

## **CITY COMMISSION MINUTES**

**January 14, 2014**

**9:00 A.M.**

The City Commission of the City of Sweetwater, Texas met in regular session on January 14, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. in the City Commission Room at City Hall, 200 E. Fourth Street with the following members present:

**GREG WORTHAM**, Mayor  
**JIM MCKENZIE**, Commissioner  
**JEROD PEEK**, Commissioner  
**LARRY MAY**, Mayor Pro-Tem

**RICKY CASTRO**, Commissioner  
**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 Wortham called the meeting to order.
2. David Peyton, of Fourth & Elm Church of Christ gave the invocation.
3. Mayor Wortham led the pledge of allegiance.
4. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem May, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie to approve minutes for the meeting held on December 10, 2013. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Action Items:
  - A. Representatives from Wiginton Hooker Jeffry Architects were present to open and announce construction bids of new police station. Mr. Wiginton informed Commission that all bids will be reviewed and brought back to Commission in the future for a recommendation. Commission will table the item until bids have been properly reviewed. Bids received were as follows:  
  
Big Sky Construction - \$3,927,671  
Highmark Construction – \$3,515,000  
JC Commercial – \$3,687,777  
Imperial Construction - \$3,880,000  
Mid-Tex of Midland - \$3,920,000  
Lee Lewis - \$4,790,000  
Minnex Commercial Construction - \$3,719,707  
WR Construction, Inc. - \$3,644,700  
Ratcliff Constructors - \$3,717,000

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- B. Motion was made by Commissioner Peek, seconded by Commissioner Castro to authorize staff to purchase new fire department rescue truck through Buy Board state purchasing contract to replace rescue truck totaled on I20. The motion carried unanimously.
- C. Motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie, seconded by Commissioner Peek to approve request from Board of Trustees of Sweetwater Fireman's Relief and Retirement Fund to increase the City's pension contribution rate from 15% to 16%. The motion carried unanimously.
- D. Motion was made by Commissioner Peek, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem May to authorize the issuance of \$1,935,000 City of Sweetwater, Texas Combination Tax and Surplus Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2014. The motion carried unanimously.
- E. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem May, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie to re-appoint Jo Thompson, Lewis Williams, Marvin Keenan, Don Brock and Dan McCoy to the Cemetery Board with new two year terms expiring January 31, 2016. The motion carried unanimously.
- F. Motion was made by Commissioner Peek, seconded by Commissioner Castro to ratify the appointment by the City Manager of Lloyd Harris to serve on the Civil Service Commission. His new term will expire January 2017. The motion carried unanimously.
- G. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem May, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie to approve Quarterly Investment Report for the quarter ended December 31, 2013. The motion carried unanimously.

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- H. Motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie, seconded by Commissioner Peek to approve a resolution amending the Central Rate Schedule for food service permit fees. Food service permit of \$15 increased to \$25 for annual temporary food service permit and \$50 for annual retail food service permit. The motion carried unanimously.

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- I. Motion was made by Commissioner Peek, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem May to enter into Executive Session pursuant to the provision of 551.071 of the Texas Government Code to consult with attorney regarding advice about pending or contemplated litigation. The motion carried unanimously.
  - J. Motion was made by Commissioner Peek, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem May to enter into Regular Session. The motion carried unanimously.
  - K. No action was necessary from Executive Session.
6. City Manager's Report.
- A. Painting of Loop 549 water storage facility has been completed.
  - B. City staff will soon begin working on the 2014-2015 Budget.
  - C. Standard and Poor's rating service recently raised the City's bond ratings from "A" to "AA-".
  - D. The Central Appraisal District's Board of Directors have been elected for 2014-2014 term. The City's nominee was not re-elected.
  - E. Sales tax collection through first quarter of 2014 fiscal year have increased 13%.
  - F. Staff and Engineers are continuing the permitting process on City's new landfill.
  - G. Staff is waiting on surveys and is continuing the annexation process at east interchange I20 man camp and Garden of Memories properties.
  - H. McDonald Companies is applying with TDHCA for housing tax credits to construct apartments for senior citizens age 55 and older.
7. Public Input.
- None.
8. Commissioner Peek made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie to adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

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Gregory Wortham, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Patty Torres, City Secretary

Persons signing register: Jim Clements, Chris Kiser, Brad Payne, Preston Peacock, Tommy Parker, and Dick Hawkins.