

CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

February 10, 2015

9:00 A.M.

The City Commission of the City of Sweetwater, Texas met in regular session on February 10, 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
PETE SHERIDAN, City Attorney
EDWARD BROWN, City Manager
PATTY TORRES, City Secretary

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

1. Mayor McKenzie called the meeting to order.
2. Kary Fry, minister of First Presbyterian Church gave the invocation.
3. Mayor Pro-Tem Peek 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 January 13, 2015. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Action Items:
 - A. Motion was made by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek to approve the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (Audit) for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2014 which was presented by Cathrine Wilks, CPA. The motion carried unanimously.

COPY OF AUDIT FINDINGS IN FULL IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XIII PAGES 166-167.

- B. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner Lee to approve an Ordinance ordering an election of the qualified voters of the City of Sweetwater to be held on May 9, 2015 for the purpose of electing a Mayor and two City Commissioners (Precincts 1 and 3) of said City. The motion carried unanimously.

COPY OF ORDINANCE 2015-02 IN FULL IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XIII PAGES 168-171.

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- C. Motion was made by Commissioner May, seconded by Commissioner Castro to reappoint Larry Ludlum as City appointee to the Auditorium Board with term expiring February 28, 2017. The motion carried unanimously.
- D. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner May to authorize City staff and consultants to proceed with refunding the City's outstanding General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2005 for debt service savings. The motion carried unanimously. Andrew Friedman of Samco Capital Markets, Inc. spoke to Commission regarding the refunding opportunity.
- E. Motion was made by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Castro to authorize staff to go out for bids on AC10 asphalt and Grade 4 crushed rock to be used in 2015 streets seal coating project. The motion carried unanimously.
- F. Motion was made by Commissioner May, seconded by Commissioner Lee to approve second and final reading and adoption of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 7 of the Sweetwater Code of Ordinances entitled "Buildings and Construction" by amending section 7-17 entitled "Changes and Additions to Adopted Building Code" by amending paragraphs (10) and (11) by providing exceptions for residential automatic sprinkler systems. The motion carried unanimously.

COPY OF ORDINANCE 2015-01 IN FULL IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XIII PAGES 172-173.

- G. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner Castro to reappoint Bill Johnson as City appointee of the City/County Airport Zoning Board, term to expire February 28, 2017. The motion carried unanimously.
- H. City Commission heard the annual report from Police Chief Brian Frieda regarding Racial Profiling Statistics.
- I. Motion was made by Commissioner May, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek to authorize City staff to pursue a TxDOT Aviation Division Capital Improvement Project Grant for Avenger Field Airport for FY17/18, or as it fits in their capital improvement program plan. The motion carried unanimously.
- J. City Commission discussed parking situation as it exists on Lakeview just north of Hailey Street intersection. Parallel parking along the west side of

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Lakeview causes congestion on Lakeview. The Commission would like for City staff to contact the First Christian Church elders and the apartment complex management for suggestions before making any decisions.

- K. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner Lee to approve a Resolution authorizing the submission of a Texas Community Development Block Grant Application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for Community Development Funds. The motion carried unanimously.

COPY OF RESOLUTION IN FULL IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XIII PAGES 174.

- L. Melonnie Hicks, Kent Boatright and Paul Nash, members of the Pioneer Museum Board spoke to Commission regarding repairs needed to the Museum. Needed repairs include the roof, fascia, rafters and weather stripping. The board is asking for the City and County to contribute to the funds they have available for the repairs. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner Lee to authorize staff to seek quotes/estimates for repairs. The motion carried unanimously.

6. City Manager's Report.

- A. City Manager to review quarterly assessment of Oak Creek Reservoir and City's well field system and recommendation by Enprotec/Hibbs & Todd, Inc. to remain in Stage I of the Drought Contingency and Water Conservation Program.
- B. Election Calendar is in packets.
- C. Sales tax collections through January, the first four months of fiscal year are 7.47% ahead of prior year.

7. Public Input.

Sweetwater residents Margarita Slaughter and John Roberts spoke to Commission regarding problems with pit bulls loose, code violations, and suspected illegal activity in the area of 1300 Cypress.

8. Mayor Pro-Tem Peek made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Lee to adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

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Jim McKenzie, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patty Torres, City Secretary

Persons signing register: Cathy Wilks, Margarita Slaughter, John Roberts and Kary Fry.