

STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF GRAYSON §

December 7, 2015

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 7, 2015.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Plyler called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation were given by Deputy Mayor Jason Sofey.

APPROVE MINUTES

The Council reviewed the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of November 16, 2015. Council Member Davis moved to approve the Minutes as presented; Second by Council Member Couch. All present voted AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

OATH OF OFFICE

Rita Noel, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4, administered the Oath of Office to the following Council-appointed position.

Council Member, District 4 **Tammy Johnson**

Council Member Johnson was seated at the Council table.

NEW COUNCIL SEATED

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor David Plyler; Deputy Mayor Jason Sofey.
Council Members Couch, Davis, Johnson, Steele, Watt.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

Mayor Plyler introduced Ordinance 5915 and called for a public hearing:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, EXTENDING THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF SAID CITY SO AS TO ANNEX 186.244 ACRES OF LAND ALONG WEST LAMBERTH ROAD, CARRIAGE ESTATES ROAD, NORWOOD ROAD, CARRIAGE CIRCLE, SHADY OAKS CIRCLE, AND SHADY OAKS LANE, ADJACENT TO THE SHERMAN CITY LIMITS, AND IN THE CITY OF SHERMAN'S EXTRA TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION; PROVIDING FOR A MUNICIPAL PLAN; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER.

**ORD 5915
ANNEXATION
CARRIAGE HOUSE
ESTATES**

Robby Hefton, City Manager, explained that this is the last public hearing for the proposed annexation. There have

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been two previous public hearings. This is the introduction and public hearing for the ordinance itself, and will be the final action for the annexation.

No citizens appeared before the City Council to discuss Ordinance 5915.

Mayor Plyler introduced Ordinance 5916 and called for a public hearing:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF AN OIL, GAS AND MINERAL LEASE TO ROFF OIL AND GAS, LTD., COVERING AND AFFECTING TWO TRACTS OF LAND DESCRIBED HEREIN, IN THE CITY OF SHERMAN, GRAYSON COUNTY, TEXAS, PURSUANT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER.

ORD 5916
OIL, GAS, MINERAL
LEASE

Matt Avery, Fuller-Bedrock Consulting, Inc., Edmond, Oklahoma

Mr. Avery appeared representing Roff Oil and Gas, Ltd. He was available to answer any questions the City Council might have.

No other citizens appeared before the City Council to discuss Ordinance 5916.

Mayor Plyler introduced Ordinance 5917 and called for a public hearing:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, AMENDING ARTICLE II OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER, ENTITLED "CITY COUNCIL", AT SECTIONS 9, 11, 12 AND 13; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER.

ORD 5917
AMEND HOME
RULE CHARTER

Mayor Plyler asked Don Keene, Assistant City Manager, to explain Ordinance Nos. 5917, 5918, 5919, 5920, and 5921, which were all related.

Mr. Keene said that in the November 3, 2015 Election, one proposed Charter Amendment was on the ballot for voters to consider. It concerned allowing the City Attorney to report directly to the City Manager instead of the City Council. That proposed amendment was approved by voters.

Proposition 11 and Proposition 3, previously approved by voters, allows the City Council to approve proposed Charter Amendments that are of a simpler nature. The remaining proposed Charter Amendments that are being considered tonight are basically simplifications of language or processes that are outlined by the Charter.

Mr. Keene said the first two deal with Election related meetings. Instead of designating the specifics in the Charter, the change would state that the meetings would be

“held in accordance with the Texas Election Code.” Therefore if the Election Code changes, the Charter would not need to be amended to reflect the State changes.

Ordinance 5919 has to do with City departments. Currently the Charter has no mechanism to revise or change City departments and this would allow the City Manager and the City Council to make those revisions by ordinance.

Ordinance 5920 deals with finances and allows the City to comply with the Government Code, rather than spell out all the processes, that when changed, would also need to be changed in the Charter. It also allows the City to make things available online, which was not included in the Charter.

Ordinance 5921 concerns the payment of ad valorem taxes. Instead of specifying a location, which has changed over time, the Charter would state “to be paid at a location designated by the City.”

Mr. Keene said the proposed changes are “housekeeping, simplification things” and nothing of any substantive change.

No citizens appeared before the City Council to discuss Ordinance 5917.

Mayor Plyler introduced Ordinance 5918 and called for a public hearing:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, AMENDING ARTICLE III OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER, ENTITLED “NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS”, AT SECTION 4, ENTITLED “DETERMINATION OF ELECTION RESULTS”; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER.

ORD 5918
AMEND HOME
RULE CHARTER

No citizens appeared before the City Council to discuss Ordinance 5918.

Mayor Plyler introduced Ordinance 5919 and called for a public hearing:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, AMENDING ARTICLE IV OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER, ENTITLED “ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENTS”, AT SECTION 1, ENTITLED “GENERAL PROVISIONS”; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER.

ORD 5919
AMEND HOME
RULE CHARTER

No citizens appeared before the City Council to discuss Ordinance 5919.

Mayor Plyler introduced Ordinance 5920 and called for a public hearing:

ORD 5920
AMEND HOME

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, AMENDING ARTICLE V OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER, ENTITLED "FINANCE ADMINISTRATION", AT SECTIONS 3, 4, 8, 10 AND 12; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER.

