

STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF GRAYSON §

February 20, 2017

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 February 20, 2017.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: DEPUTY MAYOR JASON SOFEY.

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVE MINUTES

The Council reviewed the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of February 6, 2017. Council Member Couch moved to approve the Minutes as presented; Second by Council Member Steele. All present voted AYE. MOTION CARRIED.

INTRODUCTION AND PUBLIC HEARING OF ORDINANCES

Mayor Plyler introduced Ordinance No. 6010 and called for a public hearing:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING A TAX INCREMENT REINVESTMENT ZONE #5 (SHERMAN CROSSROADS); PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT; PROVIDING FOR A BOARD OF DIRECTORS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY.

Mary Lawrence, Director of Finance, discussed the creation of Tax Increment Reinvestment Zones #5 and #6. She explained that a public hearing is required by law prior to adoption of the TIRZ.

After adoption, the City Council will have the opportunity to appoint the TIRZ Boards. A project and financing plan will be developed after working with the developer on details. The project and financing plan will be presented to the City Council for approval.

Ms. Lawrence said there will also be an Interlocal Agreement with Grayson County for their participation in the zone.

No citizens appeared before the City Council to discuss Ordinance No. 6010.

Mayor Plyler introduced Ordinance No. 6011 and called for a public hearing:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
SHERMAN, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING A TAX INCREMENT**

REINVESTMENT ZONE #6 (SOUTH OF INTERSECTION OF U.S. HIGHWAY 75 AND F.M. 691); PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT; PROVIDING FOR A BOARD OF DIRECTORS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY.

(SOUTH OF INTERSECTION OF US HWY 75 & FM 691)

Ms. Lawrence said this is the other TIRZ but at a different location. It will also need a board, a project, and financing plan after the details are finalized with the developer. There will also be an Interlocal Agreement with Grayson County.

No citizens appeared before the City Council to discuss Ordinance No. 6011.

Mayor Plyler introduced Ordinance No. 6012 and called for a public hearing:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 1 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, ENTITLED "GENERAL PROVISIONS", ARTICLE 1.08, ENTITLED "CEMETERIES", DIVISION 1, ENTITLED "RULES AND REGULATIONS", AT SECTIONS 1.08.032(A) AND 1.08.034(D), AND DIVISION 3, ENTITLED "PERPETUAL CARE FUND; RATES AND CHARGES", AT SECTION 1.08.074(A); PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER.

ORD 6012
CEMETERY
RULES & FEES

Robby Hefton, City Manager, said this item relates to the opening of Annex D at West Hill Cemetery. The staff has been working on this section for a couple of years, and the roads are now in place.

This item establishes the rates for the sale of spaces in Annex D, which will consist of about 3,400 spots. About 240 spots will be designated as "premium spots" that will be for sale at a higher fee. The premium spots will cost \$1,500 and the regular will cost \$1,000.

The ordinance also establishes the marker height for grave markers in that area. Annex D is in a low lying area that stays wet and damp. This restriction is also in force in several other areas of the Cemetery.

No citizens appeared before the City Council to discuss Ordinance No. 6012.

The Public Hearing was closed.

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES

Ordinance 6010

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING A TAX INCREMENT REINVESTMENT ZONE #5 (SHERMAN CROSSROADS); PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT; PROVIDING FOR A BOARD OF DIRECTORS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY.

ORD 6010
TAX INCREMENT
REINVESTMENT
ZONE #5
(SHERMAN
CROSSROADS)

Ordinance 6011

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING A TAX INCREMENT REINVESTMENT ZONE #6 (SOUTH OF INTERSECTION OF U.S. HIGHWAY 75 AND F.M. 691); PROVIDING FOR FINDINGS OF FACT; PROVIDING FOR A BOARD OF DIRECTORS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY.

