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- April 6th – April 11th, 2026 Spring Clean Up Brush Only
- April 17th, 2026 City Council Meeting at City Hall at 7:00 PM
- May 23rd, 2026 at 1:00 PM "Splash Day" Opening Day of the City Pool
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Seymour City Council Holds March 19 Meeting, Honors Longtime Employee Nita Hons

Seymour, Texas: The Seymour City Council convened for its regular meeting on Friday, March 19, 2026, at Seymour City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Mark McCord, who then led the invocation. Afterward, the Mayor made several announcements, including celebrating the completion of the 2025 audit and noting that Seymour will be featured in Town & Country Magazine in April 2026. The highlight of the meeting was the recognition of Nita Hons for her 20 years of dedicated service to the City of Seymour. Jeffrey Brasher acknowledged Hons' final day of service on March 20, 2026, noting that her professionalism, positive attitude, and commitment to service have made a lasting impact on the organization. City officials expressed their appreciation and noted that her presence will be greatly missed. Dr. Brasher also provided the City Administrator's report, announcing that all city positions are currently filled, including the recent addition of front desk clerk Alexis Clarke. He reported continued steady growth at Salt Fork Golf Course, with membership increasing to 112, up from 110 the previous month. The Seymour Police Department reported active enforcement efforts during February, issuing 52 warnings and 11 citations. The city's financial outlook remains strong, with the finance report indicating the city is approximately \$450,000 in the black through the end of February. Progress was also noted in community improvement efforts, as the city has completed cleanup on the South Tackitt property, marking the completion of all properties previously identified for dilapidation on the current docket. During the consent agenda, the council approved the February 19, 2026 regular meeting minutes, accounts payable for February 2026, and participation in the My EDO workshop scheduled for March 25, 2026.

Several action items were considered by the council. Discussion on the purchase of a new vac trailer was tabled pending additional information related to the city's audit. Ordinance 2026-02 was approved, officially canceling the May 2026 special called election due to a lack of candidates. The council also approved April 6 through April 11, 2026, as Spring Clean-Up Week. City leadership is encouraging residents to participate in beautification efforts across the community. As part of this initiative, the transfer station will be open that Monday to allow residents to dispose of brush at no cost.

The audit for the 2025 fiscal year was also tabled. Council was informed that the city's auditor, Paul Fleming, anticipates completion of the audit by March 27, 2026. Officials noted that this timeline will ensure compliance with the 90-day reporting requirement established under new Texas law. No action was taken following closed session.

The meeting reflected continued progress in city operations, financial stability, and community improvement efforts, as leaders remain focused on maintaining and enhancing the quality of life in Seymour.



Pictured from left to right are City Council Member Lan Winn, City Secretary Lauren Bush, City Council Member Billy Henricks, retiring lead clerk Nita Hons, Councilwoman Nancy Townley, Mayor Mark McCord, and City Administrator Jeffrey Brasher.

Mrs. Hons' final day with the City of Seymour was March 20, 2026, as she concluded 20 years of dedicated service to the community.

From Streets to Services: Seymour's Weekly Department Highlights

The City of Seymour **Street Department**, led by Ronnie Kolacek, has been hard at work this week making our city safer, cleaner, and more enjoyable for everyone. The crew moved and leveled dirt around town to support ongoing projects, crack-sealed the walking track at the park to ensure a smooth and safe surface for joggers and walkers, and mulched brush throughout the community to keep public spaces neat and welcoming. At the airport, the team removed rock and filled in dirt around hangar foundations, strengthening the grounds and supporting ongoing infrastructure improvements. These efforts not only enhance the city's facilities but also ensure that public spaces—from parks to the airport—are safe and well-maintained for residents and visitors alike. Thanks to the dedication and hard work of the Street Department, the City of Seymour continues to be a community we can all take pride in. Every project, big or small, helps keep our city running smoothly and looking its best.

The **Reverse Osmosis (RO) Plant**, under the supervision of John Davis, maintained strong operational performance this week, continuing to provide high-quality treated water to the City of Seymour and Baylor Water Supply Corporation. Over the course of the week, the plant produced approximately 4.2 million gallons of treated water, ensuring a consistent and reliable supply for both municipal and regional needs.

Plant operators remained focused on maintaining water quality and regulatory compliance through a series of routine and technical tasks. Chlorine residuals were monitored throughout the distribution system to ensure proper disinfection levels, while the volume of wastewater discharged from the plant was carefully tracked to support operational efficiency and environmental compliance. Daily readings were taken on the primary RO units to monitor system performance and identify any potential issues.

In addition, staff conducted quality control checks on both finished water and raw water through the instrument panel, ensuring that all treatment processes met required standards. Work also continued on the 2025 Water Loss Audit, reflecting the department's commitment to accountability, efficiency, and long-term system management.

The continued diligence of the RO Plant staff highlights their commitment to delivering safe, reliable drinking water while maintaining compliance with all applicable regulations and operational standards. Their efforts remain essential to the health, safety, and sustainability of the City of Seymour's water system.