RULE CHARTER

No citizens appeared before the City Council to discuss Ordinance 5920.

Mayor Plyler introduced Ordinance 5921 and called for a public hearing:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, AMENDING ARTICLE VI OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER, ENTITLED "TAXATION", AT SECTION 4, ENTITLED "PAYMENT OF TAXES"; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER.

ORD 5921
AMEND HOME
RULE CHARTER

No citizens appeared before the City Council to discuss Ordinance 5921.

Mayor Plyler introduced Ordinance 5922 and called for a public hearing:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, AMENDING SECTION 8, SUBSECTION (5)(A), ORDINANCE NO. 2280, SO AS TO GRANT A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT TO ALLOW AUTOMOBILE REPAIR IN A C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) DISTRICT/O-1 (75 & 82) OVERLAY DISTRICT AT 2810 TEXOMA PARKWAY, BEING 5.21 ACRES IN THE REUBEN HENDRIX SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 504; RISK FAMILY PARTNERSHIP, LTD, OWNER; AND SARTIN AND ASSOCIATES, INC., SURVEYOR; PROVIDING THAT THIS SPECIFIC USE PERMIT SHALL BE GRANTED SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS; PROVIDING A PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED \$2,000.00.

ORD 5922
SPECIFIC USE PERMIT
FOR AUTO REPAIR
(2810 TEXOMA PKWY)

No citizens appeared before the City Council to discuss Ordinance 5922.

Mayor Plyler introduced Ordinance 5923 and called for a public hearing:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, AMENDING SECTION 8, SUBSECTION (5)(A), ORDINANCE NO. 2280, SO AS TO GRANT A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT TO ALLOW A CONSTRUCTION, EQUIPMENT SALES, SERVICE, RENTAL AND REPAIR SHOP AND YARD (CRANE SERVICE) AND TRUCK REPAIR IN A C-2 (GENERAL COMMERCIAL) DISTRICT, O-1.2 (SAM RAYBURN) OVERLAY DISTRICT AND BLALOCK COMMERCIAL OVERLAY DISTRICT AT 3111 SOUTH US HIGHWAY 75, BEING LOTS 1 AND 2, BLOCK 1, BRYAN LUCKETT ADDITION; BRYAN LUCKETT, OWNER; AND SARTIN AND ASSOCIATES, INC., SURVEYOR; PROVIDING THAT THIS SPECIFIC USE PERMIT SHALL BE GRANTED SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS; PROVIDING A PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED \$2,000.00.

ORD 5923
SPECIFIC USE PERMIT
EQUIPT SALES,
SERVICE, RENTAL,
REPAIR SHOP &
YARD
(3111 S. HWY 75)

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No citizens appeared before the City Council to discuss Ordinance 5923.

Mayor Plyler introduced Ordinance 5924 and called for a public hearing:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, AMENDING SECTION 12, ORDINANCE NO. 2280, SO AS TO INCLUDE CERTAIN PROPERTIES WITHIN THE R-1 (ONE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) DISTRICT AT 2125 LITTLE LANE, BEING 0.852 ACRES IN THE J.B. McANAI SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 763 (NORTHSTAR BANK OF TEXAS, OWNERS; HOYTE RIDLEHUBER, PROSPECTIVE BUYER; BEN DYE, REPRESENTATIVE; AND UNDERWOOD DRAFTING AND SURVEYING, SURVEYORS); PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER.

**ORD 5924
ZONE CHANGE
(2125 LITTLE LANE)**

No citizens appeared before the City Council to discuss Ordinance 5924.

The Public Hearing was closed.

**TABLED AT THE AUGUST 3, 2015 CITY COUNCIL MEETING:
ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 5889**

Ordinance 5889

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 4 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, ENTITLED "BUSINESS REGULATIONS", ARTICLE 4.14, ENTITLED "ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES", AT DIVISION 2, ENTITLED "LAWFUL CONSUMPTION", SECTION 4.14.034, ENTITLED "HOURS OF OPERATIONS", AND AT DIVISION 3, ENTITLED "UNLAWFUL CONSUMPTION", SECTION 4.14.066, ENTITLED "SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DURING EXTENDED HOURS BY PRIVATE CLUB PERMITTEE", TO PROVIDE FOR EXTENDED HOURS FOR THE SALE OF ALCOHOL PURSUANT TO THE TEXAS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CODE; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER.

**ORD 5889
LATE HOURS FOR
ALCOHOL SALES**

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Sofey to remove Ordinance No. 5889 from table for discussion. Second by Council Member Watt.

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

VOTING NAY: None.

MOTION CARRIED TO REMOVE FROM TABLE.

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

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**ORD 5915
ANNEXATION
CARRIAGE HOUSE
ESTATES**

SHERMAN'S EXTRA TERRITORIAL JURISDICTION;
PROVIDING FOR A MUNICIPAL PLAN; PROVIDING FOR
SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER.

Ordinance 5916

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DESCRIBED HEREIN, IN THE CITY OF SHERMAN, GRAYSON
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CONDITIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR
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ORD 5916
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ORD 5919
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ORD 5920
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RULE CHARTER, ENTITLED "TAXATION", AT SECTION 4,
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ORD 5921
AMEND HOME
RULE CHARTER

Ordinance 5922

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SERVICE, RENTAL,
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ORD 5924

ZONE CHANGE
(2125 LITTLE LANE)

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Sofey to approve Ordinance Nos. 5915, 5916, 5917, 5918, 5919, 5920, 5921, 5922, 5923, and 5924, as presented. Second by Council Member Davis.

