

CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

January 13, 2015

9:00 A.M.

The City Commission of the City of Sweetwater, Texas met in regular session on January 13, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in the City Commission Room at City Hall, 200 E. Fourth Street with the following members present:

JIM MCKENZIE, Mayor
LARRY MAY, Commissioner
JIM LEE, Commissioner
RICKY CASTRO, Commissioner

JEROD PEEK, Mayor Pro Tem
EDWARD BROWN, City Manager
PETE SHERIDAN, City Attorney
PATTY TORRES, City Secretary

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

1. Mayor McKenzie called the meeting to order.
2. David Woods, of First Baptist Church gave the invocation.
3. Jim Lee led the pledge of allegiance.
4. Motion was made by Commissioner May, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peek to approve minutes for the meeting held on December 9, 2014. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Action Items:
 - A. City Commission recognized Future Sweetwater. Leah Andrews spoke to Commission about the program and each student introduced themselves.
 - B. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner Castro to approve contract between Sweetwater Enterprise for Economic Development and Nolan County Coliseum Complex and the payment of up to \$60,000 for an electronic sign to be located on corner of Lamar and Broadway. Ken Becker presented information and details to the Commission regarding the sign. The motion carried unanimously.
 - C. Motion was made by Commissioner May, seconded by Commissioner Lee to ratify City Manager's reappointment of Larry Ludlum as Civil Service Commissioner, term to expire December 31, 2017. The motion carried unanimously.
 - D. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner Castro to reappoint Jackie Trent, Ray Adames, Robert Pieper and Dorothy

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Rannefeld as members of the Sweetwater Cemetery Board, terms to expire January 31, 2017. The motion carried unanimously.

- E. Motion was made by Commissioner May, seconded by Commissioner Lee to approve first reading and adoption of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 7 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Sweetwater entitled "Buildings and Construction" by amending section 7-17 entitled "Changes and Additions to Adopted Building Code" by deleting paragraphs (10) and (11) and substituting new paragraphs (10) and (11); Providing for Exceptions for Residential Automatic Sprinkler Systems. The motion carried unanimously.
- F. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner May to approve Quarterly Investment Report for the quarter ended December 31, 2014. The motion carried unanimously.

COPY OF INVESTMENT REPORT IN FULL IS LOCATED IN ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XIII PAGE 165.

- G. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner Castro to enter into Executive Session pursuant to the provision of 551.072 of the Texas Government Code to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property. The motion carried unanimously.
 - H. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner May to enter into Executive Session. The motion carried unanimously.
 - I. No action was necessary from the Executive Session.
6. City Manager's Report.
- A. Staff is working with Southwest Securities on refunding opportunities for City Certificates of Obligation. More information at February 10, 2015 City Commission meeting.
 - B. Police Station construction is nearing completion. Architect Jim Wiginton and Scott Graham from Ratcliff Constructors gave a progress report to Commission.
 - C. Staff has begun working on 2015-2016 Budget.
 - D. Sales tax collections through the first quarter of 2015 fiscal year have increased 7.3% over prior year.

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- E. Staff and Engineers are continuing the permitting process on City's new Type IV landfill.
 - F. City Commission toured new police station.
7. Public Input.
- None.
8. Commissioner May made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Castro to adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Jim McKenzie, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patty Torres, City Secretary

Persons signing register: Ken Becker, and Gil Cherry