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CITY OF SEYMOUR UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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.

Street and Electric Departments Join Forces for Successful Cleanup Week



Pictured above Street Department Employees Shaun Teel and Kenny Davis work along side Electric Department Supervisor John Joyce dragging brush as part of cleanup week.

SEYMOUR, TX – The City of Seymour's Street and Electric Departments have worked hand in hand to clear out the brush and debris set out by residents as part of Cleanup Week, demonstrating the power of teamwork and community spirit. With trucks hauling away piles of branches and crews working tirelessly to mulch and dispose of debris, the departments have not only beautified neighborhoods but also improved safety and accessibility throughout the city. Their dedication to keeping Seymour clean is a reflection of the strong partnership between city workers and the residents they serve. Cleanup Week is more than just a city service—it's a reminder that a thriving community relies on collective effort. Residents taking the time to clear out their properties, combined with the commitment of city crews, ensures that Seymour remains a clean, welcoming place for all. From reducing fire hazards to keeping streets clear, every branch removed, and every load hauled makes a difference. "The teamwork between our departments and the community is what makes events like Cleanup Week so impactful," said City Administrator Dr. Jeff Brasher. "When we work together, we strengthen our town. "As the final brush piles are cleared and mulched, the City of Seymour celebrates another successful Cleanup Week, proving that when a community comes together, remarkable things happen.



CITY COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 17TH, 2025

Seymour, Texas- The Seymour City Council met on Thursday April 17th, 2025, for their regular scheduled monthly meeting. Mayor Mark McCord called the meeting to order and recorded all members present with Councilman Glass. Councilman Skylar Hendricks was not present. After opening the meeting, the prayer was led by Mayor McCord. The City Administrator reported that the City continues to make steady progress across multiple departments, demonstrating a commitment to strong financial management, community improvement, and public service. Personnel updates include the addition of Katrina Dreyer, Sam Dryer, and Bethany Smart as part-time employees at Salt Fork Golf Course, where they will contribute to ongoing operations and customer service. Salt Fork Golf Course currently boasts 113 active members, reflecting the community's engagement with recreational activities. The Seymour Police Department has remained vigilant in maintaining safety and enforcing regulations throughout the city, issuing 37 citations and 76 warnings during the month of March. This enforcement effort underscores the department's dedication to public safety and ensuring order within the community. Financially, the City of Seymour continues to operate within the current budget, with a revenue surplus of \$638,124.00 over expenditures, demonstrating responsible financial planning and stability. Additionally, City Secretary Lauren Bush provided a comprehensive update to the City Council regarding ongoing actions taken against dilapidated properties throughout the community. These efforts aim to improve property conditions, enhance neighborhood aesthetics, and promote a higher quality of life for residents. The City of Seymour remains focused on progress, transparency, and service excellence, ensuring continued success for the community.

After the Administrator Report the City Council held nine public hearings on dilapidated structures, further emphasizing the city's commitment to revitalization. In addition, the Council conducted a public hearing on Ordinance 2025-04, which focuses on updating the Specific Use Permit for Gaming Halls, ensuring that regulations align with Seymour's vision for development and business operations. The City Council's consent agenda included the approval of the March 20, 2025, minutes, along with the March 2025 Accounts Payable Bills, ensuring financial transactions remain transparent and properly recorded. Additionally, the Council reviewed the Quarterly Investment Report, which highlighted a positive financial update—\$182,324.44 in interest earnings for the city since the money has been invested in CDs in 2022. These actions reflect Seymour's ongoing commitment to fiscal responsibility and effective governance.

During its recent meeting, the City of Seymour Council addressed several important community and development issues in the action portion of the meeting. One of the primary topics was dilapidated structures, with the Council giving property owners opportunities to rectify the condition of identified properties and numerous properties were conveyed to the City for cleanup. Additionally, action was taken on 401 East Pecan, where the owner was found to be non-compliant with zoning ordinances. The Council also deliberated on gaming establishments, voting not to act on existing gaming rooms inside city limits. However, they plan on approving an update to the City Zoning Ordinance, not allowing Gaming 8-Liner rooms at the next council meeting. In matters of property transactions, the Council reviewed and approved a bid from Penman to purchase 602 S. Washington Street for \$2,500. They also accepted a bid for the Speedway Skate Park, approving concrete and accessory work from Concept Construction out of Vernon, Texas. Additionally, the Council tabled the easement request for Brent Sosolik concerning 201 South Main Street until further information is recorded. Further discussions the council tabled city-owned property on 11th Street, until the Council fully understands their options for this property. The Council also welcomed four new Hotel Tax Board members—Bill Brown, Debbie Gillispie, Mary Beth Miller, and Lynn Smith—to support local tourism and economic initiatives to replace long time servants, Dr. Jim Tucker, Jon Hrnecirik, and Rusty Stafford. Other decisions included approving the Seymour ISD subdivision plat, authorizing Mr. Bragiel from Avenue Insights and Analytics to audit hotel entities to ensure compliance, and taking action to update Garbage and Transfer Station Rates, effective June 2026 in the amount of 5.14%, per the Waste Connections contract. The City Council remains dedicated to improving Seymour's infrastructure, economic growth, and community development through thoughtful decision-making. There was no Executive Session, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 PM.

