

**CITY COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**September 27, 2016**  
**9:00 A.M.**

The City Commission of the City of Sweetwater, Texas met in regular session on September 27, 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

**DAVID A. VELA**, City Manager

**PATTY TORRES**, City Secretary

**Absent:** **RICKY CASTRO**, Commissioner

**PETE SHERIDAN**, City Attorney

Staff Members present: City Services Director Kirk Harris, Public Works Director Russell Jones, Operations/Maintenance Supervisor Tomas Fuentes, Human Resource Director Lisa Adames and SNAP Director Tonya Challis.

1. Mayor McKenzie called the meeting to order.
2. Commissioner May led the invocation.
3. Commissioner Lee led the pledge of allegiance.
4. Action Items:
  - A. Motion was made by Commissioner May, seconded by Commissioner Lee to approve and ratify tax rate of \$.48 (48 cents) per \$100 valuation. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor McKenzie read the second and final reading of an Ordinance fixing and levying a tax rate of \$.48 (48 cents) per \$100 valuation. This year's proposed tax rate does not exceed the effective tax rate. A motion to adopt an ordinance setting the tax rate does not require the language about "tax increase" as stated in 26.05 (b) of Property Tax Code.

**AN ORDINANCE FIXING AND LEVYING A TAX FOR THE YEAR  
2016 UPON ALL CITY PROPERTY WITHIN THE CORPORATE  
LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SWEETWATER, TEXAS**

**COPY OF ORDINANCE IN FULL IS LOCATED IN ORDINANCE AND  
CONTRACT BOOK XIII PAGE 723-725.**

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- B. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner Lee to consider first reading of an Ordinance establishing classifications and number of positions for the fire and police departments pursuant to Chapter 143 of the Texas Local Government Code; providing a severability clause; finding and determining that the meetings at which the ordinance is passed are open to the public as required by law; and providing an effective date. The second and final reading will be held at the October 11, 2016, meeting. The motion carried unanimously.
- C. Motion was made by Commissioner May, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peek to authorize City Staff to Publish the Public Notice and send out Request for Proposals for engineering services and Grant Administrator services for the Texas Department of Agriculture's CDBG grant application for the 2017-2018 cycle. The motion carried unanimously.
- D. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner Lee to reappoint Janice Gesin and Cussondra Carey whose terms expire October 2016, as Commissioners of the Housing Authority for two-year terms. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Public Input.

None.

4. Motion was made by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peek to adjourn.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

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Jim McKenzie, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Patty Torres, City Secretary

Persons signing register: None