

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 March 6, 2017.

MEMBERS PRESENT: MAYOR DAVID PLYLER; DEPUTY MAYOR JASON SOFEY. COUNCIL MEMBERS BROWN, COUCH, HOWETH, STEELE, TEAMANN.

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 Council Member Pam Howeth.

APPROVE MINUTES

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

PROCLAMATION

“NATIONAL SOCIAL WORK MONTH” – MARCH 2017
Council Member Steele presented a proclamation to Leslie Broughton, Home Hospice Social Worker, proclaiming March 2017 as “National Social Work Month” in Sherman.

Ms. Broughton thanked the City Council for the recognition, adding that working with Home Hospice has been a life changing event.

INTRODUCTION AND PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCES

Mayor Plyler introduced Ordinance No. 6013 and called for a public hearing:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF "CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, COMBINATION TAX AND REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2017", SPECIFYING THE TERMS AND FEATURES OF SAID CERTIFICATES; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF SAID CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION BY THE LEVY OF AN AD VALOREM TAX UPON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY AND A LIMITED PLEDGE OF THE NET REVENUES FROM THE OPERATION OF THE CITY'S WATERWORKS AND SEWER SYSTEM; RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS INCIDENT AND RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE, PAYMENT, SECURITY, SALE AND DELIVERY OF SAID CERTIFICATES, INCLUDING THE APPROVAL AND EXECUTION OF A PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR AGREEMENT AND THE APPROVAL AND DISTRIBUTION OF AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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Garry Kimball, Managing Director, Specialized Public Finance Inc., presented the bid tally for the competitive sale that was held earlier in the day, offering just over \$18 million worth of Certificates of Obligation.

They received seven bids, representing 10 different firms, which was a very good showing. The spread between the high and the low was 15 basis points, which represents a consensus among the bidders. He said this was an indication of the strength of the City's credit. He recognized the City's strong budgeting skills and the good financial management.

Mr. Kimball said they were pleased with the 3.24% bid, submitted by Bank of America, which was the low bid. All bids were verified against the bid specifications. They actually budgeted 3.75%.

Mr. Kimball said the difference in terms of total debt service for the life of the transaction, for a 20 year fixed rate deal, is \$1.2 million, or approximately \$60,000 per year, "to the good" versus budget.

Robby Hefton, City Manager, verified that the sale of the Certificates of Obligation will fund at the end of March 2017.

No other citizens appeared before the City Council to discuss Ordinance No. 6013.

Mayor Plyler introduced Ordinance No. 6004 and called for a public hearing:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, APPOINTING AN ALTERNATE MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE FOR THE CITY OF SHERMAN, GRAYSON COUNTY, TEXAS; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER CLAUSE.

ORD 6004
ALTERNATE
MUNICIPAL COURT
JUDGE

Don Keene, Assistant City Manager, said Scott Smith is the City's Municipal Court Judge. Occasionally he's not able to serve and an Alternate Judge needs to be called. Currently the City only has one "backup" judge and they wanted to identify two.

Thomas Redwine is the Alternate Judge, and Mark Teague has agreed to serve as the second alternate judge.

No citizens appeared before the City Council to discuss Ordinance No. 6004.

The Public Hearing was closed.

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance 6013

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF "CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, COMBINATION TAX AND REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2017";

ORD 6013
CERTIFICATES OF
OBLIGATION

SPECIFYING THE TERMS AND FEATURES OF SAID CERTIFICATES; PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF SAID CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION BY THE LEVY OF AN AD VALOREM TAX UPON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY AND A LIMITED PLEDGE OF THE NET REVENUES FROM THE OPERATION OF THE CITY'S WATERWORKS AND SEWER SYSTEM; RESOLVING OTHER MATTERS INCIDENT AND RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE, PAYMENT, SECURITY, SALE AND DELIVERY OF SAID CERTIFICATES, INCLUDING THE APPROVAL AND EXECUTION OF A PAYING AGENT/REGISTRAR AGREEMENT AND THE APPROVAL AND DISTRIBUTION OF AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Council Member Steele commended Mary Lawrence, Director of Finance, and her staff for their great work on the Certificates of Obligation.

Ordinance 6004

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, APPOINTING AN ALTERNATE MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE FOR THE CITY OF SHERMAN, GRAYSON COUNTY, TEXAS; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER CLAUSE.

ORD 6004
ALTERNATE
MUNICIPAL COURT
JUDGE

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Steele to adopt Ordinance Nos. 6013 and 6004, as presented. Second by Council Member Couch.

