STATE OF TEXAS §

December 7, 2009

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 December 7, 2009.

MEMBERS PRESENT: MAYOR BILL MAGERS; DEPUTY MAYOR JOE SMITH. COUNCIL MEMBERS ADAMI, HOWETH, SOFTLY, STEELE, WACKER.

MEMBERS ABSENT: NONE.

CALL TO ORDER

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Mayor Bill Magers called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance and the Invocation were given by Council Member Willie Steele.

Mayor Magers recognized December 7, 2009 as Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, and thanked all those who served their country.

APPROVE MINUTES

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The Council reviewed the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of November 16, 2009. Council Member Adami moved to approve the Minutes as presented; Second by Council Member Wacker. All present voted AYE.
MOTION CARRIED.

INTRODUCTION AND PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCES

ORD 5632
NO PARKING SIGNS
(W. McLAIN)

Mayor Magers introduced Ordinance 5632 and called for a public hearing:
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR PERMANENT "NO PARKING" SIGNS RESTRICTING PARKING ALONG PORTIONS OF THE NORTH SIDE OF THE 300 BLOCK OF WEST McLAIN STREET WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN.

No citizens appeared before the City Council to discuss Ordinance 5632.

ORD 5633
SUP FOR
PARKING LOT
(2917 OVERLAND TR.)

Mayor Magers introduced Ordinance 5633 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 AN AUTOMOBILE PARKING LOT IN AN R-1 (ONE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) DISTRICT AT 2917 OVERLAND TRAIL, BEING LOT 4, BLOCK 2, O'HANLON RANCH ADDITION, PHASE 2 (BLUESTONE PARTNERS, LLC, OWNERS); PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER; PROVIDING

THAT THIS SPECIFIC USE PERMIT SHALL BE GRANTED SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS; PROVIDING A PENALTY NOT TO EXCEED $2,000.

No citizens appeared before the City Council to discuss Ordinance 5633.

The Public Hearing was closed.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

<u>ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES</u>

Ordinance 5632

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Council Member Steele verified that the request would be for a parking lot that would be located west of the existing parking. Joe Dell, Branch Manager, for Bluestone Partners LLC, explained it would alleviate parking stress in the current parking lot and where people are parking on the street. He added that the fence would be extended to screen the parking lot from the residential area.

Council Member Steele said there would still be area to the north and verified that it was going to remain vacant land for now. If Bluestone Partners wanted to construct a building on that area they would still need to have the property rezoned. He said that area would eventually be used for parking too.

Mayor Mages asked why they didn't want to rezone it now. Mr. Dell said it didn't need to be rezoned if they weren't going to construct a building. They just needed a Specific Use Permit for a parking lot. Mayor Magers verified that the area is still zoned residential and Bluestone Partners could not construct a building on the property without a zone change.

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Smith to approve Ordinance Nos. 5632 and 5633, as presented. Second by Council Member Softly.

VOTING AYE: Adami, Howeth, Smith, Softly, Steele, Wacker.
VOTING NAY: None.
MOTION CARRIED.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

RESOLUTIONS

RES 5438 DOWNTOWN SHERMAN STREETSCAPE

RESOLUTION NO. 5438 – CERTIFYING FUNDING AND SUPPORT FOR THE TEXAS TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM NOMINATION FORM 2009 WITH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE APPLICATION TO RECEIVE FUNDING TO BUILD THE DOWNTOWN SHERMAN STREETSCAPE ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

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George Olson, City Manager, explained that the Texas Department of Transportation called for nominations for the Texas Transportation Enhancement Program grant application. With the recently completed Comprehensive Master Plan, the staff determined that the enhancement program would fit with the downtown area, which is a priority of the Comprehensive Plan.

Since David Baca, Principal, and Jared Tredway, Project Manager, with David Baca Studio has been working with Downtown Sherman Preservation and Revitalization, the staff approached them and asked for assistance with the grant submission. The Council is asked to consider approval of the submission, and the grant award is scheduled to be announced by the end of 2010. Funding would be scheduled for 2011.

