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CITY OF SEYMOUR UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 7th to April 13th, 2025, Clean-Up Week
- April 17th, 2025, City Council Meeting at City Hall: 7:00 PM
- May 15th, 2025, City Council Meeting at City Hall at 7:00 PM.
- May 26th, 2025 (Memorial Day) Splash Day: City Hall Closed
- 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

Powering Through: Seymour Electric Department Keeps the Lights on Despite Winds



Pictured left John Joyce and Garet Hons work tirelessly to repair a pole on another windy day. The Seymour Electric Department is demonstrating resilience and innovation as it tackles the challenges posed by strong winds in maintaining the city's electrical grid. High winds, a common occurrence in the region, can disrupt power lines, damage infrastructure, and create safety hazards. Despite these obstacles, the department remains committed to ensuring reliable electricity for our community. Crews have been working tirelessly to reinforce power lines, clear debris, and respond swiftly to outages caused by wind-related incidents. Proactive maintenance strategies have been key in minimizing disruptions and safeguarding the grid's stability. "We understand how critical electricity is to our residents and businesses," said Electric Department Supervisor John Joyce. "Our team is dedicated to overcoming these challenges and keeping the lights on, no matter the weather." "The department's efforts highlight the importance of adaptability and teamwork in the face of natural challenges. As Seymour continues to experience windy conditions, the Electric Department's commitment to service remains unwavering.

Seymour City Council Addresses Key Community Initiatives

Seymour, TX – The City Council met on March 20th, 2025, at Seymour City Hall. The meeting began with roll call of the City Council and the prayer by Dr. Jeffrey Brasher. Council member Monty Glass was not present. After the prayer Mayor McCord welcomed everyone and reported on the hard work of the Electric Department during the high winds, encouraged the community to participate in Clean Up Week scheduled for April 7th, through the 14th of April, and encouraged the community to be responsible when mowing by not blowing grass clippings into the street, and expressed his excitement that the city's finances is anticipated to be fully executed in the next thirty days. Next the City Administrator on behalf of the Mayor and City Council recognized Jake Donnel and Joseph Trepanier for receiving their Class A and D Wastewater licenses respectively. The city administrator then reported on City personnel and the Salt Fork Memberships. The City hired Alicia Rutledge as a front desk clerk and the Salt Fork Membership is up to one-hundred and fifteen members. Also included in the council report is the data reported each month by the Seymour Police Department Chief Bryce Sawyer. Mrs. Shumate, Finance Director presented a finance report showing that the City is performing very well financially, and a dilapidated properties report was added by City Secretary Lauren Bush. Following the administrative report the City Council listened to nine public hearings on dilapidated structures. The City Council is committed to addressing the issue of dilapidated properties to promote the overall well-being of our community. These properties, often neglected or abandoned, can pose a range of challenges, including safety hazards, reduced property values, and diminished neighborhood pride. By tackling this issue, the Council aims to create a cleaner, safer, and more vibrant environment for all residents. Afterward, the City Council acted on six consent agenda items. The consent agenda consisted of the February 20th, 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes, approval of the accounts payable bills for the month of February 2025, the removal of Conchita Torez and Mary Griffin from the signature cards at Peoples Bank, added Lauren Bush to the signature cards, approved Clean-Up Week for April 7th to April 13th, 2025, approved the opening day of the Summer Pool Season to begin on May 26th, 2025 (Memorial Day), and approve Resolution 1584, Authorizing the submission of a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program Application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the Downtown Revitalization Program.

The Action Items on the agenda consisted of the council acting on many dilapidated properties. The City Council took progressive action on each of the dilapidated properties. Next, the Council took action to go out for bids on the Seymour Speedway Skate Park for concrete and accessories. The project will be paid for by a grant received by the City of Seymour's City Secretary Lauren Bush. Next, the City Council approved going out for bids on the removal of the brush pile at the City's transfer station. The City is exploring options for a more cost-effective approach in dealing with the large amounts of brush that is deposited yearly at the transfer station. Next, the council approved to allow Texas Communities Group to begin the condemnation process of the property at 205 W. McLain and would allow the owner to convey the property at 811 North East Street if the property did not sale in thirty days. Afterward, the City Council tabled the easement requests from Brent Sosolik concerning Lots 1 through 6 and Lots 19 through 24 in Block 3 at 201 South Main Street until additional information was obtained by the City. The Council then selected Grant Works as their grant administrator and Jacob and Martin as their engineer to assist the city in moving forward with the CDBG downtown revitalization grant application. If funded the City will address sidewalks and ADA accessible projects throughout the downtown. Finally, the City Council took action to allow a dinosaur statue to be placed on the parking lot of the Police Station encouraging tourism. The statue is being funded in whole by the AES Global Energy.

