



City of Gunter News Release

Gunter City Manager is Guest Speaker at the Rotary Club of Preston Trail of Celina and Gunter

Gunter, Texas (August 5, 2021) – Gunter City Manager Rick Chaffin was the guest speaker at the Rotary Club of Preston Trail on Friday, July 16. He was also the guest of Larry Peters, Rotary Club Sergeant-at-Arms and Gunter Councilmember.

Chaffin spoke to approximately 40 Rotary members about Gunter and the impending growth and how the city is preparing to manage it. He spoke specifically about the four Strategic Focus Areas below:



He provided an overview of each area and what the city is currently doing:

- recruiting experienced, professional department heads that will rival the staff in much larger cities in the metroplex and work on behalf of the citizens of Gunter



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- developing growth management policies that ensure Gunter will develop into a quality community that will have its own unique and distinct brand – different than typical suburban communities while maintaining the communities identify and culture
 - working to improve infrastructure: water, wastewater, and streets
 - enhancing communication with citizens through an improved website, news releases and speaking engagements
 - developing a Master Plan for Downtown Gunter which will ultimately be the heart, soul, and center of Gunter as it grows.

Gunter Councilmember Larry Peters, who has also served as Mayor Pro-Tem and has been on the Gunter City Council for 12 years also addressed the Rotary members. He stated that the city is preparing for the future, having developed a strategic plan and hired first rate professional staff. He emphasized that the Mayor and City Council are working together with staff and citizens to make the City of Gunter a great city for all its citizens.

In closing, Chaffin stated that Gunter is a community of great people who value the culture and quality of life that it currently has. His goal is to do everything reasonably possible to ensure that he implements the policies of the city council that represent the desires of the citizens – to ensure that Gunter retains its rural, community-focused culture.

Chaffin answered questions from members and thanked them for the opportunity to speak on behalf of the City of Gunter.