ORD 6011
TAX INCREMENT
REINVESTMENT
ZONE #6
(SOUTH OF
INTERSECTION OF
US HWY 75 & FM 691)

Ordinance 6012

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ORD 6012
CEMETERY
RULES & FEES

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Steele to adopt Ordinance Nos. 6010, 6011, and 6012, as presented. Second by Council Member Couch.

VOTING AYE: Brown, Couch, Howeth, 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. 6188 – AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A DRAINAGE AGREEMENT WITH J.P. HART LUMBER COMPANY, LLC

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A DRAINAGE AGREEMENT WITH J.P. HART LUMBER COMPANY, LLC.

RES 6188
DRAINAGE
AGREEMENT
WITH JP HART
LUMBER COMPANY

Mayor Plyler announced that, for transparency, he would abstain from voting on Resolution 6188.

Clint Philpott, Director of Engineering, said J.P. Hart Lumber Company has agreed to pay a \$75,000 fee in lieu of providing onsite detention. Their site is adjacent to the floodplain.

He said the City has begun looking at this fee in areas where regional detention would make more sense. The money will be used in this area for future drainage improvements.

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The fee was calculated using estimated construction costs of actually building an onsite detention facility.

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Howeth to adopt Resolution No. 6188, as presented. Second by Council Member Steele.

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

ABSTAIN: Plyler.

VOTING NAY: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 6189 – AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH CARRUS HEALTH HOLDINGS, LLC FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC FACILITIES IN THE REPLAT OF CARRUS MEDICAL PLAZA, A 3.663-ACRE DEVELOPMENT SOUTH OF U.S. HIGHWAY 82 IN THE CITY OF SHERMAN

RES 6189
DEVELOPMENT
AGREEMENT
CARRUS HEALTH

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH CARRUS HEALTH HOLDINGS, LLC FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC FACILITIES IN THE REPLAT OF CARRUS MEDICAL PLAZA, A 3.663-ACRE DEVELOPMENT SOUTH OF U.S. HIGHWAY 82 IN THE CITY OF SHERMAN.

Mr. Philpott said Carrus Specialty Hospital is expanding their building just east of their existing facility. This fee covers the inspection of a sewer line they are extending along Cypress Grove Road.

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Couch to adopt Resolution No. 6189, as presented. Second by Council Member Howeth.

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

VOTING NAY: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 6190 – AWARDING A BID TO AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH LYNN VESSELS CONSTRUCTION, LLC BASED ON AN INVITATION TO BID FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE CANYON CREEK DRIVE EXTENSION

RES 6190
CANYON CREEK
DR. EXTENSION

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, AWARDING A BID TO AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH LYNN VESSELS CONSTRUCTION, LLC BASED ON AN INVITATION TO BID FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE CANYON CREEK DRIVE EXTENSION.

Mr. Philpott said this project will extend Canyon Creek Drive from Shady Oaks Lane, west to Lamberth Road. The project also includes improving Shady Oaks Lane about 700 feet

south of Canyon Creek. There will also be a 700 linear foot cul-de-sac, called Hill View Lane.

The City received three bids and Lynn Vessels Construction was the low bid, at about \$2.1 million.

Council Member Teamann confirmed that the project is scheduled to start next month and the contractor has 240 days to complete the project.

Mr. Hefton added that this project relates to the roads and infrastructure, however Hill View Lane on the west side, Canyon Creek on the north side, and Shady Oaks on the east side will be the boundaries of a new park area for ball fields.

The staff is working with a consulting architect to devise a plan for what this park area will look like. Eventually it will be presented to the City Council for their consideration.

Council Member Teamann confirmed that the plan is to widen Shady Oaks Circle. Mr. Philpott said it would be widened to the size of a standard street, with curb and gutter. It will have a sidewalk on one side because there are some very large pecan trees on the other side that will be left intact.

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Howeth to adopt Resolution No. 6190, as presented. Second by Council Member Teamann.

