

CITY COMMISSION MINUTES
January 10, 2012
9:00 A.M.

The City Commission of the City of Sweetwater, Texas met in regular session on January 10, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. in the City Commission Room at City Hall, 200 E. Fourth Street with the following members present:

GREG WORTHAM, Mayor
JIM MCKENZIE, Commissioner
JEROD PEEK, Commissioner
RICKY CASTRO, Commissioner

LARRY MAY, Mayor Pro - Tem
EDWARD BROWN, City Manager
PETE SHERIDAN, City Attorney
CAROLYN LAWRENCE, City Secretary

Staff members present: Chief of Police Jim Kelley, Public Works Director Ray Adames, and Utilities Director Eddy Campbell

1. Mayor Wortham called the meeting to order.
2. Eric von Atzigen, Minister of Emmanuel Fellowship Church gave the invocation.
3. Mayor Wortham led the pledge of allegiance.
4. Motion was made by Commissioner Peek, seconded by Commissioner Castro to approve minutes for the meeting held on December 13, 2011. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Action Items:
 - A. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem May, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie to approve the Quarterly Investment Report for the quarter ended December 31, 2011. The motion carried unanimously.

COPY OF REPORT IN FULL IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XII PAGE 440.

- B. Motion was made by Commissioner Peek, seconded by Commissioner Castro to reappoint Cemetery Board Members, Jo Thompson, Marvin Keenan, Don Brock, Dan McCoy and to appoint Lewis Williams to replace Jack Aycock with new terms expiring January 31, 2014. The motion carried unanimously.
- C. Motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem May to ratify the appointment by the City Manager of Paul McCarthy to serve on the Civil Service Commission with term expiring January 31, 2014. The motion carried unanimously. Others serving on this Commission are Mark Meneses and Lloyd Harris.

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- D. Motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem May to open and consider bids on three 4 - door patrol sedans for Police Department. Two bids were received; one from Stanley Ford, Sweetwater, Texas and one from Doug Adams, Reliable Chevrolet, Richardson, Texas. Contract was awarded to the low bid of \$24,592 per vehicle from Reliable Chevrolet in Richardson, Texas. The motion carried unanimously.

COPY OF BID SHEET IN FULL IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XII PAGE 441.

- E. Motion was made by Commissioner Peek, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem May to approve renewal of the McWhorter's Live Oak Lodge lease at Oak Creek Lake for a primary term of five (5) years with a five (5) year extension. The McWhorter's have leased this property for the past 15 years. The motion carried unanimously.

COPY OF LEASE IN FULL IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XII PAGES 442-447.

- F. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem May, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie to authorize staff to go out for bids relating to the construction of a new dining room and offices for the Senior Nutrition Activities Program (SNAP). Mr. Brown read the engineering report from Enprotec/Hibbs & Todd stating that the existing dining room building is unsafe. The motion carried unanimously.
- G. Motion was made by Commissioner Peek, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie to approve second and final reading of an Ordinance Amending the Ordinance Approving and Adopting a Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning October 1, 2011 and Ending September 30, 2012 by adding one firefighter position to the authorized number of positions in the Fire Department. The motion carried unanimously.

COPY OF ORDINANCE 2012-01 IN FULL IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XII PAGES 448-449.

- H. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem May, seconded by Commissioner Castro to accept a private street dedication from Sweetwater Enterprise for Economic Development. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Commissioner Peek, seconded by Commissioner Castro to table the decision for naming the street to a later date. The motion carried unanimously.

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COPY OF DEDICATION IN FULL IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XII PAGES 450-454.

- I. Motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie, seconded by Commissioner Castro to approve a Resolution Supporting the Extension of the Production Tax Credit for Wind Development. Motion carried unanimously. Ken Becker, Executive Director of SEED, addressed the Commission regarding the production tax credit and how it relates to Sweetwater and the wind businesses located here.

COPY OF RESOLUTION IN FULL IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XII PAGE 455.

6. City Manager's Report.
 - A. The State Comptroller's Office confirmed that increases in sales tax allocation payments received by the City from August – December 2011 were the result of direct pay by several businesses for materials being delivered inside the City limits for major construction in the area.
 - B. The audit report for the year ended September 30, 2011 is being finalized and will be delivered at the February 14, 2012 meeting.
 - C. City staff will soon begin the process of working on next year's FY September 30, 2013 budget.
 - E. Ambulance billings are down 42% for October and November. In order to cover expenses, we have transferred \$90,000 from the General Fund. If this trend continues, transfers for the year could be up 46% for a total of \$540,000.
 - F. The metal archway and entrance structure at Newman Park has become an eyesore and should be removed. City staff will begin that process. Dr. Peek recommended contacting the Coliseum Board to seek their input.
 - G. TxDot has performed a speed study on I20 and the Texas Transportation Commission will consider those speeds on January 26, 2012.
 - H. Ray Adames, the Director of Public Works and Internal Services, is retiring January 31, 2012 after 38 years of service. We will have Ray's retirement party Tuesday, January 31, 2012 from 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. at City Hall.
7. Public Input.

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None.

8. Commissioner McKenzie made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Peek to adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Gregory Wortham, Mayor

ATTEST:

Carolyn Lawrence, City Secretary

Persons signing register: Maud Woolf, Evelyn Reeves, Evelyn Barnes, Mr. & Mrs. Orvil Brown, Wesley Barnes, Eric McWhorter, Oma McWhorter, Wanda DeBusk, Robert & Bobbie Bowen, John Meadows, Ken Becker, Tommy Self, Eric von Atzigen, and Jacque McCoy.