

STATE OF TEXAS § **March 2, 2020**
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 2, 2020.

**MEMBERS PRESENT: MAYOR DAVID PLYLER; DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIE STEELE.
COUNCIL MEMBERS HOLLAND, HOWETH, MELTON,
STEVENSON, 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 Deputy Mayor Willie Steele.

APPROVE MINUTES

The Council reviewed the Minutes of the Called City Council Meeting (Council Training Workshop) of February 12, 2020 and the Regular City Council Meeting of February 17, 2020. Council Member Howeth moved to approve the Minutes, as presented; Second by Council Member Stevenson; All present voted AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

CITIZEN'S REQUESTS

There were no citizen's requests.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

RECOGNITION OF CITY OF SHERMAN AWARD: “2019 TEXAS ACHIEVEMENT IN LIBRARY EXCELLENCE AWARD”

Mayor Plyler presented Melissa Eason, Library Services Administrator, with a plaque recognizing the Sherman Public Library's selection for the "2019 Texas Achievement in Library Excellence Award" by the Texas Municipal Library Directors Association.

He said this year, only 53 libraries out of 571 Texas public library systems were awarded this honor. He recognized the creative, fun projects, and educational opportunities at the Library, and said they are doing a great job. He thanked Ms. Eason and her staff for all they do.

Ms. Eason said each Library offers different programming materials to meet the needs of their own communities. Since the Libraries offer different services, those applying for the award submit examples of the things they did during the last fiscal year that fit into several different categories.

Each year the list of programs is different because they are evolving to meet the needs of the citizens. Ms. Eason said it is an honor to receive this recognition for something they would be doing anyway and something they enjoy doing.

She thanked the City Council and the other City departments for their support, and thanked her Library staff for their hard work. She also thanked the Library volunteers and patrons, and the many partner organizations that they work with.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

RESOLUTION NO. 6604 – AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR A GRANT AWARDED UNDER THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY – FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) TO FUND THE PURCHASE OF APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED FIVE (105) SETS OF PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (BUNKER GEAR) FOR THE CITY OF SHERMAN FIRE DEPARTMENT, DESIGNATING THE CITY MANAGER AS THE AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL TO ACCEPT, REJECT, ALTER OR TERMINATE THE GRANT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY

**RES 6604
FEMA GRANT FOR
FIRE BUNKER GEAR**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR A GRANT AWARDED UNDER THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY – FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) TO FUND THE PURCHASE OF APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED FIVE (105) SETS OF PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (BUNKER GEAR) FOR THE CITY OF SHERMAN FIRE DEPARTMENT; DESIGNATING THE CITY MANAGER AS THE AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL TO ACCEPT, REJECT, ALTER OR TERMINATE THE GRANT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY.

Danny Jones, Fire Chief, said this resolution requests permission to apply for a grant from the Department of Homeland Security, to purchase approximately 105 sets of bunker gear, or personal protective equipment. The total grant will be about \$315,000, with the City's portion being between \$26,000 and \$27,000. It is a 90/10 match grant.

The application period for the grant closes on March 13, 2020 and the grants will be awarded every two weeks, between April and September of 2020. The request is asking for permission to file the application, with the agreement that the City would be responsible for the 10% match.

Council Member Melton asked if the City's 10% was budgeted. Chief Jones said it would be put in the budget for next fiscal year and purchased at that time.

Deputy Mayor Steele asked if 105 sets were what they actually needed and would give everyone a set. Chief Jones said there are mandates that will be coming up for cancer prevention, and about nine different types of cancer are related to chemicals that are put off by fires. This includes carcinogens that a person would breath, as well as those that cling to your clothes

or bunker gear. This gear would need to be washed and decontaminated, as required.

When the bunker gear needs to be cleaned, the officers must have a second set of gear. Also some of the gear will be taken out of service at ten years. This would allow them to have a second set, and also to replace the ones taken out of service.

Deputy Mayor Steele asked if there was a market for the old bunker gear that was removed from service. Chief Jones said there is no specific time for the front line, he expected the gear would last from five to seven years on the front line.

Each set of bunker gear must be sent in each year for an advanced inspection. Specialized equipment is used for the inspection and it cannot be done in-house.

Council Member Howeth verified that the application process had already been started, since the deadline is March 13, 2020. Chief Jones said it would be ready to submit by the deadline.

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Stevenson to adopt Resolution No. 6604, as presented. Second by Council Member Teamann.

VOTING AYE: Holland, Howeth, Melton, Steele, Stevenson, Teamann.

VOTING NAY: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 6605 – AWARDING BIDS TO AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACTS WITH MULTIPLE VENDORS FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF VARIOUS SITE AMENITIES AND IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE CHERRY STREET PARK PROJECT

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CONSENT AGENDA.

RES 6605
CHERRY STREET
PARK IMPROVEMENTS

OTHER BUSINESS

ACCEPT ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2019 FROM PATTILLO, BROWN AND HILL, LLP

John Manning, Pattillo, Brown and Hill, LLP, said this is the second year of a five-year contract for them to perform the Annual Audit.

