

## **CITY COMMISSION MINUTES**

**January 8, 2013**

**9:00 A.M.**

The City Commission of the City of Sweetwater, Texas met in regular session on January 8, 2013 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

**LARRY MAY**, Mayor Pro-Tem

**EDWARD BROWN**, City Manager

**PETE SHERIDAN**, City Attorney

**PATTY TORRES**, Interim City Secretary

Absent: **RICKY CASTRO**, Commissioner

Staff members present: Chief of Police Brian Frieda, Public Works Director Russell Jones, Emergency Services Director Grant Madden and Utilities Director Eddy Campbell

1. Mayor Wortham called the meeting to order.
2. Phillip Thomas, Minister of First Baptist Church 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 December 11, 2012. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Action Items:

- A. John Voller with Enprotec/Hibbs & Todd addressed the Commission with an analysis of the bids submitted in the prior meeting concerning the construction of a new dining room and offices for the Senior Nutrition Program (SNAP). Motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie, seconded by Commissioner Peek to accept the lowest bid which was submitted by Coe Construction in the amount of \$366,000 as a base bid. The motion carried unanimously.

**COPY OF BID SHEET IN FULL IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XII PAGE 742.**

- B. One bid was received for the Lamar Street utility relocation from Roberts Construction Company in the amount of \$786,508, with the alternate bid for the sewer line relocation at SH70 and Bradford Lane being \$118,717. John Voller with Enprotec/Hibbs & Todd reevaluated the bid along with City Staff. The dollar amount is twice what we had expected for this project. Mr. Voller recommended that we accept the bid, hopefully saving

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money by having the City do some of the work. The work has to be done due to the TxDot Lamar Street project and the sewer line has to be replaced for future industrial use in that area. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem May, seconded by Commissioner Peek to accept the bid. The motion carried unanimously.

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- C. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem May, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie to reappoint Cemetery Board Members, Jackie Trent, Dorothy Rannefeld and Robert Pieper and to appoint Ray Adames to replace Gayle Biggerstaff with new terms expiring January 31, 2015. The motion carried unanimously.
- D. Motion was made by Commissioner Peek, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie to ratify the appointment by the City Manager of Mark Meneses to serve on the Civil Service commission with term expiring January 31, 2016. The motion carried unanimously.
- E. Motion was made by Commissioner Peek, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie to adopt an Ordinance Amending Chapter Eighteen of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Sweetwater Entitled "Miscellaneous Provisions and Offenses" by adding Article III Entitled "Freight and Portable Storage Containers"; Defining Freight and Portable Storage Containers; Prohibiting the use of Such as an Accessory Structure or Building; Providing Exceptions; and Providing a Penalty. The motion carried unanimously.

### **COPY OF ORDINANCE 2013-01 IN FULL IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XII PAGES 744-746.**

- F. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem May, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie to approve the Quarterly Investment Report for the quarter ended December 31, 2012. The motion carried unanimously.

### **COPY OF REPORT IN FULL IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XII PAGE 747.**

- G. Motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie, seconded by Commissioner Peek to approve Sweetwater Enterprise for Economic Development sale of 5 acres of land located in the southeastern corner of the Sweetwater Business Park for \$4,000 per acre. The motion carried unanimously.

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- H. Motion was made by Commissioner Peek, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie to conduct a public hearing to consider recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission regarding a request to rezone a 7.01 acre tract of land out of Section 49, Block 22, T & P Ry. Co. Surveys, Sweetwater, Nolan County, Texas. Said tract being known as 411 E. Bradford Lane. Requested rezoning from Zone "E-1" Dwelling District to Zone "K" Industrial District. The motion carried unanimously.

Beverly Madden, who lives at 306 E. Bradford Lane addressed the Commission stating her opinion on changing this to an Industrial zone and how it negatively affects the quality of life for residential homes in that area. She asked how the streets would be maintained with all of the resulting traffic.

- I. Motion was made by Commissioner Peek, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie to close public hearing and enter into regular session. The motion carried unanimously.
- J. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem May, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie to accept recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission. The motion carried unanimously.
- K. Motion was made by Commissioner Peek, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie to appoint Bill Johnson to chair a task force regarding consideration of recommendations for potential improvements to be made at Sweetwater's Avenger Field airport through a public-private initiative to improve pilot and aircraft services and industrial gateway impressions of the airport. Mr. Johnson will appoint 4 additional members to the task force, with it lasting not longer than 6 months. The motion carried unanimously.

Bill Johnson addressed the Commission regarding this matter and specifically expressed his concerns regarding the inadequate lighting of taxi ways, the terminal area and the fueling station at the airport. Another issue presented by Mr. Johnson is the lack of pilot and customer amenities at the Sweetwater Municipal Airport. He compared the Sweetwater airport to the Snyder airport, stating that the Snyder airport was much better maintained. Eddie Brown, City Manager, stated that the Snyder airport is funded by the County while Sweetwater's airport is funded by the City. Mr. Brown also stated that funds for improvements at the airport come from matching grants and that these grants will not pay for lighting other than runway lights.

6. City Manager's Report.

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- A. The audit report for the year ended September 30, 2012 is being finalized and will be delivered at the February 12, 2013 meeting.
  - B. City staff will soon begin the process of working on next year's FY September 30, 2014 budget.
7. Public Input.
- None.
8. Commissioner McKenzie made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Peek to adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:43 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

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Gregory Wortham, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Patty Torres, Interim City Secretary

Persons signing register: Wesley Barnes, Evelyn Barnes, Courtney Ramirez, Jim Clements, Ken Becker, Beverly Madden, Garry Madden, Phillip Thomas, Gil Cherry, Kerry McDonald, Bill Johnson, Jacque McCoy and Tonya Challis.