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## Morgantown City Council Moves to Adopt Chinese Friendship City

*The Sister Cities Commission formed the “Friendship” designation to promote goodwill between cultures.*



MORGANTOWN – Morgantown City Council has approved a new friendship that reaches halfway around the world.

The Sister Cities Commission received a completed application from the City of Xuzhou (pronounced “show-zhu”) QuanShan, China. Its designation as “Friendship City” is less formal than the “Sister City” title and is limited in the scope of activities. The title is meant to promote goodwill and hospitality between cultural exchanges and educational and business opportunities.

The Commission letter to City Council says the relationship was “carefully considered based upon factors of cultural interest and mutual benefit,” and it feels that Xuzhou QuanShan meets all the requirements for becoming a Friendship City.

The measure passed anonymously on January 17, 2012 in the regular City Council meeting.

***If you have other questions, please contact Sister Cities Commission Chair Pam Hodge by calling the City Clerk’s Office Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at 304-284-1434***