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

VOTING NAY: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

Ordinance 5889

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 4 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, ENTITLED "BUSINESS REGULATIONS", ARTICLE 4.14, ENTITLED "ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES", AT

ORD 5889

LATE HOURS FOR
ALCOHOL SALES

DIVISION 2, ENTITLED "LAWFUL CONSUMPTION", SECTION 4.14.034, ENTITLED "HOURS OF OPERATIONS", AND AT DIVISION 3, ENTITLED "UNLAWFUL CONSUMPTION", SECTION 4.14.066, ENTITLED "SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DURING EXTENDED HOURS BY PRIVATE CLUB PERMITTEE", TO PROVIDE FOR EXTENDED HOURS FOR THE SALE OF ALCOHOL PURSUANT TO THE TEXAS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CODE; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER.

Council Member Couch said he asked that this ordinance be put back on the agenda because he has been approached by both citizens and business owners.

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Couch to approve Ordinance No. 5889, as presented. Second by Council Member Watt.

Council Member Davis asked what comments Council Member Couch had heard from the business owners and the community. Council Member Couch said Jake Knight was in the audience and he had some comments.

Jake Knight, 1719 E. Pecan

Mr. Knight is the owner of Rendezvous Bar and Grill in Sherman. He said that since the non-smoking ban became effective, it has affected his business by 15% to 20%. He said that can be verified through www.alcoholsales.com.

Council Member Steele entered the meeting at 5:13 p.m.

Mr. Knight also presented alcohol sales for several locally owned businesses for year-to-date information from 2014 to today, Cellerman's is up 6%; City Limits is up 10%; Rendezvous Bar and Grill is down 15.48%.

In Denison, North Rig Grill is up 3.5%; Coyote Club is up 56.16%, most of which came in the past month, since the smoking ban in Sherman; Tupelo Honey is up 25.3%.

Mr. Knight felt it would be wise for Sherman to enact the late hours to keep tax money in the City of Sherman, as well as revenue for small business owners. He also felt it would keep the streets safer. He said when bars close down at midnight, not everyone goes home. Some drive to Denison. Mr. Knight felt it would be safer to keep them in Sherman.

Mr. Knight said there are two taxicabs in Sherman and they can't "get to everybody." When the bars close at midnight, he's taking some people to the bars in Denison and some people home. He felt more people would arrive home safer if they were kept in Sherman.

He also felt adding the late night hours might bring Uber into the City and enhance both jobs and tax money for Sherman.

Council Member Watt asked Otis Henry, Police Chief, about his opinion on the late hours for alcohol sales. Chief Henry said he appreciated the business and the financial side of the issue, but his concern was with the public safety issue.

Intoxicated drivers and fatalities that are related to people who drive is one of the leading causes of death. Fatality accidents occur at a rate of about four times greater at night than during the daytime. He felt allowing someone to stay that additional one hour in the bar, has the potential to cause greater problems.

Deputy Mayor Sofey asked if it was a valid argument about people that leave a bar in Sherman at midnight, drive to Denison, and then return home later. Chief Henry said the minimum blood alcohol content is 0.08% and it doesn't take much to get to that point.

He said people may feel more comfortable going to drink some place that is closer to their home, but that doesn't make them any less intoxicated. He added that we like to rely on the designated driver, but many times that person is the drunkest one in the car.

Chief Henry said he appears from a public safety standpoint. The retail side is greater profits with alcohol sales, but there is a tremendous loss when they work a fatality accident. The statistic of being four times more likely to have a fatality accident at night is from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Council Member Couch said when the issue was originally discussed at the August 3, 2015 Council Meeting, Chief Henry said he did not feel it would be that big of an issue to extend the alcohol sales one hour. He asked if he was retracting that statement.

Chief Henry said he was retracting that statement and said he had done additional research since that time and considered the issue and formed the opinion that he gave tonight.

Mr. Hefton said the staff has not completed a study and there probably wouldn't be data to do a study in this area. The staff is giving their opinion about the impact of alcohol related fatalities, not necessarily whether or not this situation would create more fatalities. There is no way to say whether it would or wouldn't. Chief Henry's point is that alcohol related accidents result in a higher incidence of fatalities and more dangerous situations.

Brandon Shelby, City Attorney, said before the issue came up the last time, he was asked by the City Council to look

into this data, but it is really hard to find conclusive evidence as to the effect of late hour sales. The question is not about going from dry to wet areas, it's going from stopping at midnight to stopping at 2:00 a.m. He said he was unable to find a conclusive study on the issue and it is very hard to quantify the data.

Council Member Couch felt that as to the public safety issue, it would not be putting additional people on the road. Research shows that the Frisco Chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving were actually advocates for extending alcohol sales because it kept people off the road to go to Allen and Plano.

He said the State of Texas also allows businesses to be open to 2:00 a.m., but it has to be "ordained" by the City. Council Member Couch felt there was no reason to oppose this and that they should allow these businesses to have the opportunity for another hour of sales. He felt it was an economic issue as well as a public safety issue.

