

City of Seymour Texas

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July 18th, 2025

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CITY OF SEYMOUR UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 22nd – 24th City of Seymour Golf Camp at Salt Fork Recreational Complex
- August 8th, 2025 City Hall Closed in observance of Municipal Respite Day
- August 21st, 2025, at 7:00 PM City Council Meeting at City Hall
- August 30th, 2025 Salt Fork Golf Course Member Championship

Heuchert Recognized as Lifeguard of the Month



Pictured above from left to right: Councilman Billy Henricks, Lan Winn, Debbie Gillispie, Lifeguard of the Month recipient Katelyn Heuchert, Mayor Mark McCord, and City Administrator Jeff Brasher.

Ms. Heuchert was recognized for her outstanding service as a lifeguard at the Seymour City Pool. The honor comes following a recommendation from Pool Supervisor Leonard Estraca, who praised her dedication, professionalism, and attentiveness on duty. The City commends Katelyn for her exemplary performance and commitment to public safety.

SEYMOUR CITY COUNCIL MEETING RECAP JULY 17, 2025

On Thursday, July 17, 2025, the Seymour City Council convened at City Hall at 7:00 PM. Mayor Mark McCord called the meeting to order, noting the absence of Councilmember Nancy Townley. Dr. Jeff Brasher delivered the invocation and Mayor McCord led the Pledge of Allegiance before the Mayor shared community announcements, asking that we all remember our fellow Texans who are still recovering from the floods. City Administrator Dr. Brasher then presented the Lifeguard of the Month award on behalf of Mayor McCord and the Council, recognizing the honoree's vigilance, professionalism, and commitment to swimmer safety at the municipal pool to Ms. Katelyn Heuchert. Immediately afterward, Water Department Supervisor Chase Hoyt updated the Council on department projects. Hoyt reported that his crew remains focused on preserving the integrity of the city's water distribution network, intensifying leak-detection efforts with advanced listening equipment, and ensuring safe, reliable delivery of potable water to all residents. In his Administrator's Report, Dr. Brasher announced that the Water Department has an open position and that interviews are in progress. He also reviewed the June finance report, commending staff for keeping expenditures within budget and maintaining a balanced financial outlook for the fiscal year.

The Council then moved through its consent agenda, approving unanimously: • Minutes of the regular City Council meeting held June 19, 2025; • Accounts payable for June 2025; • The third-quarter investment report; • A modification to the City's Drought Contingency Plan—incorporating Texas Commission on Environmental Quality recommendations as presented by John Davis; • Ordinance 2025-08, formally adopting the updated Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan; and • Resolution 1588, updating authorized signatories for the 2023 Texas CDBG grant agreement. Following consent, the Council addressed its action items in order. First, members discussed Article 7.20 to the Property Maintenance Code, establishing rules for the proper disposal of grass clippings and yard waste on public streets, sidewalks, and rights-of-way. This discussion laid the groundwork for formal codification through Ordinance 2025-08, which will insert definitions, enforcement procedures, and penalties into the municipal code. Next, the Council granted approval for downtown street closures and activity coordination for the Seymour Helping Hands Spring Fling 2026, allowing organizers to safely host booths, entertainment, and community activities along Main Street. Turning to land-use matters, the body reconsidered two Specific Use Permit applications. The proposal to develop a 10-space RV park at 608 North Odom Street was approved after a long and productive conversation with the landowner. Conversely, the request to establish two permanent RV residential spots at 801 North Odom Street was approved, enabling long-term RV dwellings on that property. The Council then authorized staff to issue a Request for Proposals for disaster recovery administrative services and a Request for Qualifications for engineering support. These procurements will position the City to secure and manage funding from FEMA, the Texas Division of Emergency Management, and the Texas Water Development Board for hazard mitigation and post-disaster recovery efforts. Seymour Volunteer Fire Department Representative Curt Winn was in attendance and requested to purchase four new Self-Contained Breathing Apparatuses (Air Paks) at an estimated cost of \$37,130.24 was discussed with the council, ensuring compliance with updated NFPA standards and enhancing firefighter safety in hazardous environments. After much discussion the council tables the proposal until further information was brought forward, and budgeting funds were identified. Regarding city-owned real estate, members elected to take no action on the bids received for the sale of the property at 900 North Stratton Street. Given the parcel's proximity to a municipal water well and critical infrastructure, the Council agreed that retaining the site is in the public interest. Finally, on the recommendation of Mayor McCord, the Council tabled the City Council Policies and Procedures Manual until further work can be done on the manual.

