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City of Seymour Upcoming Events

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Growth and Progress Highlight Seymour City Council Meeting

SEYMOUR, TEXAS The Seymour City Council held its regular meeting on Thursday, May 21, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at Seymour City Hall, where council members addressed a wide range of community development, infrastructure, public safety, and recreational matters impacting the future of the City of Seymour. Mayor Mark McCord called the meeting to order, followed by roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor McCord made several opening comments including lifting up the Gwinn Family in prayer, encouraged the community to drive safely, and the upcoming 250 year celebration of the USA. All members of the council were present. The opening prayer was led by Jeff Brasher.

During City Administrator reports, council received updates regarding personnel, including the hiring of two young employees for the Salt Fork Recreational Complex adding that the facility has one hundred and eighteen members, and ongoing recruitment efforts for summer positions within the Street Department. Additional reports were presented concerning police department operations, City finances reporting that the city's revenues outperformed expenditures by \$129,523 for the fiscal year through April 2026, the city generated \$82,768.00 with their agreement with Waterfleet on the delivery of Wastewater, a dilapidated properties report was provided, the City swimming pool is ready for the opening of the season, and a recent Texas Municipal League site visit is scheduled for June 2026 to reform the encode system.

The Council conducted multiple public hearings regarding proposed development projects and ordinances throughout the community. Public hearings included requests for Specific Use Permits for manufactured housing, RV parks, and potential tiny home developments at several locations throughout the City. Council also held hearings concerning proposed garbage rate adjustments and new RV Park Regulations.

Under the Consent Agenda, the Council approved the April 16, 2026 regular meeting minutes, approved accounts payable bills for April 2026, and approved the 2026-2027 audit agreement with Edgin, Parkman, Fleming & Fleming to perform the 2026 audit.

Among the action items approved during the meeting was Ordinance 2026-04 establishing new RV Park Regulations for the City of Seymour. Council also approved several Specific Use Permit requests, including a new manufactured home at 202 North Stratton, commercial RV hook-up developments at 302 West 13th Street, 1006 North Tackitt, 610 South Tackitt, 611 South Tackitt, and 611 South East. The approved developments represent continued investment and growth opportunities within the community. Council also considered Ordinance 2026-03 regarding updated garbage collection rates. Following discussion, the ordinance was not approved, and the Council elected not to increase sanitation rates for residents at this time. Instead, the City will absorb the additional costs associated with the annual contractual increase in garbage service in an effort to lessen the financial impact on the community. One of the larger infrastructure and public safety investments approved during the meeting involved the purchase of three new fully outfitted police trucks at a cost of \$303,287.00. Council members noted the City's current police vehicles are aging and experiencing increasing maintenance concerns, and the new vehicles will improve reliability, officer safety, and operational readiness for the Seymour Police Department. The Council also approved the purchase of a new emulsion tank for the Street Department with a project budget not to exceed \$44,600.00. The new equipment will assist the City in improving road maintenance operations and extending the lifespan of City streets through enhanced asphalt repair capabilities. Additional discussion focused on the operation of the Salt Fork swimming pool and compliance with Texas Department of State Health Services regulations. Council approved designating the Salt Fork pool as a Class C swimming facility, meaning the pool will operate as a members-only facility and will not require lifeguards under state regulations. Council members stated the decision will help reduce operational costs while still providing recreational opportunities for members. To further expand recreational access, the Council also approved a new "Mini Membership" option for the Salt Fork Recreational Complex. The new membership, priced at \$400.00 a year made in one payment, will allow access to swimming, fishing, and tennis courts for individuals and families who may not regularly utilize golf course amenities. The Council also discussed bids concerning property located at 301 North Cedar Street and approved the city to go out for bids on this property. Finally, the council took action to approve an extension to the LCRA wholesale Power agreement that will take effect on January 2027 for five years.

City officials stated the meeting reflected continued efforts to balance infrastructure improvements, public safety investments, economic development, and recreational opportunities while maintaining financial responsibility for the citizens of Seymour.

From Streets to Services: Seymour's Weekly Department Highlights

Under the supervision of Ronnie Kolacek, the City of Seymour **Street Department** continues working diligently to improve the appearance, cleanliness, and overall quality of life throughout the community. Over the past week, Street Department crews focused on a variety of maintenance and beautification projects designed to keep public properties safe, clean, and visually appealing for residents and visitors alike. Department employees spent significant time mowing and maintaining City-owned properties throughout Seymour as growing conditions continue to require regular upkeep during the warmer months. Crews also mulched and removed brush from several work request locations, helping reduce debris, improve property appearance, and assist with ongoing cleanup efforts across the community.

In addition, Street Department personnel continued curb cleaning operations throughout various parts of town to help improve drainage, reduce buildup along roadways, and maintain a cleaner appearance along City streets. Staff also worked on preparing several cost estimates related to nuisance property and cleanup projects as the City continues addressing dilapidated and overgrown properties throughout Seymour. The continued work of the Street Department plays an important role in maintaining community infrastructure, improving neighborhood appearance, and supporting the City's ongoing efforts to enhance the overall quality of life for citizens across Seymour.