Council Member Davis said closing the bars at 12:00 midnight does not necessarily stop the drinking at 12:00 midnight.

Council Member Couch felt this was a great opportunity to help the business owners. He said about eight citizens approached him in the past week and a half about the issue, and he felt it would be a progressive step for businesses and would help make Sherman a "business friendly" City.

Council Member Steele asked if there was any way to find statistics on the number of DWI offenses since the no-smoking ban was enacted, to see if there has been an increase. Chief Henry said he would see if he had access to this type of statistics.

Council Member Davis asked bar owners what type of education their bartenders have and what care is taken to keep people in their establishment that shouldn't be driving.

Denny Callahan, 398 Jennettes Road, Denison

Mr. Callahan is the owner of City Limits in Sherman. Mr. Callahan said he would like to have the option to create greater sales on Friday and Saturday nights. He added that he wasn't saying he would stay open to 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday nights. He added that it would increase sales tax for the City of Sherman.

He said servers must be 18 or over to serve alcohol in Texas. He said it is not required, but is suggested by the Texas Alcohol Beverage Commission, that they attend a training seller program, of which they have to pass by 75%.

Mr. Callahan said all of his servers are required to attend this training every two years. He said if you have a liquor

license in Texas, it is against the law to serve someone that is intoxicated.

He added that there is also a great cab system in Sherman with two cabs that operate locally.

Council Member Watt asked if it would have a negative impact if the ordinance included the TABC training as a requirement. Mr. Knight said it is already a State requirement. Mr. Callahan said it was highly recommended, but he didn't think TABC could enforce the requirement.

Council Member Watt asked if the City had the ability to write that requirement into the ordinance. Mr. Shelby said it might have to be a separate ordinance, but the City could make that requirement.

Council Member Johnson asked if they could obtain local statistics from midnight to 2:00 a.m. Chief Henry said it shouldn't be very difficult.

She added that this change would generate revenue for Sherman and would keep people in Sherman and off the roads, but she said it would be a huge liability if they extend the hours to 2:00 a.m. and there are more fatalities during that timeframe. Council Member Johnson clarified by saying she was asking if it was true that there are greater fatalities or accidents between midnight and 2:00 a.m., traveling to Denison from Sherman.

Council Member Couch asked about the permitting process for the late hours. Mr. Shelby said the late hours permit is a separate permit from the one they already carry. They would need to contact TABC to obtain a late hours permit.

Mr. Knight said they would not "have" to stay open late, but would have the option to do so. Or they might stay open late on Friday and Saturday nights, but not throughout the week.

Council Member Watt asked if there was another bar owner in attendance at the meeting.

Seth Hearn, General Manager of the Old Iron Post

Mr. Hearn is the General Manager of the Old Iron Post. Council Member Watt asked if it would have a negative financial impact on his organization if the City required the State recommended training. Mr. Hearn said they already require that training.

Council Member Watt said he liked the "moderate approach" with the training required as opposed to recommended by the State.

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Council Member Davis said he also thought the training was required, and because of the protection from civil liabilities, every “legitimate” place has that training.

Council Member Couch said the ordinance being considered was an “hours only” ordinance and any other requirement would need to be a separate ordinance. Mr. Shelby said he would need to research the issue. He also asked if the Council wanted that requirement to include all bar personnel or only bar personnel that adopt the late hours.

Council Members discussed whether or not the training should be a requirement for all establishments serving alcohol or only those with late hours. Deputy Mayor Sofey asked how that requirement would be enforced.

Council Member Steele asked if the proposed ordinance is approved tonight, how long would it take for an establishment to receive a permit for extended hours. An audience member said it would take about 90 days. He verified that the Council could come back with another ordinance after Mr. Shelby completes his research. He said it may already be a requirement.

Local Attorney Joe Smith said he was “90% sure” that the training is already a TABC requirement. Council Member Watt said he is a “public safety person” and he agreed with Chief Henry’s assessment, however if there was a commitment to revisit the training requirement, he could “live with that.”

Mr. Hefton reiterated that the staff will bring back the answer as to whether or not the City can require training. If it’s already a part of the law, it doesn’t matter. If it’s not part of the law, the staff will bring back a recommendation on a separate ordinance to require training, and on whether it can be attached only to the businesses that choose to serve alcohol to the extended hours of 2:00 a.m. He said it may have to be applied to all establishments that serve alcohol.

Deputy Mayor Sofey was in favor of the ordinance, but expressed concern about how the training part could be enforced. Mr. Hefton said there may be many ordinances that are difficult to enforce. Mr. Shelby said he would be astonished if it wasn’t already a requirement.

Council Member Watt reiterated that the Council should “revisit” the training requirement.

RESTATEMENT OF MOTION.

Motion by Council Member Couch to approve Ordinance No. 5889, as presented. Second by Council Member Watt.

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

VOTING NAY: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

CONSENT AGENDA

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.

REQUEST TO ADVERTISE

ELECTRONIC DOCUMENT MANAGEMENT SERVICES

The City Council approved the request to solicit bids for the purchase and implementation of electronic document management software to securely track, manage and store electronic documents in a central repository.

The first-year estimated cost of \$55,000 was approved by the City Council in the FY 2016 Budget, and is part of a multi-year project implementation.

CONSENT AGENDA.

