

CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

JUNE 12, 2012

9:00 A.M.

The City Commission of the City of Sweetwater, Texas met in regular session on June 12, 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, Mayor Pro-Tem

LARRY MAY, Commissioner

EDWARD BROWN, City Manger

PETE SHERIDAN, City Attorney

CAROLYN LAWRENCE, City Secretary

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

1. Mayor Wortham called the meeting to order.
2. Ward Hayes, minister of Trinity Baptist Church gave the invocation.
3. Mayor Wortham led the pledge of allegiance.
4. Motion was made by Commissioner May, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie to approve minutes for the meetings held on May 8 and May 10, 2012. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Action Items:
 - A. Oath of office was administered to Jim McKenzie, City Commissioner Precinct 2 and Dr. Jerod Peek, City Commissioner Precinct 4 by Pete Sheridan, City Attorney.

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- B. Cathrine Wilks, Certified Public Accountant presented the Mid-Year Agreed Upon Procedures Report for the period ended March 31, 2012 noting no exceptions found in her testing. Motion was made by Commissioner May, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie to approve the Mid-Year Agreed Upon Procedures Report. The motion carried unanimously.

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COPY OF REPORT IN FULL IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XII PAGES 567-569 .

- C. City Commission opened and considered bids on vehicle for Police Chief. Motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie, seconded by Commissioner May to accept the bid from Caldwell Country in the amount of \$27,425.00. The second bid did not meet specifications according to staff. The motion carried unanimously.

COPY OF BID SHEET IN FULL IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XII PAGE 570 .

- D. City Commission opened and considered construction bids on water line replacement on Neff Street coordinated with the sewer line improvement project. Four bids were received and evaluated by Jon Voller of eHT and staff. Motion was made by Commissioner May, seconded by Commissioner Peek to award the low bid to Starks Construction of Abilene, Texas in the amount of \$49,251.25. The motion carried unanimously.

COPY OF BID SHEET IN FULL IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XII PAGE 571 .

- E. Commissioner McKenzie made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Castro to approve a resolution authorizing continued participation with the Steering Committee of cities served by ONCOR; and authorizing the payment of 10 cents per capita to the Steering Committee to fund regulatory and related activities related to ONCOR Electric Delivery Company LLC. The motion carried unanimously.

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- F. Motion was made by Commissioner Peek, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Castro to approve a resolution authorizing Mayor Gregory L. Wortham to execute contracts with Texas Department of Aging and Disability Service. The motion carried unanimously.

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COPY OF RESOLUTION IN FULL IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XII PAGE 574.

- G. Motion was made by Commissioner Peek, seconded by Commissioner May to enter into a public hearing, the first of two, giving all interested persons the right to appear and be heard on the proposed annexation of a 53.14 acre tract of land out of Section 52, Block 22, T & P RR. Co. surveys, Nolan County, Texas. Said tract being located northeast corner of the intersection of Hopkins Road and Interstate 20. The motion carried unanimously. John Landgraf, representing Love's Travel Stop addressed the Commission and respectfully asked them to grant the annexation request. Mr. Landgraf stated the construction is to begin soon and answered questions regarding accessibility and services to be included in the Love's facility.
 - H. Motion was made by Commissioner May, seconded by Commissioner Peek to close public hearing and enter into regular session. The motion carried unanimously.
6. City Manager's Report.
- A. Sales tax revenues continue to be strong. May 2012 sales tax remittance from the state was up 4% from the prior year and 35% year to date.
 - B. Staff is continuing preparation of 2012-2013 budget.
 - C. Preliminary property values are \$423,444,290 which reflect \$84,344,610 over prior year. Tax Rate Hearing will commence upon receipt of final valuation and Truth-in-Taxation instructions.
 - D. Second public hearing on annexation to be conducted June 14, 2012.
 - E. City officials met with TXDot on May 21, 2012 to discuss current issues and projects. Next big project Lamar Street from Ave B south to interstate 20, 4 lane rebuild to start June 2013.

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- F. City has received \$525,393 in revenues from oil and gas leases.
 - G. Other information in Commission packets will contain Sweetwater Economic Development (SEED) board minutes.
 - H. City received notice of stakeholder meetings – water master evaluation for Brazos River Basin, Colorado River Basin from TCEQ.
 - I. Recently Big Spring had an election regarding utilizing their Economic Development Corporation sales tax for water system infrastructure construction, improvement, acquisition, and renovation. A copy of the ballot proposition is in Commission packets for reference.
 - J. Plans are nearing completion for bidding on construction of SNAP building.
 - K. A 1911 panoramic view of Sweetwater was recently donated by Leon Mays Fuqua of Decatur from his grandmother Fuqua's belongings. Weston Pyburn framed the photograph.
7. Public Input.
- None.
8. Commissioner McKenzie made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Castro to adjourn. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:32 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Gregory Wortham, Mayor

ATTEST:

Carolyn Lawrence, City Secretary

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Persons signing register: John Landgraf, Cathy Wilks, Jacque McCoy, and Jim Clements.