

CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

November 8, 2011

9:00 A.M.

The City Commission of the City of Sweetwater, Texas met in regular session on November 8, 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

LARRY MAY, Mayor Pro-Tem

JEROD PEEK, Commissioner

JIM MCKENZIE, Commissioner

RICKY CASTRO, Commissioner

EDWARD BROWN, City Manager

CAROLYN LAWRENCE, City Secretary

PETER SHERIDAN, City Attorney

Staff members present: Utilities Director Eddy Campbell, Emergency Services Director Grant Madden, City Services Director Kirk Harris, Public Works Director Ray Adames, and Chief of Police Jim Kelley.

1. Mayor Wortham called the meeting to order.
2. A representative from the Sweetwater Ministerial Alliance gave the invocation.
3. Mayor Wortham led the pledge of allegiance.
4. Motion was made by Commissioner Peek, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem May to approve minutes for the meeting held on October 11, 2011. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Action Items:
 - A. Jacque McCoy, Director of the Sweetwater Chamber of Commerce explained the Future Sweetwater program and introduced the 2011 participants.
 - B. Michael Jamiolkowski with Enprotec/Hibbs & Todd, Inc. presented a report regarding recent power outages and the impact on the Water Treatment Plant and possible solutions for mitigating such event. Mr. Jamiolkowski presented the information on behalf of Scott Hibbs who was not able to attend due to a conflict. Mr. Jamiolkowski suggested three options – Oncor true-dual feed, small EmGen set, or large EmGen set with cost estimates for each scenario.
 - C. City Commission heard a report from Becky Brock, County-City Library Director regarding participation in the PEARL project through the University of North Texas.

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- D. Motion was made by Commissioner Peek seconded by Commissioner McKenzie to conduct a public hearing to consider the Planning and Zoning Commission recommendation concerning a request for an editorial amendment to the City of Sweetwater Zoning Ordinance to include "rental storage units" in the "G" Local Business District. The motion carried unanimously.
- E. Motion was made by Commissioner Peek, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem May to close the public hearing. The motion carried unanimously.
- F. Motion was made by Commissioner Peek, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie to accept Planning and Zoning Commission recommendations and approve the editorial amendment to the City of Sweetwater Zoning Ordinance to include "rental storage units" in the "G" Local Business District. The motion carried unanimously.

COPY OF ORDINANCE IN FULL IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XII PAGE 401.

- G. Motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie, seconded by Commissioner Castro to adopt Resolution of the City Commission of Sweetwater, Texas, authorizing those persons designated to sign the State of Texas purchase voucher and the request for advance or reimbursement, financial forms for processing request for contract funds under the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program, administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture. The motion carried unanimously.

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- H. No action was taken regarding potential water supply agreements.
 - I. 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 on the purchase, sale or lease of real property. The motion carried unanimously.
 - J. Motion was made by Commissioner Peek, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem May to enter into Regular Session. The motion carried unanimously.
 - K. No action was necessary from the Executive Session.
6. City Manager's Report.

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- A. The 45th annual meeting of West Central Texas Council of Governments (WCTCOG) is scheduled for noon November 17, 2011 at the Civic Center in Abilene.
- B. Sales tax collections were up once again. October payments were 103% or \$160,036 higher than the previous year.
- C. City Staff is preparing for the fiscal year end, September 30, 2011 financial statement audit.
- D. The published budgets for fiscal 2012 are available for Commissioners and staff has submitted the budget to the GFOA for the Distinguished Budget Award.
- E. On October 27, 2011 the Texas Transportation Commission approved \$1,878,000 for Avenger Field Airport pavement and drainage improvements. Work is set to begin 60 days after bid opening.

7. Public Input.

Lance Hall addressed the Commission about the proposed contract between the City and Tenaska. Mr. Hall's points:

- 1. Term- 88 years
- 2. Price too low compared to rates paid by current users
- 3. Tenaska can withdraw at any time while the City cannot
- 4. Drought contingency exclusion unfair

Jim Boston spoke about the relationship of City and County with Tenaska.

Jimmy Headstream spoke on two items on the agenda.

Elsie Pierce spoke against Tenaska, stating the price was too low.

Anna Griffin spoke of being upset about Sweetwater taking Roscoe's water.

- 8. Mayor Pro-Tem May made a motion seconded by Commissioner McKenzie to adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

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Gregory L. Wortham, Mayor

ATTEST:

Carolyn Lawrence, City Secretary

Persons signing register: Jim Boston, Jimmy Headstream, Michael Jamiolkowski, Anna Griffin, Lloyd Harris, Bill Haley, Jim Clements, Tom Parker, Jacque McCoy, Jaime Ince, Stephen May, Austin Marlett, Mason Andrews, Kaleb Hoover, Greg Aiken, Quentin Wetsel, Megan Carney, Caroline Lawrence, Ken Becker, Kirstin Smith, Rachel Gray, Kayla Chowning, Larissa Locklar, Taylor McPherson, Allison Winslett, Tim and Peggy Lambert, Lance Hall, Becky Brock, Dale and Sheila Burnett, Whitney Root, Deborah Morgan, Dale Burnett, Bettye Martin-McRae