ANNUAL SUPPLY OF CHEMICALS

The City Council approved a request to advertise for the annual supply of industrial chemicals, primarily for use at the Water Treatment Plant and the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

CONSENT AGENDA.

OTHER BUSINESS

RECEIVE PRESENTATION ON A NUMBER OF TRANSPORTATION RELATED ISSUES IN THE CITY OF SHERMAN

Clay Barnett, Director of Public Works and Engineering, presented an update on Transportation Planning for the City.

At the 2015 Budget Planning Meeting, the City Council identified the development and management of the FM 1417 Corridor as a priority. In May 2015, a contract was approved with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for transportation and planning services. He introduced Rob Rae, Project Manager, with Kimley-Horn.

Mr. Rae explained that thoroughfare planning is a legislative act that cities can do to preserve right-of-way, determine alignment, and to set design standards for City streets. The plan is typically updated every 5 to 10 years, mainly because of growth.

He explained that the current plan is an update to the Thoroughfare Plan that was included in the Comprehensive Master Plan of 2009. Changes included in the new plan are an updated thoroughfare plan map, new standard cross sections, technical analysis for the sizing of roads in undeveloped areas, changes to the northwest sector, and the Taylor Street realignment.

The updated map will help guide City staff, developers, land owners, and residents to show where growth will be occurring and the plan for that growth.

CONSENT AGENDA

**REQ TO ADVERTISE
ELECTRONIC
DOCUMENT MGMT
SERVICES**

**ANNUAL SUPPLY
OF CHEMICALS**

**TRANSPORTATION
ISSUES**

He added that this study only looked at the northwest sector of the City, and changes were only made to this area. The thoroughfare plan for the rest of the City did not change from the 2009 plan.

Mr. Rae said the study included demographic projections based on the future land use plan, including if the area grew with single family residences and more acreage. This determines what the impact on the transportation network would be.

Mr. Rae said the study especially looked at the connection of Taylor Street to FM 1417. Taylor Street is a major corridor that connects from one side of Sherman to the other. However, after it passes FM 1417, it currently stops at Carriage House, and there's not an opportunity to go farther west.

They looked at different ways to realign Taylor Street and ways to provide development opportunities along FM 1417, so there's enough room for retail or commercial development. Further west as it crosses FM 1417, they also looked at how it would meander through, south of Carriage Estates and connect at the current existing alignment which is a two lane rural road.

Mr. Rae said currently, only Washington Street and Lamberth Road provide major access west of FM 1417. Having Taylor Street connect west provides a third option for people to access the commercial development on FM 1417.

Mr. Barnett said the City needs to continue to look at how Taylor Street is connected and there will be discussion about when to acquire the right-of-way and when the development of the road will be included in the Capital Improvement Plan.

The staff also needs to look at how to continue the planning effort because this is not the only area of the City that they will need to review.

He said there has been many recent developments in transportation funding, both on a State and Federal level. Mr. Barnett said there are a number of projects that will be undertaken by the Sherman-Denison Metropolitan Planning Organization, as well as projects through the Texas Department of Transportation.

Mr. Barnett said the staff is recommending that a transportation workshop be held in the first quarter of 2016 to discuss the issues.

Council Member Couch verified that the City has not purchased the right-of-way for the development on Taylor Street.

Mr. Hefton said the staff's goal is to have a two or three hour transportation workshop in mid to late January 2016.

DISCUSSION OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN'S TEXAS MAIN STREET TOURISM PROGRAMS

**MAIN STREET
TOURISM PROGRAMS**

Steve Ayers, Director of Community and Support Services, presented an update on the Texas Main Street Program and the Tourism Program.

The application for the Texas Main Street Program was initiated by former Mayor Cary Wacker. Sherman was previously designated a Main Street City in the mid 1990's. Sherman was accepted and will officially be a Texas Main Street City on January 1, 2016.

The staff has been reviewing how the designation will fit into the City's current tourism program and their budget. The designation operates through the Texas Historical Commission and provides technical expertise, resources, and support for communities in the preservation and revitalization of historic downtowns. The focus is on organization, economic restructuring, design and promotion.

Mr. Ayers said the designation is a three year commitment but does not include any grant funding. The City will commit to having a full-time employee that will dedicate about half of their time to the Main Street Program. An Advisory Committee will also be formed and will work hand-in-hand with the Main Street Program Manager. The Program Manager will be under the responsibility of the City of Sherman and will receive annual training.

The mission of the Tourism Department is to promote Sherman as a premier location for cultural, recreational, and leisure activities for visitors, and features some similarities with the Main Street Program.

Objectives of the program are to increase visitor awareness; promote Sherman's unique heritage, venues, and activities; maintain effective relationships with tourism related entities and stakeholders; promote local arts and humanities; and foster usage of City facilities for events.

The tourism program is funded in the City's current budget but is being managed by the Chamber of Commerce. With the commitment of the Main Street Program, and the requirement to provide a Main Street Manager that devotes half of their time to that program, the staff would propose to "marry" the programs and unify management responsibilities.

Mr. Ayers said economically, the program will not impact the current budget. He said the two programs have a related purpose and it will be cost effective to unify the leadership responsibilities under one program manager.

He said the staff's proposal would not change the current tourism budget of \$240,000. Some costs would be moved around to accommodate the changes.

