

City of Seymour Texas

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February 21st, 2025

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CITY OF SEYMOUR UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 20th, 2025, City Council Meeting at 7:00 PM at Seymour City Hall.
- June 28th, 2025, Kid's Fishing Tournament at the Big Stock Tank at Salt Fork Recreational Complex 9:00-10:30 AM
- July 23rd – 25th, 2025 City of Seymour Kids Golfing Camp. 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM.

BRYCE SAWYER OFFICALLLY NAMED “CHIEF” OF THE SEYMOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT



Pictured above City Employees John Joyce and Sid Rangel are learning proper techniques for CPR. Employees in the back from left to right is Kenny Davis, Jake Donnell, Alonzo Avilla, and Bell Perryman. Each City Employee receives CPR training every two years. Knowing CPR enables city employees to respond quickly and effectively in emergencies where someone is experiencing cardiac arrest. Each employee is also trained in basic first aid response.



Pictured above Interim Chief Bryce Sawyer was officially named “Chief” by the City Council on Thursday night after serving the citizens of Seymour as Interim Chief for the past six months. The Council is excited and pleased to have Chief Sawyer serve our community and look forward to the many great things that will come from his leadership.

CITY COUNCIL CONVENED ON FEBRUARY 20TH, 2025

SEYMOUR, TX – The Seymour City Council met on Thursday February 20th, 2025, at 7:00 PM. Mayor McCord called the meeting to order. Council member Skyler Henricks was not present. After calling the meeting to order Mayor McCord commented on the cold weather and encouraged everyone to wrap up. Following announcements City Administrator Dr. Brasher recognized the community members that have cleaned up dilapidated properties to make Seymour brighter, cleaner, and safer. Those families that were recognized consisted of Loy Studer (4 properties), Tommy and Jeannie Albritton, Lance Burnett, and Sam Boone. The City of Seymour has also contributed to cleaning up three properties and is currently working on a fourth property lead by Street Department Supervisor Ronnie Kolacek. At the current pace the city along side progressive community members will potentially have ten properties cleaned up so far this year. Let's keep it going Seymour!

During the City Administrator report Dr. Brasher informed the City Council on the following items. First, a report on monthly progress was provided, upcoming events, personnel report, Salt Fork Membership, police report, financial report, dilapidated property report, and a report on Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (CJD) Grant Update. Respectively, the city received a grant for additional fencing at the transfer station in the amount of \$19,450.00 and a \$47,442.00 grant for police protection equipment, and an additional \$7,063.85 grant for Rifle-Resistant Body Armor. Following the administrator report the City Council heard three public hearings. The first public hearing was a specific use permit zoning change of 312 W 12th St, also known as Lot 20 Blk 2, Subd S-D, in Seymour Texas. The specific Use Permit would allow for the owner to use the property for the placement of twenty shipping containers for the purpose of renting out as Storage Units, Next, the city council had a second hearing on the possibility of allowing gaming rooms to be introduced into the city limits as they explore the laws and regulations that govern these types of organizations. Finally, the council heard a hearing on the straight rezone, zoning change of 701 N East St, also known as Lot 22 Blk 7, Subd McLain, in Seymour Texas, for the purpose of a dog park. This zoning change would allow the student leadership group to move forward with their vision of building a dog park in the city for residents and those traveling through Seymour.

After the completion of the public hearings the City Council approved the consent agenda which included five items. These items included the minutes from January 16th, 2025 meeting, the February 6th, 2025 Special Called City Council meeting minutes, approval of the accounts payable bills for the month of December 2024, approval of the Seymour Police Profiling Report submitted by Chief Sawyer, and the approval of Ordinance 2025-02 repealing Article 7.4 Junked Vehicles from the 1988 City Code of Ordinances and adopting Article 7.4 Junked Vehicles with modifications to better align with State regulations. The ordinance will be more clearly defined so the city can take action on junked vehicles that are parked in people's yards and undesignated parking spots. When junked vehicles are parked in people's yards, it detracts from the overall appearance of the neighborhood and makes the area look slovenly.