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

VOTING NAY: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. 6191 – FINDING AND DETERMINING A PUBLIC PURPOSE AND PUBLIC NECESSITY EXISTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF CITY PROJECT WEST TRAVIS PHASE II & NORTHGATE DRIVE EXTENSION IMPROVEMENTS; 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

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, FINDING AND DETERMINING A PUBLIC PURPOSE AND PUBLIC NECESSITY EXISTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF CITY PROJECT WEST TRAVIS PHASE II & NORTHGATE DRIVE EXTENSION IMPROVEMENTS; 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

**RES 6191
W. TRAVIS, PHASE II
& NORTHGATE DR.
EXTENSION**

MANAGER TO TAKE ALL STEPS NECESSARY TO ACQUIRE THE NEEDED PROPERTY RIGHTS IN COMPLIANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE LAWS AND REGULATIONS.
CONSENT AGENDA.

RESOLUTION NO. 6192 – AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH NANCY SPILLER SIMS D/B/A TEXOMA NEON CO. UNDER THE CITY OF SHERMAN'S CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT HISTORIC BUILDING RESTORATION AND IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO 214 EAST HOUSTON STREET

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH NANCY SPILLER SIMS D/B/A TEXOMA NEON CO. UNDER THE CITY OF SHERMAN'S CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT HISTORIC BUILDING RESTORATION AND IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO 214 EAST HOUSTON STREET.

RES 6192
CBD HISTORIC
BLDG RESTORATION
GRANT
(TEXOMA NEON)

Nate Strauch, Community and Support Services Manager, said the City received an application for the Façade Grant from Nancy Spiller Sims and Texoma Neon Company, for an \$18,000 matching grant for improvements to her building located at 214 East Houston Street.

Ms. Sims would like to make improvements to the building, both structurally and aesthetically. Unfortunately there is only about \$8,000 left in the program's budget this year.

Mr. Strauch said the staff proposed that Ms. Sims bring the request to the City Council today so she can start on some of the improvements that are needed immediately. Once the next budget year is in effect, she could apply for the rest of the grant to complete the project.

Council Member Couch asked if there was any way the Council could " earmark " grant money for the entire project so Ms. Sims doesn't have to go through the reapplication process.

Mr. Hefton said that could be done, however he said he would prefer to consider the request as the budget is built, to see where the Hotel/Motel Tax Fund will be for FY 2018. Council Member Couch verified that she would also qualify for the fee waiver program.

Council Member Howeth said hopefully Ms. Sims would receive the additional grant money next year to restore her historical building. She said it is a real asset to the downtown area.

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Couch to adopt Resolution No. 6192, as presented. Second by Council Member Howeth.

VOTING AYE: Brown, Couch, Howeth, Steele, Teamann.
VOTING NAY: None.
MOTION CARRIED.

CHANGE ORDER NO. 1

DOWNTOWN SIDEWALK PANEL REPLACEMENT PROJECT;
BEEZLEY DEVELOPMENT, INC.; \$9,973.60 INCREASE

The City Council approved Change Order No. 1 to Beezley Development, Inc., for an increase of \$9,973.60 for the Downtown Sidewalk Panel Replacement Project.

The change order is a final reconciliatory change order to adjust the final project quantities and issue final payment. The increase yields a final contract price of \$58,973.60.
CONSENT AGENDA.

FINAL PAYMENT APPROVAL

LYNN VESSELS CONSTRUCTION, LLC; MEADOWS CIRCLE
PAVING; \$12,083.95

The City Council approved final payment to Lynn Vessels Construction, LLC, in the amount of \$12,083.95, for the Meadows Circle Paving Project.

The project involved the rehabilitation of the City's street that had previously been noted as deteriorated or otherwise in need of rehabilitation. The final payment will finalize the project costs at \$63,691.70.
CONSENT AGENDA.