Mr. Olson said David Baca Studio is also working with DSP&R on the Tax Increment Financing funds. A presentation will be made at a later time on projects for the TIF funds. However, Mr. Olson explained that if the projects are approved and funded, they will fit together and be positive for the downtown area.

David Baca, Principal, David Baca Studio

Mr. Baca discussed the projects that will be included in the funding. The Brockett Street Project is almost complete and was funded from money set aside to create a connection from Austin College to downtown.

The TIF funding projects would include Travis Street and the Court House Square and will be presented to the Council at a later date.

The proposed grant for the Transportation Enhancement project will connect Highway 75 to the proposed Travis Street project, and then to the Brockett Street project. This will create a connection from Highway 75 to Austin College.

Mr. Baca presented the proposed plan for the grant application submission, which includes Houston and Lamar Streets, from Highway 75 to Montgomery Street. The Court House Square is not a part of this plan but is included in the TIF plan.

The plan includes rebuilding some of the curbs and sidewalks to plant trees, generally at intersections, but also at driveway approaches. Mr. Baca said this would provide better control of traffic and better control visually. They would use landscaped or hardscaped curb in the area used for parking, however no parking spaces will be lost. The street would be narrowed at each intersection which would be a traffic calming device and would increase pedestrian safety.

He presented examples of the narrowed area at intersections and the trees brought out from under the overhead power lines. He said it was less expensive to add trees than it is to bury the overhead lines. Mayor Magers asked if the trees would be planted in the utility right-of-way, but Mr. Baca said they would actually be in the street. Trees would be selected carefully to be sure they were appropriate for the location.

Mr. Baca addressed the expected benefits of the Enhancement Program including increased walkability, slowing of traffic, aesthetic enhancement, and spurring an increase in private development.

Mayor Magers said Oncor has an individual that works with cities on this type of projects. He asked if tree roots would be a problem for underground utilities. Jeff Miller, Director of Public Works, said it possibly could be a problem, but selecting appropriate trees will help a lot. Council Member Steele added that utilities will be enclosed in conduit.

Council Member Steele asked if the grant included any money for long-term maintenance. Mr. Olson said no money was included in the grant for maintenance. Once the trees are established, however, the maintenance will diminish greatly.

Mayor Magers verified that the grant is a 20% match, with the total project being approximately $485,000. TxDOT would fund about $388,000 and the City would fund about $97,000. He reminded the Council that this was just a grant submittal and the money wouldn't be awarded until 2011.

Mayor Magers asked for clarification on the TIF. With the debt service already issued for the projects already done, he thought most of the TIF money had been used for debt service. Robby Hefton, Assistant City Manager/CFO, explained that the money for the $450,000 is in the bank and the debt has been issued, therefore all of the TIF money coming in will be used to service the debt.

The $450,000 that is currently in the bank will be used for the first phase which is the project for Travis Street, the Court House Square, and possibly one other side street. He added that the proposed plan ties in nicely with the other plan that is being proposed for the TIF. Mr. Hefton added that TIF money cannot be used for the match.

Mayor Magers said he thought the project for the lights, trash cans, and planters had used all the TIF money. Mr. Hefton said those projects were done with TIF money, but used only about 10% to 15% of the total funding available for the projects.

Bob Minshew, 703 W. Birge
Mr. Minshew appeared representing DSP&R. He thanked the City for allowing April Patterson, Tourism Director, to help organize this year's Christmas Parade. She and Tracy Carlson, President of the Chamber of Commerce, did a great job.

He also thanked the City staff for working with DSP&R and representatives from David Baca Studio on the Sitescape Plan and the Sherman Now Project. With those projects and now the TxDOT project, the excitement level is high. He encouraged the City Council to adopt the resolution for submission of the grant.

Dr. Tom Nuckols, 2341 Canyon Creek
Dr. Nuckols appeared representing Texoma Parks and Trails. He referenced the earlier forum and petition that urged the Council to give priority to quality of life factors in the Comprehensive Master Plan.