There are also some thoughts on the office location for the program manager, which should be downtown, close to the Square. One opportunity would be office space located in the Boardwalk Building, with frontage on Travis Street.

The office would be at ground level and would be about 675 square feet. Cost of the office would be about the same as what is being funded for office space now. The office would be available in February or March 2016. They could provide a temporary office on the second floor if needed.

Mr. Ayers said the Tourism Program is currently operating under a 90 day contract, which ends December 31, 2015. The proposal is to unify the Tourism Program and the Main Street Program under the responsibility of Mr. Ayers, as the Community and Support Services Director.

The Main Street Program Manager position will be advertised internally and externally. Annual training for the Main Street Program will be held at the end of January 2016, so they hope to have a program manager in place by that time.

He said the staff also proposes a 30 day extension of the tourism contract with the Chamber of Commerce through January 31, 2016.

Council Member Couch verified that there would not be grant money available through the Main Street Program. Mr. Ayers said the program includes resources, training, expertise, and working with many successful programs throughout the State.

Council Member Couch asked if there was any data about how Sherman's hotel occupancy was compared to surrounding areas. Are the events that are being funded actually filling local hotel rooms?

Mr. Keene said hotel revenue is tracked annually, but tracking the impact of the specific tourism events on that revenue might be harder.

Mayor Plyler asked if the Main Street Program would help coordinate the advisory committee; tourism; the City's events, such as Lights on the Lake and Hot Summer Nights; as well as events from other groups such as the Hispanic Heritage Festival. Mr. Ayers said he felt it would help unify those efforts, while working toward the same goal.

Mr. Hefton said the person hired for this position will be a critical hire and will be "the face of Sherman" in some ways. They will be a liaison with local organizations, but will also

be representing the City at regional and State events. He said it is prudent to post the position both internally and externally and said there will probably be local applicants as well as some outside the region. The staff will then hire the “best fit” for the job.

Council Member Davis expressed concern about getting the right person so quickly since the holiday season is at hand. Mr. Hefton said they hope to have the person hired and able to send to the training by the end of January 2016. However, it is most important to hire the right person and the staff will take whatever time is necessary to do so.

Council Member Johnson verified that the Main Street Program Manager will report to Mr. Ayers. He said the person hired will serve as both Tourism Manager and Main Street Program Manager. Money had already been budgeted for a part-time administrative assistant for the Main Street Program Manager, in anticipation of receiving that designation.

Mr. Hefton said the Main Street Program is not new to Sherman. The community was previously designated as a Main Street City. The staff has a plan on paper, but it will be evaluated and “tweaked” as things move forward.

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Steele to proceed with the plan, funding, and hiring of the Main Street Manager, as presented. Second by Council Member Watt.

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

VOTING NAY: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

CONSIDER REQUEST OF DOWNTOWN SHERMAN PRESERVATION & REVITALIZATION TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE CERTAIN STREETS FOR “CRAFT THE NIGHT AWAY” ON SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 2016

The City Council approved the request of Downtown Sherman Preservation & Revitalization to temporarily close Crockett and Travis Streets, between Lamar Street and Houston Street, on Saturday, April 16, 2016, from noon until 11:00 p.m. for “Craft the Night Away.”

The event will feature food trucks and/or vendors, a band and other activities. The City will provide barricades, cones and trash receptacles for the event. DSP&R will work with the Police Department to arrange for security officers. The streets must remain accessible for emergency vehicles at all times.

CONSENT AGENDA.

CONSIDER REQUEST OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD RECREATIONAL COMMITTEE TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE CERTAIN STREETS FOR THE 2016 DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY PARADE ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 2016

**CLOSE STREETS
DSP&R “CRAFT
THE NIGHT AWAY”
(APRIL 16, 2016)**

**CLOSE STREETS
DR. MARTIN LUTHER
KING, JR. DAY
PARADE**

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The City Council approved the request of the Neighborhood Recreational Committee to temporarily close certain streets for the 2016 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Parade, on Saturday, January 16, 2016, at 12 noon. The City will provide traffic control assistance for the event.

CONSENT AGENDA.

(JAN. 16, 2016)

FINAL PLAT APPROVAL OF THE RISK ADDITION, BEING 5.21 ACRES IN THE REUBEN HENDRIX SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 504; RISK FAMILY PARTNERSHIP, LTD, OWNER; AND SARTIN AND ASSOCIATES, INC., SURVEYOR (2810 TEXOMA PARKWAY)

The City Council approved the Final Plat of the Risk Addition, located at 2810 Texoma Parkway, north of US Hwy 82. The owner would like to plat the 5.21 acre property into two lots for commercial development.

APPROVE FINAL PLAT
RISK FAMILY
PARTNERSHIP
(2810 TEXOMA PKWY)

The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the Final Plat, subject to the Staff Review Letter.
CONSENT AGENDA.

FINAL PLAT APPROVAL OF THE REPLAT OF A PART OF LOT 5, BLOCK ONE, MIDWAY INDUSTRIAL PARK ADDITION, BEING 53.192 ACRES IN THE J.B. SHANNON SURVEY, ABSTRACT NO. 1085, ALSO BEING A REPLAT OF A PART OF LOT 5, BLOCK 1, MIDWAY INDUSTRIAL PARK ADDITION; DATAVAULT JOINT VENTURE, OWNER; CRANNELL, CRANNELL & MARTIN ENGINEERING, ENGINEER; AND UNDERWOOD DRAFTING AND SURVEYING, SURVEYOR (2945 FALLON DRIVE)

The City Council approved the Final Plat of the Replat of a Part of Lot 5, Block One, Midway Industrial Park Addition, located at 2945 Fallon Drive.

