

CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

January 12, 2016

9:00 A.M.

The City Commission of the City of Sweetwater, Texas met in regular session on January 12, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the City Commission Room at City Hall, 200 E. Fourth Street with the following members present:

JIM MCKENZIE, Mayor
LARRY MAY, Commissioner
JIM LEE, Commissioner
RICKY CASTRO, Commissioner

JEROD PEEK, Mayor Pro Tem
EDWARD BROWN, City Manager
PETE SHERIDAN, City Attorney
PATTY TORRES, City Secretary

Staff members present: Chief of Police Brian Frieda, Public Works Director Russell Jones, Emergency Services Director Grant Madden, Utilities Director Eddy Campbell, and City Services Director Kirk Harris.

1. Mayor McKenzie called the meeting to order.
2. Jim Lee gave the invocation.
3. Ricky Castro led the pledge of allegiance.
4. Motion was made by Commissioner May, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peek to approve minutes for the meeting held on December 8, 2015. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Action Items:
 - A. City Commission recognized Future Sweetwater. The group of high school sophomores introduced themselves to the Commission.
 - B. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner Lee to set a date for a public hearing regarding application of Wingails Services to provide taxi cab service under a franchise ordinance issued by the City. The public hearing should be not less than 30 days or more than 45 days after publication date. February Commission meeting should be moved to February 16, 2016. The motion carried unanimously.
 - C. Motion was made by Commissioner May, seconded by Commissioner Castro to ratify City Manager's reappointment of Mark Meneses as Civil Service Commissioner, term to expire January 1, 2019. The motion carried unanimously.
 - D. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner Castro to reappoint Lewis Williams, Dan McCoy, and Jo Thompson and to

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appoint Jim Lee to the Sweetwater Cemetery Board. Terms will expire January 31, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

- E. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner Lee to approve a resolution of the City of Sweetwater, to recognize the Sweetwater Police Patrol Association as the sole and exclusive bargaining agent for the Sweetwater Police Department, as provided by Chapter 142 of the Texas Local Government Code; finding and determining that the meeting at which this resolution was passed was open to the public as required by law. The motion carried unanimously.

COPY OF RESOLUTION IN FULL IS LOCATED IN ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XIII PAGES 351-352.

- F. Motion was made by Commissioner May, seconded by Commissioner Castro to appoint Kerry Baker to the Pioneer Museum Board, term to expire December 31, 2017. The motion carried unanimously.
- G. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner Castro to approve the quarterly investment report for quarter ended 12-31-15. The motion carried unanimously.

COPY OF INVESTMENT REPORT IN FULL IS LOCATED IN ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XIII PAGE 353.

- H. City Commission heard presentation from Police Chief Brian Frieda and considered policy regarding licensed carry of handguns and carry of long arms as related to City Hall and other City Buildings and properties.
- I. City Commission discussed and considered updates on employee policy manual section to replace Weapons Ban and Violence Prevention Policy with new section Weapons Control and Violence Prevention Policy.

Motion was made by Commissioner May, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek to table items H. and I. in order to seek legal advice on each. The motion carried unanimously.

- 6. City Manager's Report.
 - A. As directed by the City Commission ballot was cast for the SISD selection Russ Petty, for Appraisal District Board of Directors.
 - B. County/City Library Board appointment will be considered at February 2016 meeting.

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- C. Staff has begun working on 2016-2017 Budget.
 - D. Sales tax collections through the first quarter of 2016 fiscal year have increased 4.35% over prior year.
 - E. Staff and Engineers are continuing the permitting process on City's new Type IV landfill.
 - F. Suddenlink is increasing rates on certain programming.
7. Public Input.

Jimmy Headstream spoke to the Commission regarding the gun laws.

Margarita Slaughter Roberts spoke to the Commission concerning people living in buses/trailers and putting waste in the dumpsters, drugs in the neighborhood, 18 wheelers being parked and running and pit bulls running loose.

8. Commissioner May made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Castro to adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Jim McKenzie, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patty Torres, City Secretary

Persons signing register: Jimmy Headstream, Jim Clements, John Roberts, and Margarita Slaughter Roberts.