

CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

September 9, 2014

9:00 A.M.

The City Commission of the City of Sweetwater, Texas met in regular session on September 9, 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
JEROD PEEK, Mayor Pro-Tem
RICKY CASTRO, Commissioner

JIM LEE, 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. Brian Brownlow, of First United Methodist Church gave the invocation.
3. Commissioner Peek led the pledge of allegiance.
4. Motion was made by Commissioner May, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek to approve minutes for the meetings held on August 12, 2014 and August 14, 2014. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Action Items:
 - A.-D. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner Lee to accept low bids meeting specifications for fuel, oil and lubrication products, hot mix cold lay asphalt, and weed killer for 2014-2015. The motion carried unanimously.

Johnson Oil Company was awarded bids for unleaded and diesel fuel, 30 wt. oil and 15w40 Rotella.

Western Marketing was awarded bids for 5w20 wt., 5w30 wt., 10w30 wt. and 15-20 wt. hydraulic.

Vulcan was awarded bid for hot mix cold lay asphalt.

Sweetwater Fire Extinguisher was awarded bids for roundup and weed killer.

COPY OF BID SHEETS ARE LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XIII PAGES 77-80.

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- E. City Commission considered appointment of two SEED Directors for a three year term beginning October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2017. Commissioner May nominated David Welch and Mayor Pro-Tem Peek nominated Kirby Andrews. With no other nominations being made, Welch and Andrews were appointed.
- F. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner May to enter into a public hearing on the Proposed Budget for 2014-2015. This year's Proposed Budget raises more property taxes than last year's budget. The motion carried unanimously.

There were no public comments.

- G. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner May to close the public hearing and enter into regular session. The motion carried unanimously.
- H. No action was necessary from the public hearing.
- I. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner Castro to approve the Central Rate Schedule for the 2014-2015 Budget. The motion carried unanimously.

COPY OF RESOLUTION IN FULL IS LOCATED IN ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XIII PAGE 81.

- J. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner May to approve first reading of the Appropriations Ordinance for the 2014-2015 Budget. The motion carried unanimously.
- K. Motion was made by Commissioner May, seconded by Commissioner Lee to approve first reading of an Ordinance to adopt the 2014-2015 Budget. This year's Proposed Budget raises more property taxes than last year's budget. The motion carried unanimously.
- L. Motion was made by Commissioner May, seconded by Commissioner Castro to approve first reading of an Ordinance Amending the 2014-2015 Budget. The motion carried unanimously.
- M. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner Castro to enter into a public hearing to discuss the proposed tax rate of \$.48 (48 cents) per \$100 valuation for Tax Year 2014. The motion carried unanimously.

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- There were no public comments.
- N. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner Castro to close the public hearing. The motion carried unanimously.
- O. No action was necessary from the public hearing.
- P. Motion was made by Commissioner May, seconded by Commissioner Castro to adopt a Resolution approving the Investment Policy for Fiscal Year 2015. The motion carried unanimously.

**COPY OF INVESTMENT POLICY IS LOCATED IN THE
ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XIII PAGES 83-95.**

- Q. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner Lee to approve the Financial Policy for Fiscal Year 2015. The motion carried unanimously.

**COPY OF FINANCIAL POLICY IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE
AND CONTRACT BOOK XIII PAGES 96-117.**

- R. Motion was made by Commissioner May, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek to approve first reading and adoption of an ordinance annexing the following described territory, to wit:

Area 1: 413.935 acres of land out of Section 36, Block 22, T & P RR. Co. Surveys, Nolan County, Texas.

Area 2: 109.830 acres of land out of Section 41, Block 21, T & P RR. Co. Surveys, Nolan County, Texas.

Area 3: 53.578 acres of land out of Section 52, Block 22, T & P RR. Co. Surveys, Nolan County, Texas.

- S. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner Lee to reappoint Mr. L.B. Taylor, Ms. Terry Blakenship, Mr. Joe Marlett, and Mr. John McPherson as alternate, as members of the Board of Adjustments with all having new terms to expire September 30, 2016. The motion carried unanimously.
- T. Motion was made by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Castro to reappoint Mr. Lloyd Harris, Mr. Domingo Castillo, and Mrs. JoAnn French as alternate, whose terms expire September 30, 2014 as members

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of the Planning and Zoning Commission, new terms to expire September 30, 2016. The motion carried unanimously.

- U. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner Lee to approve of the 2014-2015 Budget for Sweetwater Economic Development (SEED) as passed by the Board of Directors at their July 2014 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

COPY OF BUDGET IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XIII PAGES 118-124.

- V. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner Castro to approve first reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 8 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Sweetwater entitled "City Cemetery" by amending section 8-20 entitled benches, fencing, etc., prohibited; exception. By deleting section 8-20 (a) and (b) and substituting a new section 8-20 entitled benches, fencing, etc., prohibited. The motion carried unanimously.
 - W. Motion was made by Commissioner May, seconded by Commissioner Castro to accept Blue Cross/Blue Shield Self-Insured Group Health, Dental and Life Insurance Employee Benefit for FY 2014-2015. The motion carried unanimously.
 - X. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner Castro to authorize City Manager to cast votes in the TML Intergovernmental Risk Pool Board of Trustees Election. The motion carried unanimously.
6. City Manager's Report.
- A. Certificate for Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting has been awarded to the City by Government Finance Officers Association.
 - B. City Commission meetings are scheduled for September 16 and September 23, 2014.
 - C. Mayor and City Commissioners and City Staff to tour new police station facility under construction.
7. Public Input.

Ken Becker congratulated the City on the Financial Reporting award.

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Charles McLaury spoke to the Commission regarding the 2015 military convoy that will be traveling through Sweetwater.

8. Motion was made by Commissioner May, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek to adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Jim McKenzie, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patty Torres, City Secretary

Persons signing register: Ken Becker, Brian Brownlow and Gil Cherry.