OTHER BUSINESS

CONSIDER THE APPLICATION OF STEPHEN TERRELL TO
ENROLL HIS BUSINESS, PRINT WORKS! SHERMAN, INTO
THE SHERMAN DOWNTOWN OCCUPANCY INCENTIVE
GRANT PROGRAM

Mr. Strauch presented the fourth and fifth applications for the Downtown Occupancy Incentive Grant Program. Council Member Couch said he would recuse himself from voting because he is the building owner.

Mayor Plyler said the City Council would consider this item after their discussion in Executive Session. Council Member Steele said he would like to hear from the building owners.

Stephen Terrell, owner of Print Works! Sherman, said their business is located at 108 East Houston Street, and was originally started in 2011 at his home. They expanded to Paris and then Mount Pleasant, and now have an opportunity to expand into Sherman.

Since they began operation, they have had a lot of business from Sherman and feel the best way to give back to the community is to come to the community. By locating in a community, they "give back" both through sales tax and employment.

CHANGE ORDER
DOWNTOWN
SIDEWALK PANEL
REPLACEMENT

PAYMENT APPROVAL
MEADOWS CIRCLE
PAVING

DOWNTOWN
OCCUPANCY
INCENTIVE GRANT
PROGRAM
(PRINT WORKS!
SHERMAN

Mr. Terrell said when they open in a town it's hard to get going and the downtown incentive helps. They plan to continue to grow Print Works! Sherman and eventually add employees. They have been in Sherman since November 2016.

He said they offer decorated apparel, such as embroidery and screen printing. They also offer retail clothing with their Hummingbird line of clothing.

Mr. Hefton asked if sales tax was generated on all the business they do, or just on retail sales. Mr. Terrell said it generally is not sales tax exempt. Business with the schools is usually exempt, but all business to business is sales taxable.

Mr. Hefton asked if they were "doing a job" for a client in Greenville, but they were doing it out of the Sherman Office, would it be taxable in Greenville or in Sherman.

Mr. Terrell said they currently have three sales tax accounts set-up, one in Lamar County, one in Sherman, and one in Mount Pleasant. Any business that goes through that office, sales tax is paid through that location.

CONSIDER THE APPLICATION OF DANNY HENDERSON TO ENROLL HIS BUSINESS, DOWNTOWN ESCAPE ROOMS, INTO THE SHERMAN DOWNTOWN OCCUPANCY INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM

Mayor Plyler said the City Council would consider this item after their discussion in Executive Session.

**DOWNTOWN
OCCUPANCY
INCENTIVE GRANT
PROGRAM
(DOWNTOWN
ESCAPE ROOMS)**

Shary Henderson, owner of Downtown Escape Rooms, said their business is located at 114 South Crockett Street. Currently they have one room set up, called "The Cabin," which can take up to eight people.

The Escape Room features locked boxes and puzzles for participants to solve in 60 minutes to successfully exit the room. Ms. Henderson said participants are not physically locked in and there is no lock on the door.

Escape Rooms are all about teambuilding and collaboration and Ms. Henderson said their children are highly involved in the business so it is a family event for them.

Council Member Howeth asked if the theme would change so people would want to participate again. Ms. Henderson said they may leave the first room set up for a year, but they have the option of adding two more rooms. They currently have a second room in the process, called "The Hangout."

Council Member Teamann asked if Escape Rooms were taxable or were a "service" that was not taxable. Ms.

Henderson said she was not sure, but did think it was taxable. She said they will sell t-shirts and that would be taxable.

Mr. Hefton asked if this site, at 114 South Crockett Street, would have room for all three of these rooms or would they have to take on more space. Ms. Henderson said there is space for all the rooms, however the back room would need a lot of work. Ms. Henderson said the Grand Opening is Friday for the first room. The second room should be open by Spring Break.

Council Member Couch asked if they planned to expand to the top floor. Ms. Henderson said they would love too, but right now they are “afraid to go up there.”