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

VOTING NAY: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 6193 – FINDING AND DETERMINING A PUBLIC PURPOSE AND PUBLIC NECESSITY EXISTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF STREET IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE EAST PARK AVENUE TO EAST LAKE AVENUE CONNECTOR; APPOINTING AN APPRAISER AND NEGOTIATOR AS NECESSARY; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ESTABLISH JUST COMPENSATION FOR THE PROPERTY RIGHTS TO BE ACQUIRED; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE ALL STEPS NECESSARY TO ACQUIRE THE NEEDED PROPERTY RIGHTS IN COMPLIANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE LAWS AND REGULATIONS

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RES 6193
EAST PARK AVE &
EAST LAKE AVE

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CONSENT AGENDA.

RESOLUTION NO. 6194 – AWARDING A BID TO AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH C&M MOWING AND LANDSCAPING FOR THE 2017 CITY PARKS AND GROUNDS FINISH MOWING PROGRAM

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CONSENT AGENDA.

RES 6194
PARKS & GROUND
FINISH MOWING

RESOLUTION NO. 6195 – AWARDING A BID TO AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH WELDON'S LAWN AND TREE, LLC. FOR THE 2017 CITY RIGHT-OF-WAY FINISH 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 WELDON'S LAWN AND TREE, LLC. FOR THE 2017 CITY RIGHT-OF-WAY FINISH MOWING PROGRAM.

CONSENT AGENDA.

RES 6195
ROW FINISH
MOWING

RESOLUTION NO. 6196 – AWARDING A BID TO AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH FRAZER, LTD. TO PURCHASE AN AMBULANCE UNDER THE FEMA ALTERNATIVE PROJECT PROGRAM

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, AWARDING A BID TO AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH FRAZER, LTD. TO PURCHASE AN AMBULANCE UNDER THE FEMA ALTERNATIVE PROJECT PROGRAM.

CONSENT AGENDA.

RES 6196
PURCHASE OF
AMBULANCE

RESOLUTION NO. 6197 – AWARDING A BID TO AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH CALDWELL COUNTRY CHEVROLET TO PURCHASE A CHEVROLET POLICE TAHOE UNDER THE FEMA ALTERNATIVE PROJECT PROGRAM

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, AWARDING A BID TO AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH CALDWELL COUNTRY CHEVROLET TO PURCHASE A CHEVROLET POLICE TAHOE UNDER THE FEMA ALTERNATIVE PROJECT PROGRAM.

CONSENT AGENDA.

RES 6197
PURCHASE POLICE
TAHOE

OTHER BUSINESS

**RECEIVE QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT FROM
SHERMAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
BOARD CHAIRMAN GREG KIRKPATRICK AND SEDCO
PRESIDENT JOHN PLOTNIK**

**SEDCO QUARTERLY
PROGRESS REPORT**

Mayor Plyler explained that Greg Kirkpatrick, Sherman Economic Development Corporation Chairman, was unable to attend the Council Meeting and John Sild, SEDCO Vice Chairman, would present the report in his absence.

Mr. Sild said SEDCO has been very busy during the last quarter. There are many opportunities underway. On January 12, 2017, SEDCO hosted a Groundbreaking Ceremony for J.P. Hart Lumber Company, the newest industry in Progress Industrial Park III. They brought a \$5.5 million capital investment and 37 new jobs to Sherman.

A Texoma Career Fair for call centers was held on January 19, 2017 and 300 job seekers attended the event. The participating companies collected 568 applications, and to date, have held 227 interviews. The event was sponsored in partnership with the Denison Development Alliance, Workforce Solutions Texoma, and the City of Sherman.

Since the last report, SEDCO has completed two performance agreements with GlobiTech and Christmas Designers, and a small business grant with 903 Brewers. These three projects combined include \$18.4 million in capital investments and 56 jobs.

Mr. Sild said SEDCO is also assisting in the planning of the Spring Manufacturing Tours for Sherman Independent School District middle school students, which will be held on March 9, 2017. The students will tour local manufacturing facilities through the Texoma Workforce Initiative to develop a base of middle-skills workers for advanced manufacturing and healthcare occupations.

SEDCO will also host Sherman's first Economic Development Week on May 8 through 13, 2017. The goal of the event is to increase awareness for economic development local programs that support the creation of jobs, advance career development opportunities and contribute to an increased quality of life.

Advertising efforts for the next quarter include four ads in the Dallas Business Journal, a featured ad in the Texas Real Estate Business Magazine, a free digital billboard ad on eastbound US Hwy 82, advertising for the new 60,000 square foot industrial building in Midway Industrial Park, and the second social media campaign.

Currently SEDCO is working on 18 projects with an estimated \$1,037,500,000 in investments and the possible creation of 2,138 new jobs.