There was no executive session, and Mayor McCord adjourned the meeting at 8:08 PM. The next regular meeting is set for August 21st, 2025, at 7:00 PM at City Hall at 301 N. Washington Street in Seymour, Texas.

Building a Better Seymour: Departmental News and Initiatives

Under the leadership of Supervisor **Ronnie Kolacek**, the **Street Department** has completed a busy and productive week of service across Seymour. Crews mowed several city-owned properties, including Seymour City Park and Hospital Hill, keeping public spaces clean and inviting. They also mowed lots owned by the Appraisal District to help maintain neighborhood appearance and safety.

Roadwork included chip sealing the intersection leading into the Plainview Addition, a project aimed at improving surface durability and driving conditions. The department also repaired potholes throughout the city and assisted the Water Department by backfilling a utility hole, demonstrating strong interdepartmental cooperation. In addition to roadway maintenance, the team removed several trees at the Bark Park to improve visibility and safety for park visitors. They also mulched brush from various locations, contributing to sustainable landscaping efforts. Equipment repairs were completed to keep city machinery in working order, and dump trucks were dropped off and picked up for customers to support community hauling needs.

The City of Seymour appreciates the dedication and hard work of Ronnie Kolacek and the entire Street Department team for their continued efforts to keep our community safe, clean, and well-maintained.

Animal Control Officer Rick Shumate has had a busy and productive week responding to wildlife and domestic animal concerns throughout the City of Seymour. His efforts continue to ensure public safety and uphold city ordinances. This week, Officer Shumate successfully picked up eight raccoons, six dogs, two possums, four skunks, and two squirrels. He also removed one stray cat and conducted a bee check in response to a resident concern. In addition to animal pickups, Officer Shumate sent out seven weed violation letters to property owners in accordance with city code enforcement. The department received a total of eleven animal-related calls, all of which were addressed promptly and professionally. Officer Shumate's dedication to maintaining a safe and healthy environment for both residents and animals is greatly appreciated.

The City thanks Officer Shumate for his continued service and commitment to the community.

The **Seymour City Pool** is making waves this week with 259 visitors diving into fun under the dedicated supervision of Mr. Leonard Estraca. Estraca, now overseeing operations, has opened a fully stocked concession stand offering refreshments and treats to keep patrons energized during hot summer days. The pool remains open throughout July, inviting the Seymour community to beat the heat and enjoy the cool, clear waters. Local lifeguards continue to foster a safe and welcoming environment, ensuring that families and swimmers of all ages can relax and have fun with peace of mind. Whether you're looking for a refreshing dip or just a friendly place to gather, the Seymour City Pool is the place to be this summer.

Over the past week, the **Reverse Osmosis (RO) Plant**, under the supervision of **John Davis**, produced approximately 4.5 million gallons of treated water. This water was successfully distributed to both the City of Seymour and the Baylor Water Supply Corporation, ensuring safe and reliable service to the community and surrounding areas. Throughout the week, Mr. Davis diligently monitored chlorine residuals across town to maintain water quality standards. They also tracked the volume of wastewater discharged from the plant, ensuring compliance with environmental regulations. Daily readings were taken on the primary RO units to monitor system performance and efficiency. In addition to operational duties, Mr. Davis mowed and maintained the grounds surrounding the RO Plant to keep the facility clean and accessible. Quality control checks were performed on both in-line and handheld analyzers, and the operator titrated chemical feeds to maintain proper treatment levels. The department also began work on an upcoming infrastructure project focused on replacing the caustic soda chemical feed system, which will improve long-term reliability and safety of the treatment process. Supervisor John Davis continues to demonstrate a high level of professionalism and dedication to providing safe, high-quality water to the community.