

**CITY COMMISSION MINUTES
AUGUST 12, 2014
9:00 A.M.**

The City Commission of the City of Sweetwater, Texas met in regular session on August 12, 2014 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
EDWARD BROWN, City Manager
PATTY TORRES, City Secretary

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

1. Mayor McKenzie called the meeting to order.
2. Kary Fry, of First Presbyterian Church gave the invocation.
3. Jerod Peek led the pledge of allegiance.
4. A. Motion was made by Commissioner May, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek to approve the minutes for meetings held on July 8, 2014 and July 15, 2014. The motion carried unanimously.
B. City Commission recognized Officer Olds for going above and beyond the call of duty. Emergency Services Director Grant Madden presented a letter of recognition and gratitude to Officer Olds.
5. Action Items:
A. Motion was made by Commissioner May, seconded by Commissioner Lee to adopt a Resolution Appointing Jerod Peek as Mayor Pro-Tem for the City of Sweetwater and prescribing the term thereof. The motion carried unanimously.

COPY OF RESOLUTION IN FULL IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XIII PAGE 76.

- B. The Commission opened and considered proposals on Self-Insured and Fully-Insured Group Health, Dental and Life Insurance Employee Benefit for FY 2014-2015. The proposals were taken by Tommy Morris, 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 all proposals have been reviewed. The motion carried unanimously.

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- C. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner Castro to discuss and consider scheduling a public hearing for September 9, 2014 on the Proposed Budget for 2014-2015. The motion carried unanimously.
- D. Motion was made by Commissioner May, seconded by Commissioner Lee to set public hearings for September 9, 2014 and September 16, 2014 to discuss the proposed tax rate of \$.48 (48 cents) per \$100 valuation for Tax Year 2014. The motion carried unanimously.
- E. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner May to conduct a public hearing concerning the contemplated annexation of approximately 577 acres. The motion carried unanimously.

Jeff Haney, representing Sweetwater Switching and Cape and Son spoke regarding concerns with the area 1 annexation.

Jim Wilks was present and also spoke about the area 3 annexation.
- F. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner May to close the public hearing. The motion carried unanimously.
- G. No action was necessary from the public hearing.
- H.-K. Motion was made by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek to authorize staff to go out for bids for fuel, oil and lubrication products, hot mix cold lay asphalt, and weed killer for 2014-2015. The motion carried unanimously.
- L. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner Lee to approve Change Order No. 3 for the Hunter Well Field Project. The motion carried unanimously.
- M. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner Lee to authorize City Manager to enter into an agency agreement with First Financial Trust and Asset Management Company, N.A. relating to the investments of the Cemetery Trust Fund. The motion carried unanimously.
- N./Q. Motion was made by Commissioner May, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek to enter into Executive Session pursuant to the provision of 551.074 of the Texas Government Code to deliberate the evaluation of Patty

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Torres, City Secretary/City Comptroller and Edward Brown, City Manager.
The motion carried unanimously.

- O. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner May to enter into Regular Session. The motion carried unanimously.
 - P. No action was necessary from the Executive Session.
6. City Manager's Report.
- A. Cemetery Board is meeting tonight for discussion of condition of City Cemetery.
 - B. Hunter Well Field Project should be complete and on line by the end of August.
 - C. TML Annual Conference will be held in Houston September 30 – October 3, 2014.
 - D. The City of Sweetwater's 2014 certified collection rate from the Nolan County Central Appraisal District was 96%. The same as 2013.
 - E. Enprotec/Hibbs & Todd, Inc. has performed a water availability assessment and has determined that we should remain in Stage I of our Drought Contingency Plan for now.
7. Public Input.
- None.
8. Motion was made by Commissioner Castro, seconded by Commissioner Lee to adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

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Jim McKenzie, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patty Torres, City Secretary

Persons signing register: Jim Clements, Rev. Kary Fry, Julian Fontana, and Jim Wilks.