The first issue was the greening of downtown Sherman, which was determined to be the most cost effective, efficient way to transform the City. He commended David Baca Studio for their expertise and for providing leadership in this move. He also commended the City staff who have collaborated on the project. This is the perfect example of cooperation between the public and the private sector. Between the TIF money and the proposed grant, this will give almost $1 million to "green" the downtown.

The second part of the petition discussed a broader issue of "greening" Sherman. An Austin College Survey in 1980 showed that the citizens of Sherman gave a priority to greening Sherman, including parks and trails.

Dr. Nuckols added that the Comprehensive Master Plan gives priority to the development of a plan to green Sherman and specifically to acquire flood plain for green space, for "islands of tranquility."

He urged the City Council not to forget this part of the recommendation and to acquire flood plain to begin the linking of different parks and green space with trails in the flood plain.

Dr. Nuckols said the flood plain area east of F.M. 1417 below Dean Gilbert Dam has specifically been identified, and he urged the staff to begin acquiring the flood plain for development of green space. He urged them to take action within the year.

ACTION TAKEN.
Motion by Council Member Wacker to approve Resolution No. 5438, as presented. Second by Council Member Steele.
VOTING AYE: Adami, Howeth, Smith, Softly, Steele, Wacker.
VOTING NAY: None.
MOTION CARRIED.

<u>RESOLUTION NO. 5439 – AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A JOINT GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE CITY OF DENISON AND GRAYSON COUNTY FOR AND THE ACCEPTANCE OF GRANTS UNDER THE ANNUAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) PROGRAM DISTRIBUTED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE – CFDA #16.738</u>

RES 5439
JAG GRANT FOR SHERMAN, DENISON, GRAYSON COUNTY

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CONSENT AGENDA.

<u>RESOLUTION NO. 5440 – AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SHERMAN, THE CITY OF DENISON, AND GRAYSON COUNTY FOR GRANT FUNDING TO BE AWARDED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE UNDER THE ANNUAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) PROGRAM – CFDA #16.738</u>

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE UNDER THE ANNUAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) PROGRAM – CFDA #16.738.
CONSENT AGENDA.

RES 5441
POLICE DEPT.
SMART PHONES

RESOLUTION NO. 5441 – AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN NCITE MOBILE DETECTIVE SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH IBERON, LLC FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SMART PHONE APPLICATIONS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN NCITE MOBILE DETECTIVE SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH IBERON, LLC FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SMART PHONE APPLICATIONS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Tom Watt, Police Chief, explained that the product would allow for the extension of crime data through the State of Texas to be made available to "smart phones" in the field. At times there are officers that do not have access, or it's not appropriate to use a radio or a laptop, and these officers would be able to receive crime data through the use of their Blackberry. He said this would be a good asset for the Police Department and he asked the Council for their approval.

Chief Watt explained that Iberon's main focus is to create a good working product and to provide it for a low cost. The City would receive 15 licenses and all the software and hardware needed for use of the application for $1 per year. Sherman would then be used as a reference for the application. This is the same type of agreement that Iberon had with the Fire Department for the Intermedix System.

The term of the agreement would be for 3 years, with a 30 day "walk out." Council Member Adami verified that the City currently owns the Blackberrys and Iberon would provide the software and the server for the system.

Mayor Magers verified that the benefit would be that the officers in the field would have more information at their disposal.

ACTION TAKEN.
Motion by Deputy Mayor Smith to approve Resolution No. 5441, as presented. Second by Council Member Steele.
VOTING AYE: Adami, Howeth, Smith, Softly, Steele, Wacker.
VOTING NAY: None.

RES 5442
BRENTS ST.
SEWER
REPLACEMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 5442 – AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH TIMOTHY L. MORRIS, P.E. D/B/A MORRIS ENGINEERS FOR DESIGN OF THE BRENTS STREET SEWER REPLACEMENT PROJECT
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH TIMOTHY L.