Building a Better Seymour: Departmental News and Initiatives

Street Department Supervisor Ronnie Kolacek announced The City of Seymour Street Department worked diligently throughout Cleanup Week, focusing on brush removal and mulching to enhance the cleanliness and appearance of our community. Under the direction of the Street and Electric Departments spent the week picking up and processing brush, ensuring efficient disposal and contributing to environmental sustainability. By mulching the collected brush, the department helped reduce waste while creating useful material that can be repurposed for landscaping and soil conservation. Their efforts not only cleared debris but also promoted a cleaner, more organized cityscape for residents to enjoy. The City of Seymour appreciates the hard work and commitment of the Street Department in making Cleanup Week a success. Their dedication to maintaining the city's infrastructure and keeping public spaces well-kept is a vital contribution to the community's quality of life.

The **Seymour Police Department**, under the leadership of **Chief Bryce Sawyer**, has been hard at work ensuring the safety and well-being of the community. Officers have been actively engaging with residents, responding to emergencies, and maintaining a strong law enforcement presence throughout Seymour. This past week, the department handled numerous disturbance calls, including an incident involving a juvenile child, where officers worked swiftly and professionally to de-escalate the situation and provide necessary support. Their expertise in handling sensitive cases reinforces their commitment to protecting the most vulnerable members of the community. Additionally, officers made school visits, strengthening relationships with students and staff while fostering a sense of safety on campus. Through these interactions, the department continues to build trust with the youth and reinforce the importance of community-based policing. Traffic safety has also been a focus, with officers conducting proactive traffic enforcement to promote safe driving habits and reduce reckless behavior on the roads. Their efforts were particularly valuable when assisting the Baylor County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) with a reckless driver, ensuring a swift response to prevent potential harm. Chief Sawyer and his officers remain dedicated to keeping Seymour safe, responding to calls with urgency, professionalism, and a deep commitment to serving the community. Their hard work and presence remind residents that law enforcement is here not just to protect, but to build strong connections and promote a secure environment for all.

The **Water Department**, under the direction of **Chase Hoyt**, has successfully completed numerous key infrastructure projects to maintain and improve the city's water systems. The team rodded the sewer line from E Miller to Phil's shop and vice versa, ensuring proper flow and functionality, and fixed and rewired the Cooper lift station to enhance reliability. They also deep cleaned the vac trailer, keeping equipment in top condition, and took pictures for diamond mapping, a vital step in tracking underground assets. Additional improvements included filling holes near Phil's shop, locating a new manhole, and assisting with locating for new construction, ensuring seamless integration with existing infrastructure. Routine maintenance was performed on trucks and trailers, and a previously identified manhole was covered up for added stability. The department also fixed and located water meters throughout town, helping to optimize tracking and billing. To improve organization and efficiency, they rearranged the shop for better placement of meter cans, allowing easier access to essential supplies. Further efforts focused on enhancing manhole integrity around town, with crews placing bases around two manholes on Whiteside, raising a manhole to be level with the road in the same area, and swapping out a damaged manhole on Sunset. These accomplishments reflect the department's commitment to infrastructure reliability, efficiency, and community safety. Through hard work and dedication, Chase Hoyt and his team continue to make significant improvements to the City of Seymour's water systems, ensuring dependable service for residents and businesses.

Over the past week, the **Reverse Osmosis (RO) Plant** supervised by John Davis has been hard at work, producing 4.1 million gallons of treated water to supply both the City of Seymour and Baylor Water Supply Corporation. This process ensures safe, clean, and reliable water for residents and businesses. Throughout the week, plant operators diligently monitored chlorine residuals across town to maintain water quality and safety. They also tracked wastewater discharge levels, conducted daily readings on the primary RO units, and performed necessary maintenance on the chlorine analyzer to ensure optimal performance. Additionally, crews worked to maintain the plant grounds, keeping the area clear and accessible. The City of Seymour appreciates the dedication of its RO Plant team in maintaining high-quality water standards and ensuring continued service for the community. Their efforts play a crucial role in keeping our water infrastructure strong and dependable.

The **Electric Department** has been working diligently under the supervision of **John Joyce** to ensure the city's infrastructure remains reliable, efficient, and well-maintained. Each week, the team conducts vehicle maintenance checks, ensuring that all department vehicles are in optimal condition for daily operations. In addition, they complete weekly readings of reclosures, an essential task for monitoring and maintaining the city's electrical system. The department has also contributed to broader city efforts, such as locating underground utilities and assisting the Street Department in dragging brush, including several days of work during Cleanup Week. Their commitment to teamwork was essential in clearing out large amounts of debris and improving the overall appearance of the community. Their work extended to service-related tasks, including disconnecting power at 409 E. Ingram St, ensuring proper electrical management within the city. Beyond their daily responsibilities, the team actively participated in a TEC meeting, staying informed on industry standards and best practices. They also inspected and tested work trucks, guaranteeing that equipment meets operational and safety standards. Their attention to detail was further highlighted when they fixed and restrung the flag in front of Whiteside Museum, enhancing the community's visual appeal. To maintain cleanliness and professionalism, the team washed pickup trucks, reinforcing their commitment to organization and efficiency. Through hard work and dedication, the Electric Department continues to provide critical services that support the City of Seymour, ensuring the safety and functionality of its electrical infrastructure while contributing to citywide improvements. Their efforts reflect a strong commitment to quality service, teamwork, and community care.



City Council Members Billy Henricks, Debbie Gillispie, Mayor Mark McCord, and Councilman Lan Winn listened intently to a local citizen concerning a dilapidated property at Thursday night's City Council Meeting.