Mr. Sild said during the last three months, SEDCO has hosted five site visits from new companies interested in Sherman and attended seven other meetings with site selectors and potential clients.

Since the last report, SEDCO has approved two new performance agreements with Cellarman's American Pub, Inc. and Fisher Controls. The two projects combined include \$380,000 in capital investment and 30 new jobs.

ACCEPT ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED
SEPTEMBER 30, 2016 FROM ADAMI, LINDSEY AND
COMPANY, L.L.P.

ANNUAL AUDIT

Brian Grisham, Audit Manager, Adami, Lindsey and Company, LLP, presented the Audit Report for the year ended September 30, 2016. He explained that the Annual Financial Report is one way the City can demonstrate their accountability to the public and to its debt holders.

There are two types of statements included in the Financial Report. He explained the types of statements and what they included. Governmental activities are financed by taxes and business activities are financed by water, sewer, and solid waste fees.

Two independent audit reports were issued this year. The first was a report on the financial statement which received an "unmodified" or "clean" opinion, meaning the City's financial statements are free of misstatement and properly present the City's financial position for operating results for the 2016 fiscal year.

The second report is on internal controls and compliance and is issued separately. Mr. Grisham said they did not identify any matters involving the internal control systems or compliance.

In conclusion, Mr. Grisham said the City is in good financial condition and their internal controls are well designed and operated effectively, and their records are maintained in good order.

He recognized the work of Mary Lawrence, Director of Finance; Tammy Davis, Controller; and the entire staff in the Finance Department.

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Sofey to accept the Annual Audit Report for the year ended September 30, 2016, as presented. Second by Council Member Couch.

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

VOTING NAY: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

CONSIDER SHOLDON DANIELS' REQUEST TO PRIORITIZE BICYCLE INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS TO ENHANCE PUBLIC SAFETY IN THE CITY OF SHERMAN

**BICYCLE
INFRASTRUCTURE
IMPROVEMENTS**

Sholdon Daniels, Parks and Recreation Board Chairman, addressed the City Council requesting to prioritize bicycle infrastructure improvements to enhance public safety.

Since 2015, Mr. Daniels said he has worked with Council Members and residents to encourage the City to invest in bike infrastructure, make it safer for riders, and to encourage people to ride bikes.

He said they recently started Bike Sherman, a grassroots organization, and would like to designate "Sherman Bike Month" in conjunction with "National Bike Month" in May. In conjunction with this designation, they would like to educate citizens about where they can ride, bicycle safety, where to find social rides, and where to find others to ride with.

Mr. Daniels said they are specifically asking for two things today. They would like the Council to pass a resolution supporting their efforts and would like the City to proclaim May 2017 as "Sherman Bike Month." He said they would follow-up in May with additional proposed ordinances.

They would like to coordinate their events with the Police and Fire Departments, the Parks and Recreation Department, and local businesses engaged in health related activities. If the City will support their events, it will show support and encourage those wanting to ride bikes in Sherman.

Council Member Couch asked about the resolution Mr. Daniels is requesting. Mr. Daniels read the proposed language to be used for the resolution. Council Member Couch said this was a huge step for quality of life improvements for the citizens.

Council Member Howeth asked if there was a specific area of town where the bike events were being held. Mr. Daniels said they currently meet at the Glennie O. Ham Center. He added that their meetings are open to any citizen of Sherman, no matter what level of bike rider they might be.

Council Member Brown said he was concerned about the safety of riding and felt there should be dedicated bike lanes. Mr. Daniels said they plan to talk with other cities to see what they have done to protect bike riders.

Mayor Plyler added that the City staff is currently looking into that issue also. Mr. Hefton said the City would need to bring consideration of a resolution back on a posted agenda. He verified that the month of May is "National Bike Month" and the resolution, proclamation, and activities would be in conjunction with that designated month.

Mayor Plyler welcomed Former Mayor Cary Wacker to the City Council Meeting.

CONSIDER REJECTION OF BIDS FOR THE ANNUAL CITY RIGHT-OF-WAY ROUGH MOWING CONTRACT

Steve Ayers, Director of Public Services, said the staff is recommending rejection of bids for the Annual City Right-of-Way Rough Mowing Contract. There were no qualified bidders for that portion of the contract. The staff requests Council approval to put it back out for bid.

**REJECTION OF BIDS
ROW ROUGH
MOWING CONTRACT**

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Couch to reject the bids for the Annual City Right-of-Way Rough Mowing Contract, as presented. Second by Council Member Steele.

