

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 April 3, 2017.

**MEMBERS PRESENT: MAYOR DAVID PLYLER.
COUNCIL MEMBERS BROWN, COUCH, HOWETH, STEELE,
TEAMANN.**

MEMBERS ABSENT: DEPUTY MAYOR JASON SOFEY.

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 Kevin Couch.

APPROVE MINUTES

The Council reviewed the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of March 20, 2017. Council Member Howeth moved to approve the Minutes as presented; Second by Council Member Teamann. All present voted AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

**THE SHERMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT'S PRESENTATION OF
A CITIZENS CERTIFICATE OF MERIT TO CROSSFIT SOLUS**

Zachary Flores, Police Chief, presented a Citizens Certificate of Merit to Dustin Suitors, CrossFit Solus, in recognition of their contributions to the Police Department's Bike Program. Mr. Suitors is also a Sherman Police Officer.

Chief Flores said the Bike Program had almost become nonexistent for several years, due to both manpower and lack of equipment. CrossFit Solus became aware of the Department's intention to reestablish the Bike Program.

They organized an event and received donations from businesses and patrons for the purchase of six bicycles for the Department's Bike Program. Chief Flores recognized CrossFit Solus for their efforts to provide much needed resources for the program.

PROCLAMATION

**“CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS MONTH” –
APRIL 2017**

Council Member Couch presented a proclamation to Britney Martin, Executive Director of the Children's Advocacy Center, designating April 2017 as "Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month."

Ms. Martin thanked the City for the partnership they have with the Children's Advocacy Center, adding that child abuse is a community-wide problem. She encouraged Council Members

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to wear a blue pin to encourage awareness of child abuse. Citizens should be encouraged to report any suspected child abuse.

“SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH” – APRIL 2017

Council Member Steele presented a proclamation to Shelli Shields, Interim Director of the Crisis Center and Jordan Stewart, Volunteer Coordinator of the Crisis Center, designating April 2017 as “Sexual Assault Awareness Month.”

**SEXUAL ASSAULT
AWARENESS MONTH
(APRIL 2017)**

Ms. Shields said they appreciate the support of the City of Sherman in recognizing “Sexual Assault Awareness Month.” April 26, 2017 is “Denim Day” as a symbol of the destructive attitudes about sexual assault.

She thanked the City Council for their time and support.

“NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK” – APRIL 9-15, 2017

Mayor Plyler presented a proclamation to Melissa Eason, Library Services Administrator, designating April 9 through 15, 2017 as “National Library Week.”

**NATIONAL LIBRARY
WEEK
(APRIL 9-15, 2017)**

Ms. Eason outlined various activities that will be held during “National Library Week.” She thanked the City Council for renovations that are being made to the Library, saying next year, they will look different.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS

**RESOLUTION NO. 6205 – SUSPENDING THE APRIL 21, 2017
EFFECTIVE DATE OF ONCOR ELECTRIC DELIVERY
COMPANY’S REQUESTED RATE CHANGE TO PERMIT THE
CITY TIME TO STUDY THE REQUEST AND TO ESTABLISH
REASONABLE RATES; APPROVING COOPERATION WITH
THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF CITIES SERVED BY ONCOR
TO HIRE LEGAL AND CONSULTING SERVICES AND TO
NEGOTIATE WITH THE COMPANY AND DIRECT ANY
NECESSARY LITIGATION AND APPEALS; REQUIRING
NOTICE OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE COMPANY AND
LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE STEERING COMMITTEE**

**RES 6205
ONCOR RATE CHANGE**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
SHERMAN, TEXAS, SUSPENDING THE APRIL 21, 2017
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Brandon Shelby, City Attorney, said this resolution suspends the effective date of Oncor's requested rate increase for 90 days to give the cities in the Steering Committee time to review the rate and decide whether or not they want to challenge it.

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Teamann to adopt Resolution No. 6205, as presented. Second by Council Member Couch.

VOTING AYE: Brown, Couch, Howeth, Steele, Teamann.

VOTING NAY: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 6206 – AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH KIMLEY-HORN AND ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR THE ENGINEERING DESIGN AND SERVICES FOR REPAIR OF THE SOUTH TRAVIS STREET BRIDGE OVER POST OAK CREEK

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CONSENT AGENDA.

RES 6206
SOUTH TRAVIS
STREET BRIDGE

RESOLUTION NO. 6207 – AWARDING A BID TO AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH ELITE SIX, LLC FOR THE 2017 CITY RIGHT-OF-WAY ROUGH MOWING PROGRAM

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, AWARDING A BID TO AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH ELITE SIX, LLC FOR THE 2017 CITY RIGHT-OF-WAY ROUGH MOWING PROGRAM.

CONSENT AGENDA.