The City of **Seymour Electric Department**, under the supervision of John Joyce, completed a wide range of essential maintenance and service tasks this week to ensure the continued reliability and safety of the city's electrical system.

Routine operations included weekly vehicle maintenance checks to ensure all equipment remains in proper working condition, as well as the weekly readings of reclosures to monitor system performance and reliability. The department also responded to multiple locate requests, supporting safe excavation and infrastructure work throughout the city.

Crews addressed several service and infrastructure needs across Seymour. On North Main Street, they drove out to identify and repair power issues and successfully installed a new electrical service. On West Brazos Street, the team completed a transformer replacement along with installing a new pole and crossarm, while also trimming both service and primary lines to improve system safety and efficiency.

Additional work included dragging brush to maintain clear access to electrical lines and equipment, repairing a crossarm on West Custer Street, and fixing a service line on West McLain Street. On 12th Street, crews completed the replacement of both a service line and a transformer, further strengthening the reliability of the electrical distribution system.

The Electric Department's work this week reflects a continued commitment to proactive maintenance, rapid response to service issues, and the overall reliability of the city's electrical infrastructure. Their efforts play a critical role in ensuring safe and dependable power for the residents and businesses of Seymour.

The **Salt Fork Golf Course**, under the supervision of Ronnie Kolacek and with the dedicated work of Shawn Sanchez and Sean Weiser, has remained active in both course operations and seasonal preparation efforts.

This week, the team successfully prepared for and hosted two days of high school golf tournaments, welcoming boys' teams on Wednesday and girls' teams on Thursday. These events brought a great deal of activity to the course and showcased Salt Fork as a quality venue for regional competition. The staff worked diligently to ensure the course was in top condition, providing a positive experience for all participants and visitors.

In addition to tournament operations, preparations for the upcoming summer season are already underway. Work has begun on getting the city pool ready to open, with early maintenance and setup efforts taking place to ensure a smooth and safe start to the season.

As temperatures continue to rise, the demands of course maintenance have also increased. The team has intensified watering and mowing efforts to keep the greens, fairways, and surrounding areas in excellent condition. These ongoing tasks are essential to maintaining the playability and appearance of the course during the warmer months.

The continued hard work and coordination of the Salt Fork team reflect a strong commitment to providing high-quality recreational facilities for the community. From hosting successful tournaments to preparing for summer operations, their efforts help ensure that Salt Fork Golf Course remains a valued asset for the City of Seymour.

This week, **Animal Control Officer** Rick Shumate continued to manage and address animal-related issues throughout the City of Seymour. Officer Shumate picked up six dogs, with one dog still remaining at the pound awaiting adoption, ensuring that all animals were safely secured and properly cared for.

In addition, Officer Shumate responded to a variety of wildlife and nuisance situations. He picked up two deceased squirrels, captured and sold six wild hogs from the RO plant property, and handled three raccoons, one opossum, and two cats, contributing to public safety and minimizing wildlife-related hazards. Officer Shumate also sprayed a bee hive to prevent potential stings and property damage.

Officer Shumate actively communicated with the community, issuing a junk and trash notification to address property concerns. Over the course of the week, he responded to sixteen animal-related calls, demonstrating dedication to public service, animal welfare, and community safety.

The efforts of Officer Shumate this week reflect a proactive and comprehensive approach to animal control, balancing animal care, wildlife management, and community protection.

The City of **Seymour Police Department**, under the leadership of Chief Bryce Sawyer, remained actively engaged this week in maintaining public safety, enforcing laws, and supporting the community through a variety of enforcement and service efforts. Officers conducted ongoing traffic enforcement throughout the city, promoting safe driving behaviors and helping to reduce potential hazards on roadways. The department also responded to numerous calls for service, addressing a wide range of community needs and ensuring timely assistance to residents. In addition to reactive policing, officers carried out property checks across the city, providing an added layer of security for homes and businesses. The department also served a criminal trespass notice, reinforcing property rights and helping prevent further incidents. Investigative work remained a priority, with officers conducting follow-up investigations on active cases to ensure thorough case development and resolution. Notably, the department initiated an investigation into a reported theft at the airport, demonstrating continued vigilance in protecting city assets and infrastructure. Community engagement also played an important role this week. Officers conducted school visits, building positive relationships with students and staff, and providing a visible, supportive presence. Additionally, the department assisted the community by leading an escort for a funeral service, ensuring a safe and respectful procession.

The Police Department's efforts this week reflect a balanced approach of proactive enforcement, responsive service, thorough investigation, and meaningful community involvement. Under Chief Sawyer's leadership, the department continues to demonstrate its commitment to the safety, security, and well-being of the citizens of Seymour.

RAMP Funding Supports Critical Improvements at Seymour Airport



The City of Seymour continues to make meaningful progress in strengthening the infrastructure of its municipal airport, most recently through the completion of a key road improvement project. The project, completed by Blacksmith Ventures at a cost of \$99,000.00, included chip and seal work along with the overlay of the south side approach. This improvement enhances both accessibility and safety for pilots, tenants, and visitors utilizing the airport.