ANNUAL AUDIT

The main part of the Audit is the opinion, and the financial statements or the responsibility of the City. They have presented an “unmodified” opinion, which is the highest level of assurance and says the City is in a good financial position. Bond holders and grantors look at this opinion to make sure

that the money coming in is being spent properly and that there are controls in place for the City to follow.

He said the City is in a very good financial position and, as of September 30, 2019, had a little over \$20.2 million in governmental activity. There is about \$28 million in the water/sewer activity.

The General Fund ended the year with about \$11.3 million in fund balance, which is about three months of reserves. There have been healthy increases in sales tax and property taxes and those collections are coming in at a very good position against budget.

In conjunction with the Audit, because the City spends over \$750,000 in Federal funds, the City must also have a Single Audit. The projects that had to be reviewed with year were the Community Development Block Grants, and there could not be any material weaknesses or significant deficiencies.

Mr. Manning said, all in all, the City had a very good Audit. They received a lot of help from the staff, especially the Finance Department, but also staff throughout the City. He thanked the Council for the opportunity to work with them.

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Deputy Mayor Steele to accept the Annual Audit Report for the year ended September 30, 2019, as presented. Second by Council Member Holland.

VOTING AYE: Holland, Howeth, Melton, Steele, Stevenson, Teamann.

VOTING NAY: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

RECEIVE UPDATE ON THE SHERMAN CULTURAL DISTRICT
Cary Wacker, Former Mayor and Austin College Associate Vice President for Institutional Advancement and Director of the Center for Community and Regional Development, presented an update on the Sherman Cultural District. The update detailed accomplishments between September 2019 and February 2020.

**SHERMAN CULTURAL
DISTRICT UPDATE**

In addition to the arts activities, one of the main projects they are working on, is to secure non-profit status, 501c3 status, so that the Cultural District can accept some contributions and sponsor some fundraisers.

Since the last update, they have held their first Focalpoint Exhibit, displaying photographs from citizens. This was a catalyst for a lot of activity for the organization, including displays and workshops.

She thanked Nate Strauch, Community and Support Services Manager, for inviting them to become a partner in the project to submit new images for the City's website. They are also participating in a joint exhibit with Ghost Town Arts Collective,

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which opens on March 7, 2020. The second annual Art Dash was held on February 15, 2020 with 42 participants running to the wall to collect a piece of art to take home.

Ms. Wacker said they are also researching the launch of a Youth Arts Council, which will bring some new voices into the Cultural District.

She mentioned the design-based businesses and restaurants in the Cultural District, saying this was the level of vitality that the cultural arts can bring to a community, and how important they are.

There are 24 design-based businesses and 10 non-profits that operate in, or are based in the Cultural District. There are approximately 65 employees associated with these businesses and non-profits. There are also 17 restaurants in the Cultural District, with 15 of those being locally owned, with unique menus and properties. She estimated that, including Hot Summer Nights, there are 24 cultural events that happen in the Cultural District.

She said it was really exciting to see what arts and cultural events are continuing to contribute to Sherman. As Sherman grows, this grows and continues to attract people to the community. Ms. Wacker thanked the City Council for their support.

MEDIA QUESTIONS

There were no media questions.

MEDIA QUESTIONS

COUNCIL COMMENTS

ANIMAL CONTROL TRAILER

Council Member Melton asked that the City staff look at some way to get a new trailer for the Animal Shelter, possibly from a grant.

ANIMAL CONTROL TRAILER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Plyler announced the following:

- Coffee With the Mayor will be held on March 6, 2020, at Kelly Square. The Sherman High School Jazz Band will perform.
- The second annual St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held on March 14, 2020, at 11:00 a.m. in downtown Sherman.
- The 2020 Hot Summer Nights lineup will be announced on April 3, 2020, at the Finley Theater.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXECUTIVE SESSION – IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 551, GOVT. CODE, V.T.C.S., (OPEN MEETINGS LAW)

THE CITY COUNCIL WILL NOW HOLD AN EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE OPEN MEETINGS LAW, CHAPTER 551, GOVERNMENT CODE, VERNONS TEXAS CODES ANNOTATED, IN ACCORDANCE

EXECUTIVE SESSION

WITH THE AUTHORITY CONTAINED IN THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS.

SECTION 551.071 -- CONSULTATION WITH CITY ATTORNEY CONCERNING PENDING OR CONTEMPLATED LITIGATION

SECTION 551.071 -- CONSULT WITH THE CITY ATTORNEY ON A MATTER IN WHICH THE DUTY OF THE ATTORNEY TO THE GOVERNMENTAL BODY UNDER THE TEXAS DISCIPLINARY RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT OF THE STATE BAR OF TEXAS CLEARLY CONFLICTS WITH THIS CHAPTER

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 and reconvened in Executive Session at 5:22 p.m.

On Motion duly made and carried, the Executive Session recessed at 5:50 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

On Motion duly made and carried, the meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MAYOR

CITY CLERK