APPROVE FINAL PLAT
MIDWAY INDUSTRIAL
PARK ADDITION
(2945 FALLON DR.)

The owner would like to replat the 53.192 acre property for industrial development. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the Final Plat, subject to the Staff Review Letter.
CONSENT AGENDA.

REPLAT APPROVAL OF LOTS 1 & 2, BLOCK 1, STATE HIGHWAY 91 NORTH ADDITION, BEING LOTS 1 AND 2, BLOCK 1, STATE HIGHWAY 91 NORTH ADDITION, CONTAINING 2.431 ACRES; BARBARA BROWN, OWNER; KYLE BOOTHE, BLUESTONE PARTNERS, LLC, CONTRACTOR/REPRESENTATIVE; AND UNDERWOOD DRAFTING AND SURVEYING, SURVEYOR (4009 AND 4015 TEXOMA PARKWAY)

The City Council approved the Replat of Lots 1 and 2, Block 1, SH 91 North Addition, being Lots 1 and 2, Block 1 SH 91 North Addition, located at 4009 and 4015 Texoma Parkway.

APPROVE REPLAT
NORTH ADDITION
(4009 & 4015
TEXOMA PKWY)

The owner would like to replat the property into one lot for commercial development. The Planning and Zoning

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Commission recommended approval of the Replat, subject to the Staff Review Letter.
CONSENT AGENDA.

APPROVAL OF THE 2015 AD VALOREM TAX ROLL VALUE AND TAX LEVY

The City Council approved the 2015 Ad Valorem Tax Roll Value and Tax Levy for FY 2015-2016. The Grayson County Tax Assessor/Collector's Office has provided Sherman's taxable value as \$2,529,491,444.00, which equates to a levy of \$9,310,582.88 based on the City's total tax rate of \$0.372 per \$100 valuation.
CONSENT AGENDA.

AD VALOREM TAX
ROLL VALUE &
TAX LEVY

CITIZENS REQUESTS

There were no citizen's requests.

CITIZENS REQUESTS

MEDIA QUESTIONS

There were no media questions.

MEDIA QUESTIONS

REMOVE ITEMS FROM TABLE
ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Sofey to remove the following six boards from table, for discussion and appointment.
Second by Council Member Couch.
VOTING AYE: Couch, Davis, Johnson, Sofey, Steele, Watt.
VOTING NAY: None.
MOTION CARRIED TO REMOVE FROM TABLE.

REMOVE ITEMS
FROM TABLE

COUNCIL AUDIT COMMITTEE (3)

Mayor Plyler, Council Member Davis, and Council Member Couch agreed to serve on the Council Audit Committee for a term from December 8, 2015 to November 2016.

COUNCIL AUDIT
COMMITTEE

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE (2)

Deputy Mayor Sofey and Council Member Watt agreed to serve on the Investment Committee for a term from December 8, 2015 to November 2016.

INVESTMENT
COMMITTEE

TAX REINVESTMENT COMMITTEE (2)

Council Member Steele and Council Member Johnson agreed to serve on the Tax Reinvestment Committee for a term from December 8, 2015 to November 2016.

TAX REINVESTMENT
COMMITTEE

TAX INCREMENT FINANCING BOARD #1

Mayor Plyler, Council Member Davis, and Deputy Mayor Sofey agreed to serve on the Tax Increment Financing Board #1 for a term from December 8, 2015 to November 2016.

TAX INCREMENT
FINANCING BOARD
#1

TAX INCREMENT FINANCING BOARD #2

Mayor Plyler, Council Member Davis, and Council Member Couch agreed to serve on the Tax Increment Financing Board #2 for a term from December 8, 2015 to November 2016.

TAX INCREMENT
FINANCING BOARD
#2

TAX INCREMENT FINANCING BOARD #3

Mayor Plyler, Council Member Davis, and Council Member Johnson agreed to serve on the Tax Increment Financing Board #3 for a term from December 8, 2015 to November 2016.

TAX INCREMENT
FINANCING BOARD
#3

COUNCIL COMMENTS

SERVICE ON TEXOMA AREA PARATRANSIT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Council Member Couch thanked Council Member Steele for his service on the Texoma Area Paratransit Board of Directors. He has done a good job representing the City.

SERVICE ON
TAPS BOARD

FOOD TRUCK ORDINANCE

Council Member Couch said when he was campaigning, citizens approached him about selling food from trucks at various events or to park and permanently sell food.

FOOD TRUCK
ORDINANCE

He said Mr. Hefton, Mr. Shelby, and Scott Shadden, Development Coordinator, are working on an ordinance.

TEXOMA AREA PARATRANSIT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Council Member Steele said he was late to the Council Meeting because he was at a three hour TAPS Board Meeting. He said they are moving forward and look forward to TAPS “getting back on its feet” and surviving in the area.

TAPS BOARD
OF DIRECTORS

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE

Council Member Steele said the recent lighting of the Christmas Tree and the Christmas Parade were great.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS
PARADE

SERVICE ON TEXOMA AREA PARATRANSIT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Council Member Davis also thanked Mr. Steele for his service on the TAPS Board. He said it was a hard job to have and they appreciated his work.