There were seven action items on the agenda that were considered by the City Council. First, the City Council approved the "unmodified opinion" 2023-2024 audit as presented by the City's auditor Mr. Paul Fleming of Wichita Falls, Texas. Second, the City Council approved the specific use permit, zoning change of 312 W 12th St, also known as Lot 20 Blk 2, Subd S-D, in which allows for the use placement of shipping containers for the purpose of renting out as Storage Units with twenty total units. Third, the City Council approved the straight zone change at 701 N East Street for the use of the dog park construction project by the student leadership group. Fourth, the council approved for city leadership to move forward on the creation of a new "Skate Park" to be added to the Bicycle Park that will be paid in full by the "Priddy Foundation" for the estimated cost of \$125,000.00. Fifth, the City Council took no action on the gaming room proposal but will continue looking for a possible ordinance as they continue to explore the possibility of allowing the placement of a gaming room inside the city limits. Sixth, the City Council approved the grant agreement number CDV23-0141 for the downtown revitalization grant for concrete and ADA accessible ramps. The council also approved the April as Fair Housing Month and Civil Rights Policies in Resolution 1583. These ordinances are requirements for the grant from the Texas Office of Rural and Community Affairs. Finally, the City Council took action to cancel the May 2025 election due to unopposed mayor candidate and vacant council places. The City Council will move forward with taking applications for anyone interested in applying for a seat on the City Council. After reviewing applications, the City Council will consider placing a qualified candidate into the desired seat. After the Action Item the City Council went into Executive Session to review and discuss with Interim Police Chief Bryce Sawyer his performance over the last six months and met with legal counsel regarding Special Utility District Baylor Water. After Executive Session the City Council vote unanimously to name Bryce Sawyer officially as "Chief" Sawyer to lead our Police Department forward. After Executive Session the meeting was adjourned 8:51 PM.

CITY COUNCIL PRESENTS “COMMUNITY HERO” AWARD TO PROGRESSIVE RECEIPTANTS



Pictured left to right: City Administrator Dr. Jeffrey Brasher, Councilman Monty Glass, Councilman Billy Henricks, community members Jeannie Allbritton, Tommy Allbritton, Mayor Mark McCord, Councilman Lan Winn, and Councilwoman Debbie Gillispie.

Seymour, Texas--The City Council and Mayor recognized dedicated community members Tommy and Jeannie Allbritton with the prestigious “Community Hero Award” for their efforts in cleaning up dilapidated properties and improving the overall appearance of their neighborhood. The Allbritton’s recently knocked down and cleaned off a dilapidated property on North Main Street. Their hard work and commitment have significantly contributed to making our community more inviting, pleasant, safer, and fostering a sense of pride and camaraderie among residents. These heroes have not only enhanced the visual appeal of the location but will hopefully inspire others to take action to clean up cluttered lots or dilapidated property. Other community members that were recognized for the same level of commitment, but were unable to attend the meeting was Loy Studer, Lance and Amy Burnett, and Sam Boone. The City of Seymour has seen many properties get cleaned up around town. Currently there are still properties and lots that are getting cleaned up. The hope is that by cleaning up the dilapidated properties will make our town safer, cleaner, more presentable, will attract new development, and a better quality of life for all residents.

City of Seymour Department Updates

The Street Department, as reported by Supervisor **Ronnie Kolacek**, reported that his department took advantage of the cold weather by repairing equipment and preparing for the work that needs to be done as the weather warms up next week. The department also completed paperwork and other housekeeping issues that can be put aside due to their hectic schedules and demands in the Street Department.

Over the course of the last week, the **Reverse Osmosis Plant** under the supervision of John Davis produced 3.6 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, calibrated the feed water and product water instrument panels, titrated the chemical feeds, and began preparations for an upcoming inspection.

The **City of Seymour Electric Department**, supervised by **John Joyce**, communicated that his department executed vehicle maintenance checks on vehicles to ensure each vehicle is in proper working order. The department executed locates, attended CPR Training with TEC Representative, inspected power at Saljos, took down a faulty guy wire on Brazos Street, pulled and restored power at a residence on West Brazos Street.

The Seymour Police Department under the supervision of Chief Bryce Sawyer communicated that his department for the month of January 2025 gave out thirty-two citations and forty-six warnings. The department made two arrests, responded to two accidents, and answered one hundred and eighty-six calls. For the week of February 16th, 2025, the Police Department executed multiple welfare checks, conducted school visits, participated in basketball sendoff escorts, hosted a training for local police officers, conducted traffic enforcement, and conducted surveillance in targeted crime areas to deter and minimize crime.

The City of Seymour **Animal Control Officer Rick Shumate** reported the animal control team had six dogs processed this past week. Currently there is three dogs in the pound, two dogs returned to their owner, and one dog was neutered and fostered locally with the partnership with PAWS Organization. There were only two call outs this week. One regarding a large Boar Hog and one dog in the extremely cold weather. The police assisted and the owner was located to remove the dog from the extreme cold temperatures.

The City of Seymour **Water Department supervised by Chase Hoyt** communicated his department replaced a temporary heater at the Water Plant, maintained equipment, cleaned up their shop, cleaned out holes around town, ensured sensors and gauges did not freeze during the inclement weather, and monitored all equipment, including lift stations and heating apparatuses thorough the bitter cold week.