MORRIS, P.E. D/B/A MORRIS ENGINEERS FOR DESIGN OF THE BRENTS STREET SEWER REPLACEMENT PROJECT.
CONSENT AGENDA.

RES 5443
PELTON ST.
WATER MAIN
REPLACEMENT

<u>RESOLUTION NO. 5443 – AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH TIMOTHY L. MORRIS, P.E. D/B/A MORRIS ENGINEERS FOR DESIGN OF THE PELTON STREET WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT</u>
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CONSENT AGENDA.

RES 5444
ANNUAL SUPPLY
OF CHEMICALS

<u>RESOLUTION NO. 5444 – AWARDING BIDS TO AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACTS WITH MULTIPLE VENDORS FOR AN ANNUAL SUPPLY OF CHEMICALS FOR THE SHERMAN WATER TREATMENT PLANT</u>
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, AWARDING BIDS TO AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACTS WITH MULTIPLE VENDORS FOR AN ANNUAL SUPPLY OF CHEMICALS FOR THE SHERMAN WATER TREATMENT PLANT.
CONSENT AGENDA.

RES 5445
COMMUNICATION
ANTENNAS ON
FAIRVIEW WATER
TOWER

<u>RESOLUTION NO. 5445 – AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A FAIRVIEW ELEVATED WATER TANK USE AGREEMENT WITH AT&T MOBILITY TEXAS LLC</u>
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A FAIRVIEW ELEVATED WATER TANK USE AGREEMENT WITH AT&T MOBILITY TEXAS LLC.
CONSENT AGENDA.

REQ TO ADVERTISE
WEST LAMBERTH
ROAD EXTENSION

<u>REQUEST TO ADVERTISE</u>
<u>CONSTRUCTION OF THE SOUTH LANE OF WEST LAMBERTH ROAD, FROM HERITAGE PARKWAY TO SHADY OAKS LANE</u>
The City Council approved the request to advertise for bids to construct the south lane of Lamberth Road from Heritage Parkway to Shady Oaks Lane. Teague, Nall and Perkins is nearing completion of the engineering plans and specifications for the construction project.
CONSENT AGENDA.

PAYMENT APPROVAL
TCEQ ANNUAL
FEE FOR PUBLIC
WATER SYSTEMS

<u>PAYMENT APPROVAL</u>
<u>TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (TCEQ) ANNUAL FEE FOR PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010: $35,214.85</u>
The City Council approved payment of the annual fee for Public Water Systems to the Texas Commission on

Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 in the amount of $35,214.85.

The fee is imposed to fund TCEQ expenses for administering public water systems programs and is calculated based on the number of water service connections. Funds are budgeted for this expenditure.
CONSENT AGENDA.

OTHER BUSINESS
RECEIVE REPORT FROM TOURISM DIRECTOR APRIL PATTERSON

TOURISM REPORT

Ms. Patterson updated the City Council on tourism activities since she was hired as Tourism Director in April 2009. She outlined accomplishments such as the continuation of Hot Summer Nights, the relocation of the Visitor Center and addition of downtown signage, the development of a work plan for next year, the restructuring as a City department, and the re-establishment of relationships with various other entities.

Next year, Ms. Patterson said one of the most important items is to continue focusing on building relationships involving other community groups. Sherman has many attractions and she plans to work with established events, groups, and businesses to market things that are already here.

She discussed the consistency that information should have when disseminated by both the Tourism Department and the City, including the website and marketing materials. She also discussed branding so that all entities have a cohesive look.

Ms. Patterson added that the Tourism Department will be more involved in the marketing of Kidd-Key Auditorium, the Municipal Ballroom, and eventually the Pecan Grove Amphitheater. They will be involved in marketing materials for the facilities, prominence on the tourism website, actively planning performances, and assessing event capabilities.

Ms. Patterson said she is also working with the Parks and Recreation Department to plan a July 4 concert celebration at the new Pecan Grove Amphitheater.

She added that next year plans are underway to move the reservations for Kidd-Key Auditorium and the Municipal Ballroom from the City Clerk's Office to the Tourism Department. She hoped to eventually move to on-line, electronic reservations.

