

CITY COMMISSION MINUTES
September 23, 2014
9:00 A.M.

The City Commission of the City of Sweetwater, Texas met in regular session on September 23, 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

EDWARD BROWN, City Manager

PATTY TORRES, City Secretary

PETER SHERIDAN, City Attorney

Absent: **RICKY CASTRO**, Commissioner

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

1. Mayor McKenzie called the meeting to order.
2. Brian Brownlow of First United Methodist Church gave the invocation.
3. Mayor Pro-Tem Peek led the pledge of allegiance.
4. Action Items:
 - A. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner May to approve tax rate of \$.48 (48 cents) per \$100 valuation. The motion carried unanimously.
 - B. Motion was made by Commissioner May, seconded by Commissioner Lee to approve second and final reading of an Ordinance fixing and levying a tax for the year 2014 upon all City property within the corporate city limits of the City of Sweetwater, Texas. The tax rate of \$.48 (48 cents) will raise more taxes for maintenance and operations than last year's tax rate. The tax rate will effectively be raised by 4.82 percent and will raise taxes for maintenance and operations on a \$100,000 home by approximately \$0.00. The motion carried unanimously.

COPY OF ORDINANCE IN FULL IS LOCATED IN ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XIII PAGES 147.
 - C. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner Lee to ratify vote on tax rate. The motion carried unanimously.

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- D. City Commission to consider acceptance of a sewer line and easement assignment located in Section 49, Block 22, T & P RY. Surveys, Nolan County, Texas, from PAK Harris Enterprises, LTD., to the City of Sweetwater. Item was tabled due to legal issues.
- E. City Commission to consider the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation to accept a plat, which includes a sewer line and easement dedication, designated as the Harris Addition to the City of Sweetwater consisting of 28.855 acres of land out of Section 49, Block 22, T & P RY. Co. Surveys, Sweetwater, Nolan County, Texas. Said tracts being located at 304 S.E. Georgia Ave. Item was tabled due to legal issues.
- F. Alan Carmichael reported on the progress and funding for the WASP Museum expansion project.
- G. Motion was made by Commissioner May, seconded by Commissioner Lee to approve a request from the Wasp to amend the lease agreement between the Wasp and the City as required by the USDA for the funding of the museum expansion. The motion carried unanimously.
- H. Motion was made by Commissioner May, seconded by Commissioner Lee to modify the lease agreement concerning the acreage held by the lease. The motion carried unanimously.
- I. Motion was made by Commissioner May to enter into Executive Session and allow WASP attorney Alan Carmichael into the Executive Session. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek and carried unanimously.

Before the Executive Session started, attorney for the City, Sara Thornton informed Commissioners that an outsider is not allowed in closed session pursuant to the provisions of 551.072 and 551.101 of the Texas Government Code and Mr. Carmichael was not allowed in the closed session.

- J. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner Lee to enter into Regular Session.
 - K. No action was necessary from the Executive Session.
5. Public Input.

None.

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6. Motion was made by Commissioner May, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek to adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Jim McKenzie, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patty Torres, City Secretary

Persons signing register: Kevin Phillips, Sandra Spears, Elaine Curtis, Cherylene Brazee, Jeannette Bryant, Loren Bryant, Carol Cain, Tim Fambrough, John Powell, Boo Nemir, Tom Henderson, Jack Lawrence, Bill Johnson, Alan Carmichael, Peter Fox, Brian Brownlow, Larry Ludlum, Marvin Keenan, JoAnn Keenan, Lucia Waldrop, Michael Ables, Kay Hallman, Linda Reves, Mike Fernandez, Brenda Stirl, and Leah Andrews.

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