A significant portion of this project—90 percent—was funded through the Texas Department of Transportation Aviation Division under the Routine Airport Maintenance Program. The RAMP program is designed to assist publicly owned airports across Texas with the maintenance and preservation of existing facilities. It provides critical funding for routine but essential improvements such as pavement maintenance, markings, and drainage—helping extend the life of airport infrastructure while reducing the financial burden on local communities. The remaining 10 percent of the project was funded through local resources, demonstrating the City’s continued investment and commitment to its airport.

This project is a vital step in maintaining and sustaining the long-term functionality of the Seymour Municipal Airport. Over the past six years, the City has made substantial improvements, including the installation of a new runway, upgraded lighting systems, and improvements to the approach and apron areas. These investments have positioned the airport as a valuable asset for economic development, emergency services, and general aviation.

Despite facing significant challenges—including a tornado that destroyed a majority of the airport’s hangars last April—the City of Seymour, Texas has remained committed to rebuilding and improving this critical piece of infrastructure. Efforts are ongoing to restore facilities and continue enhancing the airport’s capabilities.

The continued focus on infrastructure improvements reflects the City’s dedication to ensuring the airport remains a safe, reliable, and functional resource for the community now and into the future.

City of Seymour Gears Up for a Safe and Enjoyable Summer Swim Season



Pictured above: Chase Hoyt, Water Department Supervisor, and Jared Hopper preparing the pool with a power wash.

As summer approaches, the City of Seymour is taking proactive steps to ensure that residents can enjoy a safe and refreshing swim at the municipal pool. Leading the effort this year is Jake Donnell, who has assumed responsibility as the pool operations manager, overseeing the pump house and chemical monitoring.

Jake recently completed a PHTA (Pool & Hot Tub Alliance) Certification course, earning his credentials as a certified pool manager. This certification equips him with the knowledge and expertise to ensure the city's pool operations meet or exceed all state safety and health regulations. Under Jake's guidance, pool staff will receive thorough training to maintain compliance, proper chemical balance, and safe pool practices.

In preparation for the season, the Water Department collaborated closely with Jake to drain, clean, and refill the pool, making sure it is pristine and ready for swimmers. Jake will also oversee all equipment, ensuring it is fully functional and making improvements where needed to enhance the safety and enjoyment of pool patrons.

Routine water sampling and testing will be conducted to meet all regulatory requirements, ensuring that every swim is safe, clean, and enjoyable. These preparations are part of the city's ongoing commitment to providing high-quality recreational facilities and fostering a fun and healthy community environment.

As Splash Day approaches, residents can look forward to diving into a summer filled with safe, well-maintained, and enjoyable pool experiences—all thanks to the dedication and expertise of Jake Donnell and the City of Seymour team.

Two Decades of Smiles, Service, and Stewardship: Thank You, Nita Hons



Picture above Mrs. Nita Hons is honored at her retirement reception at City Hall.

On Friday, the community gathered at City Hall in Seymour to celebrate an extraordinary milestone—20 years of dedicated service by Nita Hons, the City’s longtime front desk clerk attendant. Friends, coworkers, and residents came together to honor a career defined by consistency, integrity, and a deep commitment to public service. Mrs. Hons began her journey with the City in 2006 as an assistant to the lead front desk clerk. Through hard work and a clear dedication to excellence, she advanced into the role of lead front desk attendant just three years later—a position she would hold with distinction for the remainder of her career. The front desk is often described as the face of City Hall, but its importance goes far beyond first impressions. It carries the critical responsibility of ensuring that utility bills and payments are accurately received, processed, and documented. In many ways, it serves as the backbone of the City’s financial integrity. For two decades, Mrs. Hons fulfilled this role with remarkable precision and professionalism, earning the trust of both her colleagues and the citizens she served daily. During the retirement reception, Mrs. Hons shared one of her most memorable moments—a lighthearted story from early in her career. She recalled when Mary Griffin walked into City Hall and asked about a switch on the wall. Agreeing to help, Mrs. Hons flipped the switch, only to set off the City Hall siren. While the then-city administrator, Mr. Sheppard, was understandably less than amused, the moment has since become a cherished and humorous memory—especially since Mary knew exactly what the switch was for all along. When asked what she will miss most, Mrs. Hons answered simply and sincerely: “the customers.” That sentiment reflects the heart of her service—building relationships and providing dependable, friendly assistance to everyone who walked through the doors. As she steps into retirement, Mrs. Hons looks forward to a well-deserved period of rest and spending more time with her grandchildren. While she plans to “do as little as possible” at first, she remains open to discovering what the next chapter may hold. The City of Seymour extends its deepest gratitude to Mrs. Hons for her 20 years of faithful service. Her impact will be felt for years to come, and her legacy stands as a testament to the vital role that dedicated public servants play in strengthening a community.