

**CITY COMMISSION MINUTES
AUGUST 14, 2012
9:00 A.M.**

The City Commission of the City of Sweetwater, Texas met in regular session on August 14, 2012 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, Commissioner
JEROD PEEK, Mayor Pro-Tem
JIM MCKENZIE, Commissioner

PETER SHERIDAN, City Attorney
EDWARD BROWN, City Manager
CAROLYN LAWRENCE, City Secretary

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

1. Mayor Wortham called the meeting to order.
2. Brian Brownlow, minister of First United Methodist 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 July 10, 2012 and July 24, 2012. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Action Items:
 - A. The Commission opened and considered proposals on Self-Insured Group Health, Dental and Life Insurance Employee Benefit for FY 2012-2013. The City received two proposals - from Blue Cross and First Care. The proposals were taken by Tommy Morris, Broker of Record to analyze and review. Contract will be awarded at a later date.
 - B. Motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie, seconded by Commissioner May to enter into a public hearing on the Proposed Budget for 2012-2013. This budget will raise more total property taxes than last year's budget by \$320,726 which is 19.74%, and of that amount \$73,002.55 is tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the roll this year. The motion carried unanimously.
 - C. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie to close the public hearing and enter into regular session. The motion carried unanimously.
 - D. No action was necessary from the public hearing.

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- E. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie to approve the Central Rate Schedule for the 2012-2013 Budget. The motion carried unanimously.

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- F. Motion was made by Commissioner May, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie to consider first reading of the Appropriations Ordinance for the 2012-2013 Budget. The motion carried unanimously.
- G. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie to consider first reading of an Ordinance to adopt the 2012-2013 Budget. The motion carried unanimously.
- H. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie to enter into a public hearing to discuss the proposed tax rate of \$.463 (46.3 cents) per \$100 valuation for Tax Year 2012. The motion carried unanimously.
- I. Motion was made by Commissioner May, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek to close the public hearing and return to regular session. The motion carried unanimously.
- J. No action was necessary from the public hearing.
- K. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie to consider first reading of an Ordinance Amending the 2011-2012 Budget. The motion carried unanimously.
- L.-P. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie to authorize staff to go out for bids for fuel, oil and lubrication products, hot mix cold lay asphalt, ready mix concrete and weed killer for 2012-2013. The motion carried unanimously.
- Q. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie to accept resignation of City Secretary/City Comptroller, Carolyn Lawrence, effective November 20, 2012. The motion carried unanimously.
- R. Motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie, seconded by Commissioner May to enter into executive session pursuant to the provision of 551.072 of the Texas Government Code to deliberate regarding the purchase, sale and/or lease of real property. The motion carried unanimously.

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- S. Motion was made by Commissioner May, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie to enter into regular session. The motion carried unanimously.
 - T. No action was necessary from the executive session.
6. City Manager's Report.
- A. Nolan County Commissioners Court has approved a payment in the amount of \$779.50 to the City of Sweetwater which qualifies SNAP for a 2013-2014 grant from the Texas Department of Agriculture Texans Feeding Texans program. The City has received approximately \$60,000 over the past four years through this program.
 - B. Mayor and Commissioners should consider nomination of one SEED Board member at a future meeting for a three year term beginning October 1, 2012.
 - C. Remind City Commission of August 21, 2012, 9:00 a.m. meeting to conduct the second public hearing on the proposed tax rate of \$.463 (46.3 cents).
 - D. Remind City Commission of August 28, 2012, 9:00 a.m. meeting to vote on the tax rate for Tax Year 2012.
 - E. The City of Sweetwater's 2012 certified collection rate from the Nolan County Central Appraisal District was 96%. This compares to a 98% rate for 2011.
7. Public Input.
- None.
8. Motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie, seconded by Commissioner May to adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

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Gregory L. Wortham, Mayor

ATTEST:

Carolyn Lawrence, City Secretary

Persons signing register: Tommy Parker, Tommy Morris, and Jim Clements.