SERVICE ON
TAPS BOARD

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE

Council Member Davis said the parade was great, the community was together, and the children were excited.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS
PARADE

CONGRATULATIONS TO NEW COUNCIL MEMBER

Council Member Davis congratulated new Council Member Tammy Johnson on her appointment. He thanked her for her willingness to serve.

CONGRATULATIONS
TO NEW COUNCIL
MEMBER

WELCOME TO NEW COUNCIL MEMBER

Deputy Mayor Sofey welcomed new Council Member Tammy Johnson to the Council.

WELCOME TO
NEW COUNCIL
MEMBER

SERVICE ON TEXOMA AREA PARATRANSIT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Deputy Mayor Sofey also thanked Council Member Steele for his service on the TAPS Board.

SERVICE ON
TAPS BOARD

THANKS TO STAFF

Deputy Mayor Sofey thanked the staff, Mr. Barnett, and the people at Kimley-Horn. The projects that the staff are working on go unnoticed until 25 years down the line, when the road system and development is in disarray. He said it is a big undertaking and he is looking forward to the accomplishments. He said it will be very important for the City in years to come.

WELCOME TO NEW COUNCIL MEMBER

Council Member Watt welcomed new Council Member Tammy Johnson to the City Council and said it will be a pleasure working with her.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE

Council Member Watt recognized Lauren Roth, Tourism Director, and all those involved in the Christmas Tree Lighting and the Annual Christmas Parade, saying it was awesome.

SERVICE ON TEXOMA AREA PARATRANSIT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Council Member Watt thanked Council Member Steele for his service on the TAPS Board, saying that they appreciate that he is a man of integrity and “walks the walk.”

THANKS FOR APPOINTMENT TO CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Johnson thanked City Council Members for appointing her to the City Council.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE

Council Member Johnson recognized Ms. Roth, saying that the Christmas Tree was beautiful and there were many people at the Annual Christmas Parade.

SERVICE ON TEXOMA AREA PARATRANSIT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Council Member Johnson thanked Council Member Steele for his service on the TAPS Board. She said it is a service much needed in the Sherman area, and she hoped something positive would come of it.

THANKS TO COUNCIL MEMBERS

Council Member Johnson thanked the other Council Members, saying that she was very proud to stand with them.

NEW CHRISTMAS TREE AND ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE

Mayor Plyler thanked Ms. Roth and her staff for the purchase of the new Christmas Tree and said the Christmas Parade was lovely and everyone seemed to enjoy it.

TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

Mayor Plyler recognized Mr. Barnett and his staff for the

THANKS TO STAFF

WELCOME TO
NEW COUNCIL
MEMBER

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS
PARADE

SERVICE ON
TAPS BOARD

THANKS FOR
APPOINTMENT TO
CITY COUNCIL

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS
PARADE

SERVICE ON
TAPS BOARD

THANKS TO
COUNCIL MEMBERS

NEW CHRISTMAS
TREE & ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS PARADE

TRANSPORTATION
PROGRAM

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Transportation Plan, adding that he really liked the “round-a-bout”.

FINLEY THEATER PRESENTATION OF SCROOGE

Mayor Plyler said he attended the Finley Theater presentation of “Scrooge” saying it was a wonderful production. He encouraged citizens to attend.

**FINLEY THEATER
PRESENTATION OF
SCROOGE**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Plyler announced the following:

- The Parks and Recreation Department will host the Candy Cane Hunt on December 12, 2015, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, at Pecan Grove Park – West.
- The 2015 Nutcracker Ballet will be held at Kidd-Key Auditorium on December 21 and 22, 2015, at 7:00 pm.
- The City’s Solid Waste and Recycling Department will be closed Christmas Day and New Year’s Day. If your trash is normally picked up on Friday, move it to Thursday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Mayor Plyler wished everyone a safe and blessed holiday.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

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(2)

CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY CONCERNING PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION:
RECEIVE THE CITY ATTORNEY’S BRIEFING ON PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION

SECTION 551.074

PERSONNEL MATTERS:
CONSIDER THE QUALIFICATIONS, APPOINTMENT AND REMOVAL OF MEMBERS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:
GREATER TEXOMA UTILITY AUTHORITY (GTUA) BOARD OF DIRECTORS (2)

DELIBERATE THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, EVALUATION, REASSIGNMENT, DUTIES, DISCIPLINE OR DISMISSAL OF A PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE

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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 at 6:20 p.m.

John Spears from Quin Studio took a group photograph of the Council Members prior to the start of Executive Session. Council Members reconvened in Executive Session at 6:28 p.m.

On Motion duly made and carried, the Executive Session recessed at 7:05 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

GREATER TEXOMA UTILITY AUTHORITY (GTUA) BOARD OF DIRECTORS (2)

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Sofey to reappoint George Rowland and to appoint Donald Johnston to the Greater Texoma Utility Authority Board of Directors for a term from December 31, 2015 to December 31, 2017. Second by Council Member Couch.

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

VOTING NAY: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

GTUA BOARD
OF DIRECTORS

ADJOURNMENT

On Motion duly made and carried, the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MAYOR

CITY CLERK