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

VOTING NAY: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

CONSIDER SCHEDULING A JOINT MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND THE SHERMAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR MARCH 21, 2017, FOR A STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION

Mr. Hefton said he has been working with Dr. David Hicks, Superintendent, Sherman Independent School District, to set a Joint Meeting between the City Council and the SISD Board of Trustees to discuss the next steps for the Strategic Planning Sessions that have been held over the past year.

**SET JOINT MEETING
STRATEGIC PLANNING
SESSION W/ SISD**

March 21, 2017 is a regularly scheduled meeting of the Sherman ISD and they have invited the City Council to join them to discuss issues that are jointly important for the community, the City, and the School District. The times and the specific agenda will be determined later.

Mayor Plyler emphasized the importance of the meeting, adding that it was the first time in years that the two entities have aligned themselves concerning the importance of shared infrastructure, vision, and strategy.

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Sofey to schedule a Joint Meeting with the Sherman Independent School District for March 21, 2017, as presented. Second by Council Member Teamann.

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

VOTING NAY: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

CITIZENS REQUESTS

There were no citizen's requests.

CITIZENS REQUESTS

MEDIA QUESTIONS

There were no media questions.

MEDIA QUESTIONS

COUNCIL COMMENTS

ANNUAL AUDIT

Council Member Teamann said he attended the Audit Committee Meeting and it was very interesting. He thanked the staff for answering his questions and for helping the Council understand everything that went into the Financial Reports.

ANNUAL AUDIT

BIKE SHERMAN

Council Member Teamann recognized the Bike Sherman delegation and all the people in Sherman that support the effort. He thanked them for working to get Sherman healthy and said he was encouraged that there would be something moving forward.

BIKE SHERMAN

BINKLEY TRAIL SYSTEM

Council Member Teamann thanked everyone that started the Binkley Trail, saying there was a lot of work that went into the project. He recognized several individuals that worked to develop the trail system.

BINKLEY TRAIL
SYSTEM

ANNUAL AUDIT

Council Member Couch said he also serves on the Audit Committee and he thanked Adami, Lindsey and Company and Ms. Lawrence and her staff for their work on the Audit.

ANNUAL AUDIT

He said it was great to hear Sherman had a good Audit with good controls. He felt Sherman is handling investments in a responsible way and continues to improve the quality of life. He said he was especially happy to see the West Travis Street Extension coming to fruition.

EXCITING THINGS HAPPENING IN SHERMAN

Council Member Steele said there are exciting things happening in Sherman and through his job at Workforce Texoma he meets with prospects looking at the community and wanting to come in and build industry.

EXCITING THINGS
HAPPENING IN
SHERMAN

Through the Manufacturing Tours for middle school students, they hope to let them see that manufacturing in the 21st Century is nothing like it was 20 years ago. He said there are good paying jobs in Sherman and employers that are looking for young people and will actually help pay for college.

COMMEND STAFF

Council Member Steele commended the City staff saying there was a lot going on in Sherman.

COMMEND STAFF

SURGERY FOR COUNCIL MEMBER BROWN

Council Member Steele asked everyone to remember Council Member Brown in their prayers. He will be having surgery on Friday.

SURGERY FOR
COUNCIL MEMBER
BROWN

**THANKS TO FINANCE DIRECTOR MARY LAWRENCE AND
SEDCO'S STACEY JONES**

Deputy Mayor Sofey thanked Mr. Lawrence and her staff for

THANKS TO
FINANCE DIRECTOR
MARY LAWRENCE &

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working on the financials and Stacey Jones, SEDCO Vice President of Business Retention and Expansion, for the work they're doing.

SEDCO'S STACEY JONES

MARDI GRAS BEAD CRAWL

Council Member Howeth recognized the staff organizing the Mardi Gras Bead Crawl. She said it was a fun event for downtown and said the Jazz Museum was fascinating. She added that there is an upcoming Saint Patrick's Day event and urged citizens to attend.

MARDI GRAS BEAD CRAWL

SHERMAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Council Member Howeth commended the large number of Sherman High School students that were attending the Council Meeting.

SHS STUDENTS

APPRECIATE SERVING

Council Member Brown said he appreciated the opportunity to work with the City Council and his first priority when he ran for office was to do something for the youth and young families. He wanted to bring back family and youth activities to Sherman and get young people involved.

APPRECIATE SERVING

COMMEND FINANCE DIRECTOR MARY LAWRENCE

Mayor Plyler congratulated Ms. Lawrence on "the highest score in financial management" and the AA rating. He said it makes doing business so much cheaper.

COMMEND FINANCE DIRECTOR MARY LAWRENCE

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**

Mayor Plyler said the City Council did not need to go into Executive Session tonight.

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ADJOURNMENT

On Motion duly made and carried, the meeting adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MAYOR

CITY CLERK