Under the leadership of **Electric Department** Supervisor John Joyce, the City of Seymour Electric Department continues working diligently to maintain reliable electric service, improve infrastructure, and support future community enhancements throughout Seymour. Over the past week, department crews completed a wide variety of operational, maintenance, and improvement projects aimed at ensuring the City's electrical system remains safe, dependable, and efficient for residents and businesses. Crews continued performing weekly vehicle maintenance inspections to help ensure department equipment and service vehicles remain operational and ready for emergency response situations. Employees also completed weekly readings of reclosures throughout the electric system, helping monitor circuit reliability and maintain system performance. In addition, staff responded to multiple locate requests to assist contractors, utility crews, and residents while helping protect underground infrastructure during excavation activities. Electric Department personnel repaired a service line on South Foley Street and also completed the replacement of a utility pole and repair of a service line on South Main Street. Crews additionally drove and inspected Circuit 7 as part of the department's ongoing preventative maintenance and system reliability efforts. One exciting project currently underway involves the beginning stages of adding electrical power throughout portions of the City park to support future Christmas decorations and holiday lighting displays. The project is expected to eventually expand around the northeast side of the park and will help enhance community events, beautification efforts, and seasonal activities for residents and visitors to enjoy in the future. The department also connected new electric service on South Washington Street and participated in a leadership meeting focused on cross department communication, council meeting overview, and continued improvement of City services. The continued dedication and hard work of the Electric Department play a vital role in supporting Seymour's infrastructure, economic growth, public safety, and quality of life throughout the community.

Under the supervision of **Water Department** Supervisor Chase Hoyt, the City of Seymour Water Department continues to provide essential services that protect public health, maintain infrastructure, and ensure reliable water and wastewater operations throughout the community.

Over the past week, Water Department crews responded to several maintenance and repair needs across the City. Staff repaired a water leak on McLain Street and addressed a separate meter leak on Donald Street, helping to ensure accurate water measurement and prevent unnecessary water loss within the distribution system. Crews also repaired a sewer line at the local housing authority, an important correction that supports sanitary sewer reliability and protects residential living conditions.

In addition, personnel conducted sewer maintenance activities including rodding sewer lines on both Lincoln Street and Main Street to help maintain proper flow and prevent potential blockages within the system. The department also completed multiple utility locate requests, ensuring that underground infrastructure is properly identified and protected during excavation activities by contractors and property owners.

Water Department crews further responded to and repaired a water leak located behind United Supermarket, helping to minimize water loss and restore normal service conditions as quickly as possible. These ongoing efforts reflect the department's continued commitment to maintaining critical infrastructure and delivering dependable utility services to the citizens of Seymour.

Under the leadership of **RO Plant Supervisor** John Davis, the City of Seymour Reverse Osmosis Plant continues to provide safe and reliable drinking water to the community and surrounding customers through careful monitoring, treatment, and operational management. Over the past week, the RO Plant produced approximately 4.5 million gallons of treated water that was distributed to both the City of Seymour and Baylor Water Supply Corporation. Throughout the week, plant operators conducted routine monitoring of chlorine residual levels across the City's water distribution system to ensure water quality standards remained within required regulatory guidelines. Staff also tracked and monitored the amount of wastewater discharged from the plant while taking daily operational readings on the primary reverse osmosis units to maintain system efficiency and treatment performance.

In addition, plant personnel titrated the antiscalant chemical feed system to help protect the RO membranes and improve long-term operational reliability and efficiency within the treatment process. Operators also completed preparation of the City's 2025 Water Quality Report, which provides important information regarding the City's drinking water system and regulatory compliance. The report will be mailed to utility customers along with the June utility bills. The continued dedication and technical expertise of the RO Plant staff play a vital role in ensuring the community receives dependable, high-quality drinking water each day while maintaining compliance with state and federal environmental standards.

City of Seymour **Animal Control Officer** Rick Shumate continued serving the community this week by responding to a variety of animal-related incidents and public safety concerns throughout Seymour. During the week, Officer Shumate captured five dogs, with three currently remaining at the City pound awaiting owner pickup or further disposition. His work helps ensure the safety of both residents and animals while reducing potential hazards within neighborhoods and public areas.

In addition to routine animal control operations, Officer Shumate safely captured a snake near the Salt Fork Golf Course clubhouse and successfully relocated and released the animal without incident. He also removed two deceased skunks from Foley Street and another deceased skunk from Nevada Street to help maintain public health and sanitation throughout the community.

Officer Shumate additionally picked up three cats on South Browning Street and removed a deceased squirrel from West Custer Street. Throughout the week, he responded to approximately fifteen animal-related calls involving stray animals, nuisance concerns, and public assistance requests. The continued efforts of Animal Control play an important role in protecting public health, maintaining community safety, and improving the quality of life for the citizens of Seymour.

