

## **CITY COMMISSION MINUTES**

**December 10, 2013**

**9:00 A.M.**

The City Commission of the City of Sweetwater, Texas met in regular session on December 10, 2013 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

**EDWARD BROWN**, City Manager

**PATTY TORRES**, City Secretary

**PETER SHERIDAN**, City Attorney

Absent: **RICKY CASTRO**, Commissioner

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

1. Mayor Wortham called the meeting to order.
2. Kary Fry, minister of First Presbyterian Church gave the invocation.
3. Mayor Wortham led the pledge of allegiance.
4. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem May, seconded by Commissioner Peek to approve minutes for the meeting held on November 12, 2013. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Action Items:
  - A. City Commission opened and considered bids on drilling water wells on City-owned property known as the Hunter Well Field and the construction of a pipeline and other necessary infrastructure, and considered alternative bids on that project. John Voller, of Enprotec/Hibbs & Todd opened and presented the three bids to Commission. The following base bids were received:

Texas Water & Soil Co. - \$763,602.40

Dowtech Specialty Contractors, Inc. - \$840,887.20

Darnell Construction, LLC - \$953,559.05

Upon recommendation of John Voller, motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie, seconded by Commissioner Peek to award Texas Water & Soil Co. base bid, contingent on Texas Water Development Board's approval

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and alternate bids contingent on test well results and Texas Water Development Board approval. The motion carried unanimously.

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- B. John Voller of Enprotec/Hibbs & Todd advised Commission that bids for Union Pacific Railroad right of way waterline relocation project have been postponed indefinitely, due to changes in specifications.
- C. Motion was made by Commissioner McKenzie, seconded by Commissioner Peek to re-appoint Elsie Pierce and Carol Cain as City appointees to the County-City Library Board, terms to expire December 31, 2016. The motion carried unanimously.
- D. Motion was made by Commissioner Peek, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie to re-appoint Kent Boatright as City appointee and Jo Henderson as joint City-County appointee to the Pioneer Museum Board, new terms to expire December 31, 2015. The motion carried unanimously.
- E. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem May, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie to authorize the renewal of the contract with Melody's Southwest Consortium for drug and alcohol testing services. The motion carried unanimously.

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- F. Motion was made by Commissioner Peek, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie to authorize City Manager to cast ballot to vote for City's nominee, Ben High, to the Board of Directors of the Central Appraisal District of Nolan County. The motion carried unanimously.
- G. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem May, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie to approve Sweetwater Enterprise for Economic Development (SEED) purchase of 77.12 acres of land more or less, known as Stevens Property on West Broadway. The motion carried unanimously.
- H. Motion was made by Commissioner Peek, seconded by Commissioner McKenzie to approve second and final reading and adoption of an ordinance amending Chapter 25 of the Sweetwater Code of Ordinances, Article IV entitled "procedure for abandoning, altering, closing, and vacating streets, alleys and public ways", by amending Section 25-63

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entitled "petition filing fee" by establishing a fee to be incorporated in the City's annual central rate schedule. The motion carried unanimously.

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- I. City Manager advised the Commission that there would be no Executive Session, as he was waiting on information from outside Attorneys.
6. City Manager's Report.
    - A. Contractor began sandblasting work on Loop 549 water storage facility December 3, 2013. Painting may be delayed due to weather conditions.
    - B. Sweetwater Fire Department has taken delivery of new pumper truck. The truck was available for inspection at City Hall after the meeting.
    - C. Bids for construction of a new proposed police station will be opened and considered at the January 14, 2014 City Commission Meeting.
  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 9:40 a.m.

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Gregory L. Wortham, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Patty Torres, City Secretary

Persons signing register: David Darnell, Gerald Downing, Todd Neff, Rev. Kary Fry, Ken Becker, and Jim Clements.