Council Member Adami asked if citizens would also have the opportunity to speak with someone when they were making reservations. Ms. Patterson said they would still take telephone calls to book reservations.

Mayor Magers said he was impressed with the amount of administrative overhead that the City had saved by bringing the Tourism Department in-house, and the way the tax dollars have been used.

FIRE DEPT. CERTIFICATION & TRAINING LEVELS

RECEIVE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S PRESENTATION ON CERTIFICATION AND TRAINING LEVELS, CAPABILITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Captain Gregg Loyd, Fire Department Division Chief, presented a report on the Fire Department's certification and training levels, and their capabilities and accomplishments.

In 2006 the City hired a consultant to perform a study to determine changes that might be made to improve the City's Insurance Service Office Public Protection Classification (ISO rating). This rating is what a citizen's homeowners insurance cost is based on.

The consultant identified some additional training that was needed and made some recommendations about categorizing the training.

In 2006, the Fire Department met the minimum Texas Commission on Fire Protection standards, which is the licensing organization to fight fires, and met eight additional certifications above that minimum standard. They were also using a 40 year old training tower that was in disrepair. Captain Loyd said training compliance was at about 30%.

In 2007, the Fire Department continued to meet the TCFP standards, and achieved 13 additional new certifications. The training tower continued to deteriorate and training compliance remained at 30%.

In 2008, they continued to meet the commission minimum standards and reorganized the training to be in compliance with the ISO training requirements. Fifty six new additional certifications were added in 2008 and the training tower was refurbished. Training compliance increased to 80%.

In 2009, the Department continued to meet both the TCFP and ISO standards and added 50 new advanced certifications. The training tower was now being used by the City's Fire and Police Departments, as well as other Fire Departments. Training compliance again increased to 90%.

Captain Loyd said in 2010, they project to add about 46 new advanced certifications and an in-house certification program. A new training tower and drill field is planned as part of the new Blalock Station. Training compliance is projected at 95%.

In the past, the Department has out-sourced the certification program. If someone wanted to obtain a certification for a job requirement or a promotion, they had to go outside the Fire Department to achieve the training. In 2008 the

Department received a grant that allowed them to purchase a pump simulator and educational software that would allow in-house certification. The first in-house certification program began on November 16, 2009.

Captain Loyd presented descriptions and examples of the number of different certifications achieved over the specified time period. He discussed the emphasis the Department has on officer development. These officers will be trained and will then become the trainers for the in-house program.

Captain Loyd said changes in the Department include obtaining the grant funding specifically to be used for the training simulator; developing a certification program for in-house certifications; and involving the officers in certification instruction.

They have also increased the scope of the Technical Rescue Team, who are now trained in both swift water rescue and trench rescue. They also plan to build on that training and increase their scope of rescue abilities.

He outlined other changes in the Department including a new hire orientation process, succession training and advanced certification training, a wellness/fitness program, and an Employee Assistance Program.

Captain Loyd said the goals for 2010 include continuing to seek grant funding to increase the Technical Rescue Team's response capabilities for swift water, trench, high angle, confined space, and vehicle rescue, as well as increasing the rescue level of training for the entire Department.

They also plan to increase the training levels and certifications of all personnel, especially by using the in-house rescue certification program. Ultimately the goal is to provide a better firefighter and rescue for the citizens.

Mayor Magers commended the Fire Department adding that we need to continue to upgrade our public services.

AD VALOREM TAX ROLL VALUE & TAX LEVY

APPROVAL OF THE 2009 AD VALOREM TAX ROLL VALUE AND TAX LEVY

The City Council approved the Ad Valorem Tax Roll Value and Tax Levy for Fiscal Year 2009-2010. The 2009 tax year represents taxes that will be collected during the City's 2009-2010 fiscal year.

The Grayson County Tax Assessor/Collector's Office has provided the taxable value as $2,220,498,836, which equates to a levy of $7,080,353.95 based on the City's total tax rate of $0.32 per $100 valuation.
CONSENT AGENDA.

