

STATE OF TEXAS

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December 16, 2013

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 December 16, 2013.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

MAYOR CARY WACKER; DEPUTY MAYOR ROBERT
SOFTLY.
COUNCIL MEMBERS DAVIS, JOHNSON, PLYLER, SOFEY,
WATT.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

NONE.

CALL TO ORDER

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

CALL TO ORDER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Wacker welcomed Nate Strauch from the Herald Democrat. Mr. Strauch will now be covering the Sherman City Council Meetings.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

On behalf of herself, the City Council, and the citizens, Mayor Wacker thanked the City staff for their incredible work during the "ice event" last week. She said the ice dramatically affected everyone in Grayson County. She added that with the closing of businesses and the traffic issues, it was a difficult time and a challenge. Mayor Wacker said she was very proud of the City staff and they rose to the occasion. She especially recognized Fire Chief J.J. Jones who is also the Emergency Management Coordinator.

APPROVE MINUTES

The Council reviewed the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of December 2, 2013. Council Member Plyler moved to approve the Minutes as presented; Second by Deputy Mayor Softly. All present voted AYE.
MOTION CARRIED.

APPROVE MINUTES

CONSENT AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 5833 - SEEKING DESIGNATED
MANAGEMENT AGENCY STATUS FOR THE CITY'S
WASTEWATER ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS,
PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 208 OF
THE FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT, AS
AMENDED

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF

RES 5833
WASTEWATER
MANAGEMENT
AGENCY STATUS

SHERMAN, TEXAS, SEEKING DESIGNATED MANAGEMENT AGENCY STATUS FOR THE CITY'S WASTEWATER ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS, PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 208 OF THE FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT, AS AMENDED.

Mayor Wacker introduced Drew Satterwhite, Greater Texoma Utility Authority General Manager. Mr. Satterwhite congratulated the City Council and staff on their AA- credit rating, which he said "speaks volumes" on their ability to manage the City's finances.

This resolution relates to the City's ability to manage and operate the wastewater treatment facilities and to set appropriate charges for those services. In the 2013-2014 Capital Improvement Program the City has identified approximately \$10 million in projects that they would like financed through GTUA.

GTUA plans to utilize Texas Water Development Board below market interest rate financing for approximately \$7 million of those projects. Mr. Satterwhite said the bonds will be sold in March or April 2014, so he could not tell what the price would be at that time, but if they were sold today, the interest rate would be about 2.2%, because of the new credit rating.

One of the requirements, which dates back to the Water Pollution Control Act of 1970, was to provide the Texas Water Development Board with this resolution. The purpose of this resolution is to clarify the authority and satisfy the requirement.

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Watt to approve Resolution No. 5833, as presented. Second by Council Member Johnson.

VOTING AYE: Davis, Johnson, Plyler, Sofey, Softly, Watt.

VOTING NAY: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 5834 – RELATING TO GREATER TEXOMA UTILITY AUTHORITY CONTRACT REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2013A (CITY OF SHERMAN PROJECT) AND APPROVING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF, THE NOTICE OF SALE PREPARED IN CONNECTION WITH THE PUBLIC OFFERING OF THE BONDS AND THE FACILITIES TO BE CONSTRUCTED OR ACQUIRED BY THE AUTHORITY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CITY

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**RES 5834
GTUA CONTRACT
REVENUE BONDS**

CONSTRUCTED OR ACQUIRED BY THE AUTHORITY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CITY.

Mr. Satterwhite said GTUA took bids on December 11, 2013, and there were six bids. The low bid was 3.38%. Gary Kimball, GTUA's Financial Advisor, estimates that with the City's new AA- credit rating versus the A+ credit rating, and the bank qualified designation, these rates save the City approximately \$278,000 over the life of this loan.

Mayor Wacker thanked Mr. Satterwhite, adding that the Council looks forward to working with him. She also thanked Jerry Chapman, the outgoing General Manager of GTUA, for all his work for the City over the past years.

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Softly to approve Resolution No. 5834, as presented. Second by Council Member Johnson.

VOTING AYE: Davis, Johnson, Plyler, Sofey, Softly, Watt.

VOTING NAY: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

REQUEST TO ADVERTISE

SEAL COAT EMULSIFIED ASPHALT OIL AND STONE

The City Council approved the request to advertise for seal coat emulsified asphalt oil and stone for annual street maintenance work. Each year the Street Maintenance Department evaluates and ranks all City streets to determine their need for maintenance and from this, a priority list is determined.

The streets to be serviced during this upcoming season represent the third year of the four-year street improvement plan set by staff as part of the renewed Street Sales Tax Program.

CONSENT AGENDA.

