

**CITY COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**February 11, 2014**  
**9:00 A.M.**

The City Commission of the City of Sweetwater, Texas met in regular session on February 11, 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**, Mayor Pro-Tem  
**JEROD PEEK**, Commissioner  
**LARRY MAY**, Commissioner

**RICKY CASTRO**, Commissioner  
**PETE SHERIDAN**, City Attorney  
**EDWARD BROWN**, City Manager  
**PATTY TORRES**, City Secretary

Staff members present: Chief of Police Brian Frieda, City Services Director Kirk Harris, Utilities Director Eddy Campbell, and Public Works Director Russell Jones.

1. Mayor Wortham called the meeting to order.
2. Commissioner Peek gave the invocation.
3. Mayor Wortham led the pledge of allegiance.
4. Motion was made by Commissioner May, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem McKenzie to approve minutes for the meetings held on January 14 and January 28, 2014. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Action Items:
  - A. Motion was made by Commissioner Peek, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem McKenzie to approve the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (Audit) for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013 which was presented by Cathrine Wilks, CPA. The motion carried unanimously.

**COPY OF AUDIT FINDINGS IN FULL IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XII PAGES 996-997.**

- B. Motion was made by Commissioner May, seconded by Commissioner Castro to approve an Ordinance ordering an election of the qualified voters of the City of Sweetwater to be held on May 10, 2014 for the purpose of electing two City Commissioners (Precincts 2 and 4) of said City. The motion carried unanimously.

**COPY OF ORDINANCE 2014-01 IN FULL IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XII PAGES 998-1000 AND ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XIII PAGES 1-2.**

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- C. Motion was made by Commissioner Peek, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem McKenzie to reappoint John Spaulding and Melonnie Hicks as City appointees and Mila Gibson as joint City-County appointee to the Auditorium Board with terms expiring February 29, 2016. The motion carried unanimously.
- D. Motion was made by Commissioner Peek, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem McKenzie to approve the SEED Board "FTE" incentive agreement with Blackland Services capped at \$480,000 over the term of the contract. The motion carried unanimously.
- E. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem McKenzie, seconded by Commissioner Peek to authorize staff to go out for bids on AC10 asphalt and Grade 4 crushed rock to be used in 2014 streets seal coating project. The motion carried unanimously.
- F. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem McKenzie, seconded by Commissioner May to adopt a Resolution Ratifying Principal Amounts and Interest Rates of the \$1,935,000 City of Sweetwater, Texas Combination Tax and Surplus Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2014. The motion carried unanimously.

**COPY OF RESOLUTION IN FULL IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XIII PAGE 3.**

- G. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem McKenzie, seconded by Commissioner Castro to reappoint Bill Haley as City appointee and reappoint Ms. Jay Neal as joint City/County appointee of the City/County Airport Zoning Board, terms to expire February 29, 2016. The motion carried unanimously.
- H. Motion was made by Commissioner Peek, seconded by Commissioner Castro to approve a five (5) year extension of the Lake Sweetwater golf course lease agreement with George DiJulio as requested by lessee which will expire April 1, 2019. The motion carried unanimously.

**COPY OF CONTRACT IN FULL IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XIII PAGES 4-5.**

- I. City Commission reviewed quarterly assessment of Oak Creek Reservoir and City's well field system and recommendation by Enprotec/Hibbs & Todd, Inc. to remain in Stage I of the Drought Contingency and Water Conservation Program.

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6. City Manager's Report.

- A. Election Calendar is in packets.
- B. We should open bids for relocation of water lines in Union Pacific Railroad right of way in the April 8, 2014 City Commission Meeting.
- C. McDonald Companies is not going forward with the proposed senior housing project at this time.
- D. February 15, 2014 we will make bond interest payments totaling \$273,716.25
- E. TxDOT plans to re-stripe Broadway to cause the east bound left lane to become a left turning lane onto Loop 1544 and to cause the right hand west bound traffic on Broadway to turn right onto Loop 1544. Lighting of Broadway through the intersections of Loop 1544 and CR 141 will be included in this project.
- F. City sales tax for the first 4 months of fiscal has increased 11.70% over the same period last year. The increase is \$88,212.
- G. We have collected \$1,527,281 in property taxes as of January 31, 2014 or 80.09% of assessed taxes. Prior year collections were \$1,610,322 or 82.28% of assessed taxes.
- H. We are working on the construction contract with Ratcliff Constructors, LP for the new police station project.

7. Public Input.

None.

8. Commissioner Castro made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McKenzie to adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 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: Cathy Wilks, Ken Becker, and Jim Clements.