RES 6207
ROW ROUGH
MOWING PROGRAM

**REQUEST TO ADVERTISE
ROUTE OPTIMIZATION SOFTWARE**

The City Council approved the request to advertise for the solicitation of public bids for the purchase and implementation of route optimization software. The system would reduce associated drive-time and costs as it relates to man hours, fuel, vehicle maintenance and other services.

The software would initially be used by the Residential Solid Waste, Commercial Solid Waste, and Recycling Departments. The estimated cost of \$65,000 was approved by the City Council in the FY 2016-2017 Budget.

CONSENT AGENDA.

REQ TO ADVERTISE
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SOFTWARE

ANNUAL REQUIREMENTS FOR JANITORIAL SERVICES IN CERTAIN CITY-OWNED FACILITIES

JANITORIAL SERVICES

The City Council approved the request to advertise for janitorial services for certain City-owned facilities. In the past, the City has contracted for janitorial services for several City facilities. The current agreement expires at the end of May 2017.

The following buildings would be included in the agreement: Sherman Public Library, Police Department, Municipal Airport, Utilities Laboratory, Senior Citizen Center, City Hall, Parks and Recreation Activity Center, Sherman Municipal Building, the Glennie O. Ham Center (Parks and Recreation Administrative Offices, and the Equipment Services Building.

CONSENT AGENDA.

OTHER BUSINESS

RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM FORMER MAYOR CARY WACKER REGARDING EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH A STATE-SANCTIONED CULTURAL DISTRICT IN DOWNTOWN SHERMAN

**DOWNTOWN
CULTURAL
DISTRICT**

Nate Strauch, Community and Support Services Manager, said in January, a group of Austin College JanTerm Students presented a report to the City Council about arts and culture in Sherman. The staff is moving forward with plans to establish a State-sanctioned Cultural District in the community.

The Cultural District would provide a number of benefits such as opening up some grant money that is currently not available. The Council would be required to establish a Sherman Cultural Commission, which would serve as the steering group for the District. Eventually the City plans to outsource some of the grant decision making duties to this Commission, including who receives the grants and the amount they receive.

He also outlined the timeline for the project saying a resolution will be presented at the next City Council Meeting to create the Cultural District and will state the Council's intention to support making that a State-sanctioned Cultural District. Then in May, the Council will create the Cultural Commission.

Cary Wacker, former Mayor and Austin College Associate Vice President for Institutional Advancement and Director of the Center for Community & Regional Development, thanked Mr. Strauch and Steve Ayers, Director of Public Services, who have worked behind the scenes to keep this initiative moving forward.

She said as the Austin College students researched the project earlier this year, they found that Sherman has an amazing story to tell. There are many cultural offerings, events, and stories that are unique to Sherman.

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She said with the growth based momentum that is going on in Sherman, now is the prime time to package these resources and give them new life for a future generation.

Ms. Wacker said the Cultural District Program will take advantage of recent successes such as the Downtown Streetscape Project and the Main Street Program, and will help create a true destination package for Sherman that includes events and performance venues.

She said the Cultural District should also encourage business and job development, will increase property values, and will enhance the current tourist destinations, while also creating new ones. She added that cultural tourism is “big business in Texas.”

The “State of the Arts 2017 Report” in Texas said, in Sherman specifically, there were 600 total direct jobs in the travel industry in 2015.

Ms. Wacker said the goal is to touch the hearts and lives of Sherman citizens as well as visitors to the community. She said Sherman is a very special place, both with natives that were born here and non-natives that have chosen to live here because it is a warm and caring community, and a culturally rich community. The Cultural District is extremely important to sustain Sherman’s legacy and share it with both local citizens and visitors.

Ms. Wacker said there are several steps to create this Cultural District, including a Town Hall Meeting, which has been set for April 25, 2017. They also plan to have a citizen survey to gather input.

Previous activities have also helped compile information for submission including a grant application to the National Endowment for the Arts in 2014, a visioning exercise in 2015, and the JanTerm Project in 2017. She said these projects have provided a snapshot of what people want and value in Sherman. The application will be delivered in Austin by June 15, 2017.

Ms. Wacker said a Public Administration Symposium will be held at Austin College on April 5, 2017, featuring Jim Bob McMillan as Keynote Speaker. Mr. McMillan is the Deputy Director of the Texas Commission on the Arts. Mr. McMillan will also tour the proposed Cultural District boundaries and advise them on the application process.

Council Member Couch thanked Ms. Wacker for all the work she has done on the project. He asked about the type of grants that might be available with the Cultural District designation.

Ms. Wacker said the Texas Commission on the Arts did have some funding from the State, even though during this current

budget year, some of the funds are “in limbo.” The funding would be for specific projects, and would either support events or venues in the designated Cultural District. She said about six or seven cities are selected to participate each year, with 35 cities participating to date.

