

MERRY CHRISTMAS

FROM THE CITY OF SEYMOUR!

May your holiday season be filled with joy, love, and happiness. Thank you for being a part of our wonderful community. Wishing you all the best in the New Year!"

December 20th, 2024

“Weekly Beat”

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CITY OF SEYMOUR UPCOMING EVENTS

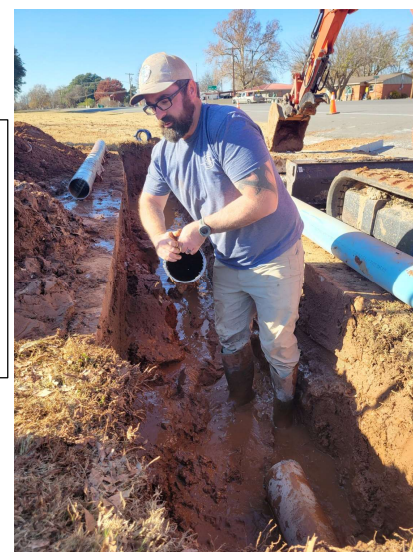
- December 23-25th, 2024 City Hall Closed for Christmas Break
- January 1st, 2025, City Hall Closed for New Year's Day
- January 16th, 2025 City Council Meeting at City Hall Auditorium at 7:00 PM.
- February 22nd, 2025, from 9:00-10:30 AM Trout Fishing Tournament at Salt Fork



The Seymour Street Department completed the airport project by painting the stripes leading up to the runway. Pictured above members David Mailhos, Shaun Teel, and Kenny Davis with the support of Supervisor Ronnie Kolacek work together to complete the painting project.



Pictured above the City Council and Mayor recognized the Seymour Police Department for their efforts on executing proactive traffic safety patrols and action all around the city. The Police Officers focus on traffic control to improve the quality of life for citizens by maintaining safe speeds and responsible driving in the community. Pictured above from left to right is Council Members Lan Winn, Billy Henricks, Chief Bryce Sawyer, Officer Justin Jones, Sargent Felipe DeAnda, Officer Sid Rangel, Mayor Mark McCord, Animal Control Officer Rick Shumate, Council Member Debbie Gillispie, and City Administrator Jeff Brasher.



Pictured above Water Department Employee Jake Donnell works with the Water Department laying new pipe under a driveway on California Street that had on-going leak issues. The new line should remedy future leaks in this spot.

CITY COUNCIL MEETS FOR DECEMBER MEETING

The City of Seymour City Council met on December 19th, 2024, for their last regularly scheduled meeting of the year. At 7:00 PM Mayor McCord called the meeting to order. All members were present, and Councilman Skyler Henricks was not present, and Councilman Monty Glass attended the meeting remotely. The Prayer for the meeting was led by Pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church Russell Roberts. The mayor announced the success of the Christmas Parade. After opening the meeting City Administrator Dr. Jeffrey Brasher recognized the Seymour Police Department on behalf of the Mayor and City Council for their dedication towards their outstanding efforts in executing effective traffic safety control in our city. The Police have moved the speed display trailer to various locations in town to detect the travelers speed so they will be cognizant of their speed and slow down if necessary. The police have given sixty-one warnings to remind our community of the speed limit to minimize the risk of accidents. The department has also issued thirty-seven citations. These practices are quite effective in promoting safer driving habits and reducing speeding in areas like school zones, residential neighborhoods, and construction zones.

After the employee recognition, Kim Stevenson from Helping Hands updated the City Council on the 2025 Spring Car Show in the park. Next, City Administrator Dr. Jeffrey Brasher gave an update to the Council and Mayor on various topics including upcoming events for the City of Seymour, a personnel report indicating that the City has a full staff including a new part-time hire for the water department Mr. Joseph Trepanier. Included in the report is the Seymour Police Department's monthly report, and a financial report from Ms. Suzanne Shumate. Subsequently the City Council approved the consent agenda items on the agenda. The consent agenda items consisted of the November 2024 Regular City Council Meeting minutes, approval of the accounts payable bills for the month of November 2024, approval of the City of Seymour Employee Calander for the 2025 year, approval of the New Opioid Settlement, approval of the prohibited Technology policy required by the State of Texas, and approval of the interlocal election agreement between the City of Seymour, Seymour ISD and the Seymour Hospital for the 2025 Election.

The action items consisted of the following items. First, the City Council approved the 2021-2022 audit as presented by the City's CPA Paul Fleming of Wichita Falls. Second, approved the bid from CLAW Contractors of Seymour for the total cost of \$19,450.00 to complete the fencing project at the Seymour's Transfer Station. The work will be done only if the project is approved by Nortex Solution as a grant. Third, the City Council approved the sale of the Electric Department's F550 Truck bid from Bobby Morrow for \$10,000.00. Fourth, the council tabled the flex work week schedule from each department and plan on hosting a public hearing to get feedback from the community before making a final decision. Fifth, the council approved placing Mayor Mark McCord to the Baylor County Appraisal District Board to replace Councilman Skyler Henricks who has served the past year. Last, the council deliberated about the accident that occurred at the Seymour's Transfer Station. A gentleman climbed out on top of the roll off and fell backwards onto the concrete below. Fortunately, the gentleman was not severally hurt but was transported to the hospital for evaluation. This accident occurred at the same location as Mr. Byrket's fatal accident after which signs and barriers were put in place to minimize the risk of falling. After much discussion the council decided to analyze the incident in greater detail before making a final decision. Following the action items, the council went into closed session to discuss and evaluate Chief of Police Bryce Sawyer's performance over the last several months. The goal is to perform a monthly evaluation for six months before deciding to transition Chief Sawyer from interim to full-time Chief at the end of a six-month review. There was no action taken after closed session and the meeting was adjourned at 8:56 PM.