OTHER BUSINESS

CONSIDER REQUEST OF DOWNTOWN SHERMAN PRESERVATION & REVITALIZATION TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE CROCKETT STREET (BETWEEN HOUSTON STREET AND LAMAR STREET), TRAVIS STREET (BETWEEN HOUSTON STREET AND LAMAR STREET), AND WALNUT STREET (BETWEEN HOUSTON STREET AND LAMAR STREET) FOR THE RED RIVER MARDI GRAS & JAZZ FEST ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2014

Karen Tooley, representing Downtown Sherman Preservation & Revitalization, asked the Council to consider temporarily closing Crockett Street, Travis Street and Walnut Street, between Houston Street and Lamar Street, for the Red River Mardi Gras & Jazz Fest on Saturday, February 22, 2014.

Ms. Tooley said DSP&R is trying to plan events to bring people into the hotel rooms. The Red River Mardi Gras &

REQ TO ADVERTISE
SEAL COAT
MATERIALS

CLOSE STREETS FOR
RED RIVER MARDI
GRAS & JAZZ FEST
(FEB. 22, 2014)

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Jazz Fest will be held both Saturday evening and Sunday and will include Jazz bands playing at the Jazz Museum, as well as vendors on the street. Fulbelli's will be offering a Dixieland brunch on Sunday.

Council Member Johnson expressed concern about closing Travis, Crockett, and Walnut Streets, and asked why they wanted to close Walnut Street. Ms. Tooley said that street would provide a safe access to the Jazz Museum.

George Olson, City Manager, said the staff recommendation is not to close Walnut Street, to allow public safety access to the downtown area.

Ms. Tooley said they contacted the Police Department and understood they could hire a police officer to assist with pedestrian safety on that corner. Mayor Wacker said there is a traffic signal, but the additional police officer would provide an extra measure of safety to pedestrians crossing the street.

Mayor Wacker added that this would also allow an unrestricted northbound route for the emergency vehicles leaving the Police and Fire Departments. Closing all three streets would require the emergency vehicles to travel several blocks out of their way and possibly delay response times. She verified that the change to allow Walnut Street to remain open was also agreeable with DSP&R.

Council Member Watt asked if there were any other issues with police and fire concerning the request. Otis Henry, Police Chief, verified that DSP&R was also going to hire the additional police officer to assist with pedestrian crossing on Walnut Street for the entire duration of the event.

Ms. Tooley said they would have an officer present at the crosswalk during the hours that the Jazz Museum is actually open. Police presence will be available around the Court House for the entire event. The two streets will also be closed for the duration of the event. Mayor Wacker verified that the street closures for Travis Street and Crockett Street would only be during the festival hours on Saturday.

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Johnson to approve the closing of Travis Street and Crockett Street only, between Houston and Lamar Streets, for the duration of the Red River Mardi Gras & Jazz Fest on February 22, 2014. Second by Council Member Sofey.

VOTING AYE: Davis, Johnson, Plyler, Sofey, Softly, Watt.

VOTING NAY: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Wacker said with the downward trend in Hotel/Motel Tax, DSP&R and other groups have been working very hard on ideas to bring visitors to Sherman to fill the hotel rooms

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and spend money. She thanked DSP&R for their work on this event.

CITIZENS REQUESTS

There were no citizens requests.

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MEDIA QUESTIONS

There were no media questions.

MEDIA QUESTIONS

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

GREATER TEXOMA UTILITY AUTHORITY (3)

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Plyler to reappoint Bill Johnson and George Rowland to the Greater Texoma Utility Authority Board of Directors for a term from December 31, 2013 to December 31, 2015. Second by Council Member Johnson.

VOTING AYE: Davis, Johnson, Plyler, Sofey, Softly, Watt.

VOTING NAY: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

GTUA

COUNCIL COMMENTS

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

All Council Members wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy New Year.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS
& HAPPY NEW YEAR**

THANKS TO STAFF

Council Member Johnson thanked the staff for their hard work during the recent snow and ice storm. It was a tireless effort but it kept the citizens safe.

THANKS TO STAFF

LIBRARY SERVICES

Council Member Watt recognized the Municipal Library and their staff saying day in and day out they do a great job. They don't get a lot of kudos but they are always very professional and helpful. He added that their customer service is tremendous.

LIBRARY SERVICES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Wacker announced the following:

- The Rankin Brothers will present a concert at Kidd-Key Auditorium on Friday, December 20, 2013.
- The Denison Dance Academy will present "The Nutcracker" ballet on Monday, December 23, 2013 at Kidd-Key Auditorium.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

APPOINTMENT BY GOVERNOR

Mayor Wacker announced that Council Member Ryan Johnson has been appointed by Texas Governor Rick Perry to serve on the Red River Boundary Commission. This Commission will negotiate and make sure Sherman's Water Treatment Pump Station is inside the Texas boundary with Oklahoma.

**APPOINTMENT BY
GOVERNOR**

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Bill Douglass and State Representative Larry Phillips, as well as two other North Texas residents, have also been appointed to serve on the Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

On Motion duly made and carried, the meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MAYOR

CITY CLERK