State Representative Larry Phillips was the legislator that crafted the bill creating the Texas Cultural District Program.

Council Member Couch verified that Main Street Cities and Cultural Districts seem to parallel each other. Ms. Wacker said Main Street is focused a lot on job development, architecture, and preservation of buildings. The Cultural District is focused on activities and preserving, sustaining, and marketing the community.

Council Member Couch asked if the available grants were mostly private dollars or taxpayer dollars. Ms. Wacker said there are some private dollars, but the ones coming through the Texas Commission on the Arts are State tax dollars.

Ms. Wacker added that they are applying for those tax dollars and hope they will be available, however there will still be value even if the money is limited at first.

Council Member Teamann asked if they would be more likely to receive the grants if the City is showing support for the project. Ms. Wacker said the application actually requires support from both the City of Sherman and Grayson County. She said they would also need a person to manage the program but that could be achieved by a current staff person.

Robby Hefton, City Manager, asked if the proposal has been submitted to the County Judge yet for their support. Ms. Wacker said that is the next step.

CONSIDER REQUEST OF THE UNITED WAY OF GRAYSON COUNTY TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE CERTAIN STREETS FOR THE “8TH ANNUAL UNITED WAY HUSTLE FOR HEALTH” ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 2017

The City Council approved the request of United Way of Grayson County to temporarily close certain streets for the “8th Annual United Way Hustle for Health” on August 19, 2017.

The event will require traffic control assistance and cones along the race route, as well as labor to place and remove the barricades and cones. They have also requested closure of Rusk Street in front of the Municipal Building from 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA.

CITIZENS REQUESTS

CREEK ISSUES AND BRANCH ON POWER LINE

Amanda Machin, 4500 Luella Road, said her house caught on fire last year and there is still a branch hanging on a power

CLOSE STREETS
UNITED WAY “HUSTLE
FOR HEALTH”
(AUG. 19, 2017)

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line. She said she has contacted the City for two years. There are also problems with the creek at 629 S. Montgomery.

Mayor Plyler said the staff will take a look at the situation.

REPORT OF SEXUAL ASSAULT

Ms. Machin also asked if there was another source available for a person dealing with sexual assault that happens outside of Texas. She has contacted the Grayson County Judge and the Police Department to get help. She said she was sexually assaulted recently in Oklahoma and was having trouble getting help.

Ms. Machin said the Police Department directed her to contact the Police Department in the town where she was assaulted. She said she did not know how to find a creditable witness in the unfamiliar town.

Mr. Shelby said if she was “under eminent threat” she could contact the local Crisis Center, even though the crime happened in Oklahoma.

MEDIA QUESTIONS

There were no media questions.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

ISSUANCE OF PROCLAMATIONS

Council Member Teamann said he enjoyed the proclamations and it was always good to create awareness for the issues. He thanked the different groups that attended the meeting tonight.

REPORT OF SEXUAL ASSAULT

Council Member Teamann said he appreciated that Ms. Machin was willing to tell her story in front of a crowd and said there were people in the community that could help her.

CULTURAL DISTRICT

Council Member Teamann thanked Ms. Wacker for her work with the Cultural District and the grant process. He thanked her for trying to raise awareness for the project. He said it was exciting for Sherman.

MOBILE FOOD VENDORS

Council Member Steele felt that the Council might need to revisit the recently passed food truck ordinance. One concern that he heard was about the Band Boosters, who generate their revenue from serving food at the athletic games. With the current ordinance, a food truck could take up multiple parking spaces around Bearcat Stadium to sell food.

Mr. Strauch said any on-street parking is still disallowed for food trucks. After 5:00 p.m. on Fridays, they could park on

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the Municipal Building Parking Lot. Council Member Steele felt they might want to discuss “carving out” a space where food trucks could park.

REPORT OF SEXUAL ASSAULT

Council Member Brown said he appreciated Ms. Machin coming forward to discuss the sexual assault. He encouraged her to keep talking and keep pushing to get answers.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Plyler announced the following:

- Craft the Night Away will be held in Downtown Sherman on April 8, 2017. Tickets are available at downtownsherman.com.
- Keep Sherman Beautiful will host its Annual Let’s Talk Trash Litter Pick-up on April 8, 2017, and will disperse throughout the City to clean up the community.
- The Parks and Recreation Department will sponsor a communitywide Easter Celebration on April 15, 2017, at Kidd-Key Park. The event will feature a petting zoo, music, and many activities for children.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

SECTION 551.071	CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY CONCERNING PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION
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

No Executive Session was needed.

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ADJOURNMENT

On Motion duly made and carried, the meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MAYOR _____

CITY CLERK