

Weekly Beat

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City of Seymour Upcoming Events

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New Wastewater Agreement Expected to Generate \$2 Million in Revenues for Seymour Infrastructure Improvements



Pictured above, from left to right, are Water Department employees Jay Smith, Greg Shumate, Chase Hoyt, and Jared Hopper as they receive the first load of wastewater at the Wastewater Plant.

Seymour, Texas: The City of Seymour has officially begun receiving wastewater from Haskell’s data center man camp, marking a significant new operational and financial development for the community’s utility system. The first deliveries began Wednesday under a structured agreement that city officials project will generate meaningful revenue while maintaining strict regulatory compliance and operational stability. Under the agreement, the City will charge \$0.25 per gallon on weekdays, with higher rates applied for after-hours service and holiday operations. The wastewater is being transported by Waterfleet of San Antonio, a contracted hauling service responsible for delivering the material to Seymour’s treatment facilities. City officials confirmed that the Seymour Wastewater Treatment Plant is fully licensed by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to accept the additional volume. Prior to implementation, TCEQ was consulted to verify that the facility could safely handle the increased flow without negative impacts on compliance, treatment performance, or environmental standards. Longtime Wastewater Plant Supervisor Greg Shumate is overseeing the integration of the new inflow into the treatment process. He is being supported by Water Department leadership, including John Davis, as the city works to ensure the system continues to operate efficiently under the expanded demand. According to city projections, the agreement is expected to generate approximately \$1 million annually in additional revenue for two years, totaling an estimated \$2.0 million in new revenue over the life of the current arrangement. Acceptance of the wastewater is expected to increase plant operating costs by only 2–3 percent. City administration noted that discussions will begin with the Mayor and City Council regarding how best to utilize these funds to strengthen long-term community infrastructure.

Preliminary considerations include:

- Upgrades to existing water distribution infrastructure
- Development of additional municipal water wells
- Improvements and expansion of wastewater treatment capabilities
- System resilience enhancements to support future growth

Officials emphasized that any reinvestment strategy will prioritize long-term sustainability, reliability, and service improvements for residents. City leadership also highlighted that the agreement represents a balanced approach—leveraging existing infrastructure capacity while maintaining compliance and ensuring that current customers experience no degradation in service. With careful oversight from plant operators and continued coordination between departments, city officials expressed confidence that Seymour is well-positioned to manage the increased load while capturing new revenue opportunities that can be reinvested directly back into the community.

As the project moves forward, the City of Seymour will continue monitoring operations closely and providing updates to ensure transparency and accountability throughout the duration of the agreement.

From Streets to Services: Seymour's Weekly Department Highlights

The City of **Seymour Street Department**, under the supervision of Ronnie Kolacek, completed a productive week focused on maintaining public spaces and supporting critical infrastructure operations across the community. Crews began the week with routine grounds maintenance, mowing the city park to ensure it remains clean, safe, and accessible for residents and visitors. The department also extended those efforts to the municipal airport, where mowing operations helped maintain visibility, safety, and overall site appearance. A significant portion of the week was dedicated to improving access to the City's wastewater treatment plant. Street Department personnel spent several days cutting and clearing the roadway leading to the facility in preparation for semitruck traffic associated with wastewater hauling operations. This work was essential to ensure safe and efficient access for incoming loads while supporting the City's expanded utility operations. In addition, crews completed preparation work at the Police Department, readying the front rock wall area for upcoming improvements. This effort is part of ongoing maintenance and enhancement of City facilities. Overall, the Street Department's work this week reflects a strong balance of routine upkeep and targeted improvements, contributing to both the appearance and functionality of key City assets. Under Ronnie Kolacek's leadership, the department continues to play a vital role in supporting infrastructure, public safety, and quality of life in Seymour.

The Seymour **Electric Department**, under the supervision of John Joyce, completed a wide range of maintenance, repair, and improvement projects this week to ensure reliable and efficient electrical service throughout the community. Crews began the week with routine operational responsibilities, including weekly vehicle maintenance checks to ensure all equipment remains safe and dependable. Staff also conducted regular readings of reclosers across the system, a critical function for monitoring circuit performance and maintaining system reliability. Utility locates were completed as needed to support safe excavation and ongoing infrastructure work. As part of proactive system monitoring, crews drove out Circuit 2 to inspect for any potential issues, helping identify concerns before they impact service. This preventative approach is key to maintaining consistent power delivery across the city. Several repair and improvement projects were also completed during the week. Crews worked on wall pack lighting at the Police Department to enhance visibility and security around the facility. On South Browning Street, a utility pole was replaced and associated service lines were repaired and upgraded. Additional service line improvements were completed on North Tackitt Street. The department also responded to service interruptions, successfully restoring power on North East Street. Further infrastructure improvements included the installation of a new pole and rerunning of service lines on East McLain Street, strengthening system reliability in that area. Overall, the Electric Department maintained a strong focus on preventative maintenance, timely repairs, and system improvements, continuing to provide dependable service to the residents of Seymour under the leadership of John Joyce.

