

CITY COMMISSION MINUTES
AUGUST 9, 2016
9:00 A.M.

The City Commission of the City of Sweetwater, Texas met in regular session on August 9, 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
JEROD PEEK, Mayor Pro-Tem

RICKY CASTRO, Commissioner
PETER SHERIDAN, City Attorney
DAVID A. VELA, City Manager
PATTY TORRES, City Secretary

Staff Members present: City Services Director Kirk Harris, Public Works Director Russell Jones, Emergency Services Director Grant Madden, Utilities Director Eddy Campbell, Chief of Police Brian Frieda, Human Resource Director Lisa Adames and SNAP Director Tonya Challis.

1. Mayor McKenzie called the meeting to order.
2. Jared Houze gave the invocation.
3. Commissioner Lee led the pledge of allegiance.
4. Motion was made by Commissioner May, seconded by Commissioner Lee to approve the minutes for meeting held on July 12, 2016. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Action Items:
 - A. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner May to set a public hearing for September 13, 2016 on the Proposed Budget for FYE 2016-2017. The motion carried unanimously.
 - B. Motion was made by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Castro to set public hearings for September 13, 2016 and September 20, 2016 to discuss the Proposed Tax Rate of \$.48 (48 cents) per \$100 valuation for Tax Year 2016. The motion carried unanimously.
 - C. Motion was made by Commissioner May, seconded by Commissioner Castro to authorize staff to advertise for bids on fuel, oil and lubrication products and hot mix cold lay asphalt for use from October 2016 through September 2017 with bids to be accepted and opened at the regular City Commission meeting on September 13, 2016. The motion carried unanimously.

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- D. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner Lee to authorize Enprotec/Hibbs & Todd, Inc. to advertise for bids on the City's new 750,000 gallon elevated storage tank that will be funded by TWDB, with bids to be accepted and opened at the commission meeting on September 13, 2016 and to approve four (4) logos with lights on the tank. John Voller presented information regarding cost and design on logos and lights. The motion carried unanimously.

- E. City Commission opened proposals on Group Health, Dental and Life Insurance Employee Benefit for FY 2016 -2017. A proposal was received from Blue Cross Blue Shield. The proposal was taken by Tommy Morris Agency, Broker of Record to analyze and review. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner Castro to table the decision on the insurance until proposal has been reviewed. The motion carried unanimously.

- F. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner Castro to approve request to close the west nine feet (9') of the 300 block of Woodruff Street, from East Third Street to James Street, adjacent to 1114 James Street, Lot 8, Block 5, Bondies Addition. Tommy Abbott presented information regarding the request on closure. Kirk Harris, City Services Director and Eddy Campbell, Utilities Director spoke recommending the closure. The motion carried unanimously.

COPY OF ORDINANCE IN FULL IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XIII PAGES 621-622.

- G. Motion was made by Commissioner May, seconded by Commissioner Lee to table the appointments of James Craig and Sherrie Whittenburg as City appointees and Dianne Trent as joint appointee to the Pioneer Museum Board. The motion carried unanimously.

- H. Motion was made by Commissioner May, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peek to approve resolution of the City's commitment to the State of Texas concerning a recently completed grant application concerning the mandated transition from the traditional Uniform Crime Report (UCR) to the National Incident Reporting System (NIBRS). Brian Frieda, Police Chief presented information on grant. The motion carried unanimously.

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- I. Motion was made by Commissioner May, seconded by Commissioner Lee to authorize the City Manager to negotiate a lease with the Sweetwater Rifle and Pistol Club to operate a shooting sports facility on City owned airport property immediately north of the TSTC Campus. Danny Allred and Rick Myers presented information regarding the request. The motion carried unanimously.
6. City Manager's Report.
 - A. Enprotec/Hibbs & Todd, Inc. has performed a water availability assessment for surface water and groundwater and has determined that we should remain in Stage I of our Drought Contingency Plan at this time. The recent rains have certainly helped, both with supplies in Oak Creek and in recharge to the aquifer.
 - B. Mayor and Commissioners will consider nomination of SEED board members at September 13, 2016 meeting for a three year term beginning October 1, 2016. Art Maberry and Billy Whisenant terms expire September 30, 2016.
 - C. The City of Sweetwater will begin formally participating in the Leadership Sweetwater program beginning this year. Four city employees will enter this year's Leadership Sweetwater class: Lisa Adames (HR), Crystal Thomas (City Services), Becky Jimenez (Administration) and Lt. Matt Counts (Police).
 7. Public Input.
 8. Motion was made by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Castro to adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Jim McKenzie, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patty Torres, City Secretary

Persons signing register:

Daina Curry, Tommy Abbott, Rick Myers, Danny Allred, Robert McBride, Tommy Morris, Nancy Johnson and Bill Haley