Under the leadership of Chief Bryce Sawyer, the **Seymour Police Department** continues to serve the community with professionalism, dedication, and a strong commitment to public safety. Over the past week, officers responded to approximately 50 calls for service involving a wide range of incidents throughout the community. Officers conducted numerous crash investigations and welfare checks to ensure the safety and wellbeing of residents while also responding to several calls involving juveniles and various civil matters requiring police assistance and intervention.

During the week, the department also began an investigation involving allegations of child abuse, demonstrating the department's continued commitment to protecting vulnerable individuals and thoroughly investigating serious criminal matters. In addition to responding to calls, officers remained proactive through ongoing traffic enforcement efforts aimed at improving roadway safety and reducing hazardous driving behaviors within the City.

Chief Sawyer also attended the recent City Council meeting where the department presented information regarding the condition and operational needs of the police fleet. Following discussion, the City Council approved the purchase of three new fully outfitted police trucks to replace aging patrol vehicles currently experiencing increased mechanical and operational issues. The investment reflects the City's continued commitment to equipping officers with safe and reliable equipment needed to effectively serve and protect the citizens of Seymour.

The **Salt Fork Golf Course** continues to see significant improvements under the hard work and dedication of Greensmen Sean Weiser and Shawn Sanchez as they focus on enhancing course conditions and improving the overall golfing experience for the community and visitors alike. Over the past week, the team concentrated heavily on turf management, irrigation efficiency, and long-term course quality improvements designed to strengthen the health and playability of the course.

The week began with continued fine-tuning of the newly automated sprinkler system, which now operates nightly beginning at 2:00 A.M. Multiple watering schedules have been programmed to run on different days to ensure each section of the course receives efficient and appropriate irrigation coverage. The upgraded irrigation system represents a major operational improvement that will help conserve water, reduce labor demands, and promote healthier turf conditions across the course.

Sean and Shawn also spent considerable time working on the new greens mower to properly adjust and activate the groomer attachments. The equipment was then utilized to groom the greens in reverse settings, replicating a verticutting process that will gradually improve turf density, smoothness, and overall putting surface quality over time. In addition, Shawn sliced the greens to help relieve turf compaction caused by mower traffic while improving moisture retention and root health throughout the greens.

Preventative turf maintenance also remained a priority during the week as staff applied multiple chemical treatments to the greens to help prevent insect activity and fungal issues that can negatively impact turf quality during warmer weather conditions. Of course, much of the week was also dedicated to the ongoing mowing of fairways, roughs, surrounds, and greens to ensure the course remains in excellent condition for weekend play and community enjoyment.

The continued efforts of Sean Weiser and Shawn Sanchez reflect a strong commitment to improving the Salt Fork Golf Course and creating a high-quality recreational facility that the Seymour community can take pride in for years to come.

From the office of the **City Secretary** Lauren Bush, the City of Seymour continues working to improve communication, transparency, and public access to important City services and information. Recent updates to the City's website now include archived LIVE Stream City Council meetings through the City's YouTube platform whenever recordings are available and not affected by technical difficulties. In addition, the City's Code of Ordinances is now accessible online, providing residents with convenient access to important municipal regulations and information. Residents who have received notices related to Public Nuisances, Substandard Properties, or Grass Violations are encouraged to review the online ordinances to better understand compliance requirements, property maintenance expectations, and available resources. The City's Code Enforcement Division also continues actively addressing tall grass and vegetation concerns throughout the community as part of ongoing efforts to improve neighborhood appearance, reduce public health risks, and enhance overall quality of life.

The City reminds residents that maintaining properties properly helps reduce mosquitoes, vermin, and other potential health hazards. Citizens are also reminded that grass clippings should never be blown or disposed of into streets, alleys, or drainage areas, as this can create drainage issues and violates City ordinance requirements. Utility clerks are currently preparing the City's annual Water Quality Reports for distribution to customers. Residents should note that June utility bills will arrive in a windowed envelope containing the required water quality information. For additional public convenience, the report will also be made available online through the City's website.

The City additionally continues encouraging customers to utilize the convenient Text-To-Pay utility service option. Customers enrolled in the program receive automatic text notifications when utility bills are due, including the amount owed. The system allows customers to make online payments quickly or utilize other payment options including in-person payments, phone payments, cash, check, or credit card transactions. The program serves as an easy and efficient reminder system designed to help residents stay informed and current on their utility accounts while improving customer service accessibility throughout the community.

Salt Fork Greensmen Honored with Excellence in Grounds Innovation Award



Pictured from left to right is the City Administrator Dr. Jeff Brasher, Councilwoman Nancy Townley, Councilwoman Karen Kolacek, Mayor Pro-Tem Billy Henricks, Salt Fork Greensmen Shawn Sanchez and Sean Weiser, Councilman Skylar Henricks, and Mayor Mark McCord. Mr. Sanchez and Mr. Weiser were recognized for their exceptional service and dedication in working diligently over the past three months to fully automate the irrigation system at the Salt Fork Golf Course. The completion of the automation project will save significant time and operational resources, allowing staff to focus more extensively on improving the overall quality and condition of the golf course for the community and its visitors.