CONSIDER REQUEST OF GRAYSON HONORS COLLEGE AND THE GRAYSON COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSOCIATION TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE CERTAIN STREETS FOR THE “BEAT THE HEAT 5K RUN/WALK” ON SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2017

**CLOSE STREETS
“BEAT THE HEAT
5K RUN/WALK”
(APRIL 29, 2017)**

Dr. Brandy Fair, Arts & Humanities Department Chairman and Honors College Coordinator, Grayson College, requested that the City Council temporarily close certain streets for the 4th Annual “Beat the Heat 5K Run/Walk” on April 29, 2017.

The Grayson Honors College and the Grayson County Law Enforcement Association will host the event, which will benefit the Grayson County Law Enforcement Association bereavement fund and the scholarship fund, and the Grayson College Deputy Chad Key Memorial Scholarship. In the past the money was donated to the National organization, however this year it will be kept local.

The event will require labor and equipment to provide traffic control assistance to close the designated route, as well as Rusk Street, in front of Piner Middle School. Dr. Fair said they will work with the Police Department or hire officers for security for the event.

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Steele to approve the request of Dr. Brandy Fair, representing the Grayson Honors College and the Grayson County Law Enforcement Association, to close certain streets for the “Beat the Heat 5K Run/Walk” on Saturday, April 29, 2017, as presented. Second by Council Member Couch.

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

VOTING NAY: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

CONSIDER REQUEST OF THE SHERMAN MAIN STREET ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE CERTAIN STREETS FOR “CHRISTMAS IN JULY” ON SATURDAY, JULY 8, 2017

**CLOSE STREETS
“CHRISTMAS IN
JULY”
(JULY 8, 2017)**

Sarah McRae, Tourism/Main Street Manager, addressed the

City Council concerning the Sherman Main Street Advisory Committee's request to temporarily close certain streets for "Christmas in July" on July 8, 2017. The event will be held around the Court House Square.

She said this is the fifth year for the event, but the first year that the Main Street Advisory Committee has sponsored the event. Formally it was sponsored by Downtown Sherman Preservation and Revitalization.

Mr. Strauch said this is a routine item that would normally be on the Consent Agenda, but he wanted to advise the Council that the Main Street Advisory Committee will be taking on additional events that were previously sponsored by Downtown Sherman NOW, formally DSP&R.

Council Member Couch said the City Council did designate an ex-officio position on the Main Street Advisory Committee for the Downtown Sherman NOW Executive Director. The two entities have a very collaborative relationship.

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Couch to approve the request of the Sherman Main Street Advisory Committee to close certain streets for "Christmas in July" on Saturday, July 8, 2017, as presented. Second by Council Member Teamann.

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

VOTING NAY: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSS AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE BUDGET CALENDAR FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2017-2018

BUDGET CALENDAR

Mr. Hefton presented a proposed calendar with dates for the budget process. Most of the dates are at regularly scheduled City Council Meetings, however there are two dates that would be Special Called Meetings.

The Budget Planning Meeting has been proposed for April 21, 2017 and the Budget Workshop for June 15 and June 16, 2017. He asked the City Council to check their calendars to see if those dates would be okay. The meetings would be held in the City Council Chambers.

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Howeth to approve the budget calendar and confirm the City Council Chambers as the site for the Budget Planning Meeting and Budget Workshop, as presented. Second by Council Member Steele.

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

VOTING NAY: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

CITIZENS REQUESTS

MAIN STREET ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

Sarah Pierce, 1102 S. Elm, said the Council is appointing a member to the Main Street Advisory Committee tonight and she said out of several applicants, she is the only one that has faithfully attended meetings of the Board. She added that if someone is invested in getting on the Board, they should attend the meeting.

MAIN STREET
ADVISORY
COMMITTEE

MEDIA QUESTIONS

There were no media questions.

MEDIA QUESTIONS

APPOINT/REMOVE OR CONSIDER QUALIFICATIONS TO
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

MAIN STREET ADVISORY COMMITTEE (3)

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Couch to reappoint Sherry Little and Felicia Herron to the Main Street Advisory Committee for a term from March 31, 2017 to March 31, 2019, and to appoint David Gunn to fill the unexpired term from February 21, 2017 to March 31, 2017.

MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

MAIN STREET
ADVISORY
COMMITTEE

Council Member Steele said some of the current members do not live in Sherman and he asked if this was the only Board that didn't require members to be Sherman residents. Mayor Plyler said this is not a Board that "fits under that requirement."

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Howeth to appoint Sarah Pierce and David Gunn to the Main Street Advisory Committee and to reappoint either Sherry Little or Felicia Herron.

MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF A SECOND.

Council Members asked about taking the discussion to Executive Session, however Brandon Shelby, City Attorney, said this is not the type of Board that can be discussed in Executive Session. This Board does not have legislative authority and is purely advisory. He said the City Council could seek legal advice about the Board in Executive Session. He suggested considering the three positions one at a time.

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Couch to appoint David Gunn to the Main Street Advisory Committee. Second by Council Member Teamann.

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

VOTING NAY: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

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ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Couch to appoint Sherry Little to the Main Street Advisory Committee. Second by Council Member Steele.

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

VOTING NAY: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Howeth to appoint Sarah Pierce to the Main Street Advisory Committee. Second by Council Member Steele.

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

VOTING NAY: None.

MOTION CARRIED.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

NEW GROWTH IN SHERMAN

Council Member Teamann said he was excited about the new businesses coming to town. The downtown area seems to be “blossoming” and there is a lot of new growth there. He recognized Downtown Escape Rooms and Print Works! Sherman.

**NEW GROWTH
IN SHERMAN**

FIRE DEPARTMENT AWARDS CEREMONY

Council Member Teamann said he recently attended the Fire Department Awards Ceremony and it was a very powerful and moving event.

**FIRE DEPT.
AWARDS CEREMONY**

He and his wife decided on the way home after the Awards Banquet that he would like to donate half of his City Council pay to the Fire Association and the other half to the Police Association, if it can be done without a conflict of interest.

TAX INCREMENT REINVESTMENT ZONES

Council Member Couch said he was excited to have the new Tax Increment Reinvestment Zones in place. He said it was a great indicator of Sherman’s growth.

**TAX INCREMENT
REINVESTMENT
ZONES**

SPEEDING THROUGH NEIGHBORHOOD

Council Member Couch said he received a call from some concerned citizens that live in The Preserve. They expressed concern about the speed of vehicles coming from Seasons West, going into Cormorant Drive. He said there are no stop signs and many kids living in the vicinity. He asked the staff to look into the situation.

**SPEEDING THROUGH
NEIGHBORHOOD**

CITY’S ADVISORY BOARDS

Council Member Steele said there are many applications for the Main Street Advisory Committee and he asked to encourage the applicants to consider the other Advisory Boards that the City has too. He said sometimes it’s hard to get applicants for the other Boards.

**CITY’S ADVISORY
BOARDS**

FIRE DEPARTMENT AWARDS CEREMONY

Council Member Steele commended Danny Jones, Fire Chief, on the Fire Department Awards Banquet that was recently held. He said the participants “looked good in their uniforms.” He thanked them for the work they do for the citizens of Sherman.

**FIRE DEPT.
AWARDS CEREMONY**

FIRE DEPARTMENT AWARDS CEREMONY

Council Member Howeth thanked the Fire Department for inviting the City Council to their Awards Banquet. She said there are a lot of young officers that will be there are a long time.

**FIRE DEPT.
AWARDS CEREMONY**

CASA FUNDRAISER

Council Member Howeth recently attended the CASA night and had a wonderful time. The organization brings attention to children who are displaced from their parents, the wonderful volunteers that work with the organization, and the Board of Directors. She said it was a lovely event and a good fundraiser.

CASA FUNDRAISER

THANKS TO THE FIRE AND POLICE DEPARTMENTS

Council Member Brown said he was excited to serve on the City Council but was unable to attend the Fire Department Banquet.

