

CITY COMMISSION MINUTES
September 20, 2016 9:00 A.M.

The City Commission of the City of Sweetwater, Texas met in regular session on September 20, 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
DAVID A. VELA, City Manager
PATTY TORRES, City Secretary
PETER SHERIDAN, City Attorney

Staff Members present: City Services Director Kirk Harris, Public Works Director Russell Jones, Emergency Services Director Grant Madden, Operations/Maintenance Supervisor Tomas Fuentes, Chief of Police Brian Frieda, Human Resource Director Lisa Adames and SNAP Director Tonya Challis.

1. Mayor McKenzie called the meeting to order.
2. Commissioner Lee led the invocation.
3. Commissioner Castro led the pledge of allegiance.
4. Action Items:
 - A. Motion was made by Commissioner May, seconded by Commissioner Lee to approve second and final reading of an Ordinance Amending the Budget for Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2015 and ending September 30, 2016. The motion carried unanimously.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF SWEETWATER FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2015 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2016

COPY OF ORDINANCE IN FULL IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XIII PAGES 705-717.

- B. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner Castro to approve second and final reading of the Appropriations Ordinance for the 2016-2017 Budget. The motion carried unanimously.

AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATION FOR THE SUPPORT TO THE CITY GOVERNMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2016 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2017.

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- C. Motion was made by Commissioner May, seconded by Commissioner Lee to approve second and final reading of an Ordinance to adopt the 2016-2017 Budget. The motion carried unanimously.

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF SWEETWATER FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2016 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2017.

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- D. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner Lee to enter into a public hearing on the proposed tax rate of \$.48 (48 cents) per \$100 valuation for Tax Year 2016. The motion carried unanimously. There were no public comments.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner Lee to close public hearing and enter into regular session. Motion carried unanimously. No action was necessary from the public hearing.

Motion was made by Commissioner May, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peek to approve first reading of an Ordinance fixing and levying a tax rate for the year 2016 upon all City property within the corporate city limits of the City of Sweetwater, Texas. This year's proposed tax rate does not exceed the effective tax rate. A motion to adopt an ordinance, resolution or order setting the tax rate does not require the language about "tax increase" as stated in 26.05 (b) of Property Tax Code. The motion carried unanimously.

- E. City Commission heard from Nancy Johnson and Tommy Morris of the Tommy Morris Agency concerning the single proposal received August 9, 2016, on Self-insured, Fully Insured Group Health, Dental and Life Insurance Employee Benefit FY 2016-2017. After discussing options and projections, Mayor Pro Tem Peek made a motion to remain with Self-insured Blue Cross Blue Shield for health insurance, remain with Ameritas for dental and UNUM for voluntary life insurance option. Motion was seconded by Commissioner May and the motion carried unanimously.

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- F. After reviewing the opened bids for the construction of a 750,000 gallon elevated storage tank, City's engineer, Jon Voller of Enprotec/Hibbs & Todd, Inc. made the recommendation to award to the low bidder, Landmark Structures. Motion was made by Commissioner May, seconded by Commissioner Lee to accept and approve a contract meeting qualifications with Landmark Structures in the amount of \$1,740,000.

COPY OF RECOMMENDATION OF AWARD IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XIII PAGES 721-722.

5. Public Input. None
6. Motion was made by Commissioner Castro, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peek to adjourn.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:17 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Jim McKenzie, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patty Torres, City Secretary

Persons signing register: Tommy Morris, Shirley Velasco and Nancy Johnson