After the action items the City Council went into Executive Session to discuss the Baylor Water Supply Corporation litigation and Tri-County litigation settlement agreement. After Executive Session the City Council approved the Tri-County Settlement. The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 PM.

Seymour City Council Celebrates Achievements in Water Department



Pictured left to right is Mayor Mark McCord, Councilman Lan Winn, Skylar Henricks, Water Department employees Jake Donnell, Joseph Trepanier, Councilwoman Debbie Gillispie, Council Member Billy Henricks, and City Administrator Dr. Jeffrey L. Brasher. The City of Seymour's Water Department is proud to recognize the outstanding achievements of Jake Donnell and Joseph Trepanier, who recently earned their Class C and Class D Wastewater Licenses, respectively. These certifications represent their dedication to enhancing the city's water management systems and ensuring the highest standards of environmental stewardship. Jake Donnell's Class C License signifies his advanced expertise in wastewater treatment operations, allowing him to oversee and manage more complex systems. Meanwhile, Joseph Trepanier's Class D License highlights his growing skill set and commitment to contributing to the community's essential services. By obtaining these licenses, both Jake and Joseph have demonstrated their hard work, perseverance, and dedication to protecting public health and safeguarding Seymour's water resources. The city looks forward to their continued contributions in maintaining the reliability and safety of municipal water systems. Congratulations to Jake Donnell and Joseph Trepanier for their exceptional accomplishments! Their achievements underscore the City of Seymour Water Department's ongoing commitment to professionalism and excellence. Chase Hoyt was unable to attend but serves as the supervisor for the Water Department.

Building a Better Seymour: Departmental News and Initiatives

The Street Department Supervisor **Ronnie Kolacek**, reported that his department spent a full day cleaning brush and debris after the severe winds, repairing the traffic safety lights in the school zones, and began working on building additional shed storage for protecting city equipment. The department also responded to multiple community work orders and attended a leadership meeting at City Hall.

Over the course of the last week, the **Reverse Osmosis Plant** under the supervision of John Davis 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, repaired a leak on a pre-filter housing, cleaned the main RO office, performed maintenance on the turbidity analyzer, and calibrated the feed water and product water instrument panels.

The City of Seymour **Water Department supervised by Chase Hoyt** communicated his department work diligently to unclog a drainage pipe that runs from the City Pool down to the creek. The department also dug up and identified manholes on Dickson Road, inputted additional mapping on Diamond Mpas, and repaired a leak by Holub Tire Company.

The City of Seymour **Animal Control Officer Rick Shumate** reported the animal control department received twelve animal related calls this week. Mr. Shumate captured thirteen wild hogs at the RO Plant Property, chased two miniature horses through town with the help of the Seymour PD and Sheriff's Office. Animal control picked up two dogs and returned them both to their owner and a variety of wildlife was trapped or picked up out of the roads and relocated.

The **City of Seymour Electric Department**, supervised by **John Joyce**, communicated that his department got called out on Tuesday night as a result of the high winds that created a power outage on the East side of town. As a result of the high winds the department trimmed back a broken tree limbs behind a residence on West McLain Street, changed out a bad guy wire pole on East Nevada Street, and repaired a broken crossarm on the Hospital Hill. The department also reinstalled power on Northeast and Main Street, repaired a service line on Northeast Street, repaired a stadium light at the little league softball field, and trimmed around and tightened up a service line on North Stadium Drive.

The **City of Seymour Police Department**, supervised by **Chief Bryce Sawyer**, communicated that his department handed out twenty-five citations for the month of February and forty-five warnings. The department also for the month of February answered 160 calls and made two arrests.