held with the School Board, but he recently toured the High School and the Administration Building and met a lot of talented students. He said there is a lot of good things going on at Sherman High School.

KROGER MARKETPLACE

Council Member Steele said he hoped the Kroger Marketplace project would be approved for Sherman. He added that the Kroger Pharmacy in Sherman does the most business at any of their pharmacies in Texas. They plan to hire at least 100 additional employees if the project is approved.

PARKS AND RECREATION “TOUCH A TRUCK”

Council Member Couch commended the Parks and Recreation Department for their recent “Touch a Truck” event at Pecan Grove Park. He said it was great to see all the City equipment and to realize the diverse things that the City is capable of. He said there were a lot of excited children, but also a lot of excited parents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Plyler announced the following:

- On Wednesday, May 4, 2016, First Lady Cecilia Abbott will appear on the Court House Square for the formal dedication ceremony of Sherman’s new Main Street Program. A reception will be held afterwards at Old Iron Post Restaurant.
- On Thursday, May 5, 2016, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m., the Parks and Recreation Department will hold a Community Input Meeting to help craft the Department’s Master Plan. Citizens are encouraged to attend and provide input on the future of Parks and Recreation in Sherman.
- On Friday, May 6, 2016, at 8:00 a.m., Coffee with the Mayor will be held at Women Rock. Fire Chief Danny Jones will be the special guest speaker.
- On Saturday, May 7, 2016, Downtown Sherman Preservation and Revitalization will hold a “Color Sherman” fundraiser at 903 Brewers. Money will be raised for additional crepe myrtles downtown.

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.

JOINT MEETING
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“TOUCH A TRUCK”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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SECTION 551.087

DELIBERATE 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 5:29 p.m.

On Motion duly made and carried, the Executive Session
recessed at 6:44 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
6:45 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MAYOR

CITY CLERK