The Seymour **Water Department**, under the supervision of Chase Hoyt, had a productive week marked by system maintenance, interdepartmental support, and professional achievement.

Crews addressed several infrastructure needs, including repairing a leaking valve on Custer Street and fixing a water leak on Reaves Street. These repairs are essential to maintaining system efficiency and preventing water loss. In addition, staff filled a hole at the intersection of McLain and Cedar, improving roadway safety following utility work.

The department also completed routine utility locates throughout the week, ensuring safe excavation for ongoing projects and minimizing the risk of damage to underground infrastructure.

Water Department personnel provided valuable support to other city operations as well. Staff assisted at the wastewater treatment plant with incoming wastewater deliveries, helping ensure smooth and efficient handling of increased activity. They also worked alongside the Electric Department to install new poles following a recent accident on the Olney Highway, demonstrating strong interdepartmental coordination.

In a notable professional milestone, team member Jay Smith successfully earned his Class D Wastewater License, further strengthening the department's technical capabilities and compliance with regulatory standards.

Overall, the week reflects the Water Department's commitment to maintaining reliable service, supporting citywide operations, and continuing professional development under the leadership of Chase Hoyt.

The City of Seymour's **Reverse Osmosis (RO) Plant**, under the supervision of John Davis, delivered another productive week of operations, maintaining reliable water treatment and distribution for both the City of Seymour and Baylor Water Supply Corporation. Over the past week, the plant produced approximately 4.1 million gallons of treated water, meeting system demand while maintaining consistent water quality standards. This level of production reflects the plant's continued efficiency and the effectiveness of its operational practices. Plant operators conducted routine monitoring throughout the distribution system, including regular checks of chlorine residual levels across the city. These efforts ensure that disinfectant levels remain within regulatory requirements and that water quality is preserved from treatment to delivery.

In addition to water treatment, staff closely tracked the volume of wastewater discharged from the facility, maintaining compliance with operational and environmental standards. Daily readings were also taken on the primary RO units to monitor system performance and identify any potential issues early. As part of ongoing maintenance, operators replaced pre-filters in one of the primary RO trains. This preventative measure helps maintain optimal system efficiency, protects critical equipment, and supports consistent water quality. Overall, the RO Plant continues to operate at a high level of performance, with a strong emphasis on reliability, compliance, and preventative maintenance under the leadership of John Davis.

Seymour **Animal Control Officer** Rick Shumate handled a busy week of animal-related calls and wildlife management efforts across the city, addressing both nuisance wildlife and domestic animal concerns while supporting public safety and property maintenance. During the week, Officer Shumate responded to a total of eight animal-related service calls, ranging from wildlife removal to domestic animal control issues. A significant portion of the week focused on wildlife relocation efforts. In total, nine squirrels were captured and safely rehomed, along with two raccoons and one possum that was successfully relocated. In addition, Officer Shumate removed two deceased possums from city limits to maintain sanitation and public health standards. On the domestic animal side, two dogs were captured and placed into the city pound, bringing the current number of dogs housed at the facility to five animals available for care and potential adoption. One additional dog was also spayed/neutered by Dr. Tucker, supporting ongoing efforts to promote responsible animal population control. In coordination with code enforcement efforts, Officer Shumate issued 11 weed violation notices related to overgrown vegetation on private properties throughout the city. Overall, the week reflects a continued commitment by Animal Control to balance wildlife management, domestic animal care, and community cleanliness. Officer Shumate's work plays an important role in maintaining both public health and quality of life within the City of Seymour.

The maintenance team at **Salt Fork Golf Course**, led by greensmen Sean Weiser and Shawn Sanchez, remained focused on course quality this week despite facing unexpected equipment challenges.

Throughout the week, the team encountered mower issues that required a significant amount of time and effort to diagnose and rehabilitate. These mechanical setbacks limited the crew's ability to take on additional improvement projects; however, their priority remained ensuring the course stayed playable and well-maintained for golfers.

Despite these challenges, Weiser and Sanchez successfully completed essential maintenance tasks, including mowing all fairways and greens. In addition, they maintained a consistent watering schedule to preserve turf health and course conditions during the warmer weather.

Their efforts ensured that Salt Fork Golf Course continued to present a clean, playable, and visually appealing environment for the community. The team's ability to stay focused on core responsibilities, even while addressing equipment repairs, reflects a strong commitment to maintaining the standards of the course.