

CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

November 8, 2016

9:00 A.M.

The City Commission of the City of Sweetwater, Texas met in regular session on November 8, 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

JEROD PEEK, Mayor Pro-Tem

LARRY MAY, Commissioner

JIM LEE, Commissioner

PETER SHERIDAN, City Attorney

DAVID A. VELA, City Manager

PATTY TORRES, City Secretary

Absent: **RICKY CASTRO**, Commissioner

Staff members present: Utilities Director Eddy Campbell, Chief of Police Brian Frieda, Training Officer Billy Villanueva, City Services Director Kirk Harris, Public Works Director Russell Jones, Human Resource Director Lisa Adames and SNAP Director Tonya Challis.

1. Mayor McKenzie called the meeting to order.
2. Matt McGowen of Trinity Baptist Church gave the invocation.
3. Mayor Pro Tem Peek led the pledge of allegiance.
4. Mayor McKenzie recognized Leadership Sweetwater participants
5. A. Motion was made by Commissioner May, seconded by Commissioner Lee to approve minutes for the meeting held on October 18, 2016. The motion carried unanimously.
6. Action Items:
 - A. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner May to enter into a public hearing on the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation regarding a request to rezone lots 10-11, Block 41, Bradford Addition, the same being 701 Washington Street, from a "B" Dwelling District to a "J" Industrial District. The motion carried unanimously. Janis McDowell and Dr. Robert Eaker spoke on behalf of Melody Hefner. Kirk Harris, City Services Director, spoke on facts, first public hearing and no negative response from neighbors.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner May to close public hearing and enter into regular session. The motion carried unanimously.

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Motion was made by Commissioner May, seconded by Commissioner Lee to approve the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation regarding a request to rezone lots 10-11, Block 41, Bradford Addition, the same being 701 Washington Street, from a "B" Dwelling District to a "J" Industrial District. The motion carried 3-0 with Mayor Pro Tem Peek abstaining.

- B. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner Lee to approve purchase of one (1) Patrol Vehicle from the purchasing cooperative with State Contract pricing (Texas Buy Board). The motion carried unanimously.
- C. Motion was made by Commissioner May, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peek to authorize staff to advertise for bids on Street, Fire, Parks and Water Distribution vehicles in the newspaper on November 13, and November 20, 2016, with bids to be opened at regular City Commission meeting on December 13, 2016. Russell Jones, Public Works Director, explained that old, replaced autos will be auctioned off or moved to other departments. The motion carried unanimously.
- D. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner May to confirm and ratify the Central Rate Schedule for the 2016-2017 budget.

CONFIRMING AND RATIFYING THE CENTRAL RATE SCHEDULE FOR THE VARIOUS FEES, LICENSES, PERMITS AND RATES CHARGED BY THE CITY OF SWEETWATER, TEXAS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2017 AND ADOPTING SUCH CENTRAL RATE SCHEDULE.

COPY OF RESOLUTION IN FULL IS LOCATED IN ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XIII PAGES 736-763.

- E. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner Lee to authorize the city manager to enter into a professional services agreement with Halff Associates for a parks master plan. Tim Bargainer Vice President of Halff Associates spoke about services for park planning and search funding with grants. Commissioner May said he would like to see Chamber, staff and community input. The motion carried unanimously.

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7. City Manager's Report.

- A. The 50th annual meeting of West Central Texas Council of Governments (WCTCOG) will be held on November 9, 2016 at the Civic Center in Abilene.
- B. City Staff is preparing for the fiscal year end, September 30, 2016 financial statement audit.

8. Public Input.

None.

9. Mayor Pro Tem Peek made a motion seconded by Commissioner Peek to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Jim McKenzie, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patty Torres, City Secretary

Persons signing register: Tim Barganier, Todd Downam, Janis McDowell, Melody Hefner Leah Andrews and Sweetwater Leadership participants.