<u>REPLAT APPROVAL OF LOTS 18, 20 AND 21, BLOCK 2, O'HANLON RANCH ADDITION, PHASE 2, CONTAINING 1.076 ACRES; JEREMY AND SHERRY KNIGHT, BLUESTONE PARTNERS, LLC, AND DGR DEVELOPMENT GROUP, LTD, OWNERS; UNDERWOOD DRAFTING AND SURVEYING, SURVEYORS (2505 SEDALIA CIRCLE, 2912 AND 2916 SEDALIA TRAIL)</u>

APPROVE REPLAT O'HANLON RANCH ADDITION

The City Council approved the Replat of Lots 18, 20 and 21, Block 2, O'Hanlon Ranch Addition, Phase 2, containing 1.076 acres. The property is located at 2505 Sedalia Circle and 2912 and 2916 Sedalia Trail in Phase 2 of the O'Hanlon Ranch Addition, off of F.M. 1417 North (Heritage Parkway). The Replat is to redefine property lines to enlarge Lot 18. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval of the Replat.
CONSENT AGENDA.

<u>CITIZENS REQUESTS</u>
<u>CHRISTMAS PARADE</u>

CHRISTMAS PARADE

Tracy Carlson, President of the Sherman Chamber of Commerce, complimented Ms. Patterson on her hard work on this year's Christmas Parade. She felt she was a good choice as Tourism Director.

<u>MEDIA QUESTIONS</u>

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There were no media questions.

<u>APPOINT/REMOVE OR CONSIDER QUALIFICATIONS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS</u>
<u>PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD (3)</u>

PARKS & REC ADVISORY BOARD

ACTION TAKEN.

> **Motion by Council Member Steele to reappoint Trent Bass to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for a term from November 8, 2009 to November 8, 2011, and to appoint Donald L. Ward and Aaron Wilson for terms from December 8, 2009 to December 8, 2011, as presented. Second by Council Member Adami.**

VOTING AYE: Adami, Howeth, Smith, Softly, Steele, Wacker.
VOTING NAY: None.
MOTION CARRIED.

<u>COUNCIL COMMENTS</u>
<u>CHRISTMAS PARADE</u>

CHRISTMAS PARADE

Council Member Steele said it was a great Christmas Parade and there were lots of citizens attending.

<u>COMMENDATION OF CITY STAFF</u>

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Deputy Mayor Smith said it was impressive to hear five or six times at this meeting alone, how people have complimented City staff, the job they are doing, and how helpful they are. He thanked Mr. Olson and asked him to pass the compliments on to the staff. That's what makes Sherman a good place.

COMMENDATION OF CITY STAFF

Council Member Wacker agreed adding that she is hearing in the community about the collaboration of various groups in the region. She specifically recognized the partnership with Austin College on the Brockett Street Project and the various tourism events. She added that there was a "great spirit" in the community right now and she complimented the staff for their part.

COMMENDATION OF CITY STAFF

GRAYSON COUNTY JAIL

Mayor Magers thanked the Grayson County Commissioners for their approval of a make-over of the downtown pods to modify them for maximum security at the Grayson County Jail. He felt the estimated cost will be a fiscally conservative measure.

GRAYSON COUNTY JAIL

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Mayor Magers said he will miss the next City Council Meeting on December 21, 2009, and he wanted to count blessings. He added that Sherman is very blessed to be led by the current City staff and the current City Council Members. He said it was a pleasure and an honor to work with everyone here. He wished everyone a very Merry Christmas.

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 551.074	**PERSONNEL MATTERS: DELIBERATE THE EVALUATION OF A PUBLIC OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE: ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION OF THE CITY MANAGER**
	SIX-MONTH EVALUATION OF THE CITY ATTORNEY

On Motion duly made and carried, the Open Meeting recessed and reconvened in Executive Session at 6:07 p.m.

On Motion duly made and carried, the Executive Session recessed at 6:43 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

ADJOURNMENT

On Motion duly made and carried, the meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK