CITY COMMISSION MINUTES
JULY 26, 2011
9:00 A.M.

The City Commission of the City of Sweetwater, Texas met in regular session on July 26, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in the City Commission Room at City Hall, 200 E. Fourth Street with the following members present:

GREGORY L. WORTHAM, Mayor   **RICKY CASTRO,** Mayor Pro-Tem
LARRY MAY, Commissioner   **PETER SHERIDAN,** City Attorney
JEROD PEEK, Commissioner   **EDWARD BROWN,** City Manager
JIM McKENZIE, Commissioner   **CAROLYN LAWRENCE,** City Secretary

1. Mayor Wortham called the meeting to order.

2. Commissioner May gave the invocation.

3. Mayor Wortham led the pledge of allegiance.

4. Action Items:

   A. City Commission reviewed the Proposed Budget for 2011-2012. City Manager Edward Brown discussed the significant budget items. Mr. Brown stated the certified tax values received from the Central Appraisal District were $339,539,310 which is approximately $6 million less than the preliminary values released May 4, 2011.

   B. Motion was made by Commissioner Peek, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie to propose a tax rate of $.480 (48 cents) for each $100 valuation for Tax Year 2011. The motion carried unanimously.

   AYES: Commissioners May, McKenzie, Peek, Mayor Pro-Tem Castro and Mayor Gregory Wortham.

   NAYS: None

   C. Motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie, seconded by Commissioner May to schedule two Public Hearings, one on August 9, 2011 and the second on August 16, 2011 on the proposed tax rate $.480 per $100 valuation for Tax Year 2011, and to schedule a meeting on August 23, 2011 to vote on the tax rate for Tax Year 2011. The motion carried unanimously.

   D. Jacob Limon with Knight & Partners addressed the Commission and discussed the necessary steps in the redistricting process. The

Commissioners presented names for a citizen redistricting committee as follows.

Larry May, Precinct 1: Jeanie McPherson, Roland Herrera
Jim McKenzie, Precinct 2: Tony Lara, Grant Madden
Ricky Castro, Precinct 3: pending
Jerod Peek, Precinct 4: Janis McDowell, Robert Moore
Gregory Wortham, Mayor: Danny Williams

Mr. Limon stated that the committee needs to meet in a workshop to review the draft plans and make recommendations to keep in compliance with the voting rights act.

E. Motion was made by Commissioner Peek, seconded by Commissioner May to approve second and final reading of an ordinance authorizing the issuance of the City's Combination Tax and Revenue Refunding Bonds; appointing a representative of the City and delegating to the representative certain matters with respect to the sale of the Bonds; establishing parameters for the approval of such delegated matters; approving the form of an Escrow Agreement and Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement; providing for the pledge of funds for the payment of the Bonds; and enacting other provisions relating to the issuance and sale of the Bonds. The motion carried unanimously.

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F. Motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Castro to approve suspension of the $1.00 surcharge fee at the Lake Sweetwater Municipal Golf course until further notice. The motion carried unanimously.

G. Motion was made by Commissioner Peek, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie to enter into Executive Session pursuant to the provisions of 551.072 of the Texas Government Code to deliberate regarding the purchase, sale and / or lease of real property. The motion carried unanimously.

H. Motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie, seconded by Commissioner Peek to enter into Regular Session. The motion carried unanimously.

I. No action was necessary from the Executive Session.

5.   Commissioner McKenzie made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Castro to adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

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Gregory L. Wortham, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Carolyn Lawrence, City Secretary

Persons signing register: None