**THANKS TO THE
FIRE & POLICE
DEPTS.**

He did thank the Fire Department and the Police Department for doing such a wonderful job. He saw all the new fire equipment that was on display outside and asked about the cost. Danny Jones, Fire Chief, explained that some of the money was recouped through insurance, but some was never recouped. Council Member Brown wanted to be sure that the money was recouped if insurance did not pay.

BEST WISHES TO LARRY ATHERTON

Council Member Brown sent best wishes to Justice of the Peace Larry Atherton, who will undergo multiple bypass surgery on Wednesday.

**BEST WISHES
TO LARRY ATHERTON**

ACTIVITIES FOR SHERMAN YOUTH

Council Member Brown said when he ran for City Council, one thing he was adamant about was some type of family entertainment in Sherman. He recognized the new Escape Room that was discussed earlier. He is still working to find family entertainment for Sherman residents.

**ACTIVITIES FOR
SHERMAN YOUTH**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Plyler announced the following:

- Sherman Main Street, in conjunction with Downtown Sherman NOW, is hosting the Mardi Gras Bead Crawl on February 25, 2017. The event will include “family friendly activities.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- The First Annual Celtic Festival will be held on March 25, 2017, in Kidd-Key Park.
- The Texoma Community Center will hold its Annual Recycling Fundraiser on March 25, 2017.

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.

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**

On Motion duly made and carried, the Open Meeting recessed and reconvened in Executive Session at 5:51 p.m.

On Motion duly made and carried, the Executive Session recessed at 6:48 p.m. and reconvened in Open Meeting.

OPEN MEETING

Reconvene into Open Meeting and take action, if any, on items discussed in Executive Session.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

Deputy Mayor Sofey arrived at 5:51 p.m., in time to attend the Executive Session and the remaining part of the City Council Meeting.

CLARIFICATION FOR MAIN STREET ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

Mr. Shelby said it was brought to his attention by Linda Ashby, City Clerk, that for the three positions that were nominated for the Main Street Advisory Committee, one of the appointments was to fill an unexpired term.

The staff needs verification as to who was appointed to fill the unexpired term. One of the appointments was a

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OPEN MEETING

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT

MAIN STREET ADVISORY COMMITTEE CLARIFICATION

reappointment, so it probably was not that person. But there were two other appointments, David Gunn and Sarah Pierce.

Council Member Howeth originally made the motion for appointment, so she clarified that she intended to nominate Sarah Pierce to fill the unexpired term of Ginger Nye. Mr. Shelby clarified that the other two appointments, Sherry Little and David Gunn were then appointed to full terms.

CONSIDER THE APPLICATION OF STEPHEN TERRELL TO ENROLL HIS BUSINESS, PRINT WORKS! SHERMAN, INTO THE SHERMAN DOWNTOWN OCCUPANCY INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Teamann to approve the enrollment of Print Works! Sherman, into the Downtown Occupancy Incentive Grant Program, as presented.

Second by Council Member Steele.

VOTING AYE: Brown, Howeth, Steele, Teamann.

VOTING NAY: Sofey.

ABSTAIN: Couch.

MOTION CARRIED.

DOWNTOWN
OCCUPANCY
INCENTIVE GRANT
PROGRAM
(PRINT WORKS!
SHERMAN)

CONSIDER THE APPLICATION OF DANNY HENDERSON TO ENROLL HIS BUSINESS, DOWNTOWN ESCAPE ROOMS, INTO THE SHERMAN DOWNTOWN OCCUPANCY INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM

ACTION TAKEN.

Motion by Council Member Couch to approve the enrollment of Downtown Escape Rooms, into the Downtown Occupancy Incentive Grant Program, as presented. Second by Council Member Brown.

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

VOTING NAY: Sofey.

MOTION CARRIED.

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ESCAPE ROOMS)

ADJOURNMENT

On Motion duly made and carried, the meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MAYOR

CITY CLERK