City of Seymour Department Updates

The Street Department, as reported by Supervisor **Ronnie Kolacek** reported that his department striped the airport approaches, repaired an approach at the courthouse for the Sheriff's Department, mulched brush at the transfer station, filled in a pothole on North Plainview Drive, trimmed around stop signs and straightened up signs around town.

The City of Seymour **Electric Department** supervised by John Joyce communicated his department repaired a primary line behind Plant Street and Brazos Street. The contractor, who was performing tree maintenance, misjudged the direction in which the tree would fall. Despite taking necessary precautions, the tree toppled directly onto a nearby power line, severing it and causing an immediate power outage. The department also repaired a blown fuse due to an owl shorting out the power for a brief time until it was repaired by the Electric Department. The department took down the banner on Main Street, worked on Christmas Lights, repaired a streetlight on Foley and Morris Street, drove out circuit one, dragged brush, and drove out a portion of Circuit seven, and then fixed the mainline fuses.

The City of Seymour **Water Department supervisor Chase Hoyt** reported his department repaired a leak on East McLain and then searched for an entire day for a leak in the same area that was believed to be responsible for large volumes of water pooling up behind the EMS station. After many hours of probing and digging the Water Department found a large leak that was escaping through the rocks down below that had not surfaced on the road. The crew repaired the water leak near the turn on East McLain ensuring the residents did not have any interruption of water service. The department also flushed hydrants to improve water quality on dead end lines, cleaned the shop, and put down new base around the shop to improve surface. The hard work and determination of the water department is a testament to the power of teamwork, dedication and the importance of community service.

The **Seymour Police Department** under the supervision of **Chief Bryce Sawyer** communicated that in the month of November gave thirty-seven citations and an additional sixty-one warnings. This week the department made two Young County warrant arrests after a routine traffic stop, made one criminal trespass arrest, investigated a terroristic threat call, mediated a civil issue, conducted traffic enforcement on Custer Street, and assisted Seymour ISD Police Department.

Over the course of the last week, the **Reverse Osmosis Plant** under the supervision of John Davis produced 3.3 million gallons of treated water that was distributed to the City of Seymour and Baylor Water Supply Corporation. During the week plant operators monitored chlorine residuals around the town, monitored the amount of wastewater discharged from the plant, took daily readings on the primary RO units, and collected the monthly lab samples that monitor our water supply for any microbial contaminants.

The City of Seymour **Animal Control Officer Rick Shumate** captured five total dogs this week and all found their way back to their owners. Mr. Shumate also picked up one deceased deer on West California, seven cats were relocated, and six kittens were found deceased and a cat. Mr. Shumate also removed three possums from the community and received eight total animal related calls this week.

Young Entrepreneurs Shine at 4th Grade Market Extravaganza!



Seymour, Texas – Excitement filled the air as Seymour Elementary School hosted its highly successful Market Day event, led by the inspiring efforts of the fourth-grade team of teachers consisting of project leader Mrs. Molly Stroebel, Melissa McCauley, and Sybil Jones. The bustling event transformed the school gymnasium into a vibrant marketplace, showcasing the creativity and entrepreneurial spirit of the young students. Mrs. Cathy Woolbright, Chamber Director was on hand with Dr. Jeffrey Brasher, City Administrator to participate in the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.

The fourth graders, brimming with enthusiasm, set up their booths with a variety of homemade goods, crafts, and services. From handcrafted good and decorative items to delicious baked goods and creative games, the students demonstrated their impressive skills and business acumen. The event attracted a crowd of parents, teachers, and community members, all eager to support the budding entrepreneurs.

Mrs. Stroebel, who has been dedicated to fostering a love of learning and creativity in her students, was thrilled with the outcome of the event. "Market Day is an incredible opportunity for students to apply what they've learned in the classroom to real-world scenarios," she said. "It's amazing to see their confidence and excitement grow as they interact with customers, showcase their hard work, and creativity."

One of the highlights of the day was the enthusiastic participation of the community. Many parents volunteered their time to help set up and assist their children. The collaborative effort made the Market Day a true celebration of community spirit.

Students also had the chance to learn valuable lessons about money management, marketing, and customer service. The success of the Market Day event is a testament to the hard work and dedication of Mrs. Stroebel, Mrs. McCauley, and Mrs. Jones and their students. It provided a memorable and enriching experience for everyone involved, reinforcing the importance of education, creativity, and community support.

As the event concluded, the students proudly packed up their remaining goods and counting the money they earned during the Market Day experience. With the continued support of the community and the guidance of inspiring educators like Mrs. Stroebel, Seymour Elementary School is sure to see many more successful and enriching events in the future.