

CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

April 14, 2015

9:00 A.M.

The City Commission of the City of Sweetwater, Texas met in regular session on April 14, 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
PATTY TORRES, City Secretary

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

Absent: **PETER SHERIDAN**, City Attorney

1. Mayor McKenzie called the meeting to order.
2. Commissioner May gave the invocation.
3. Mayor Pro-Tem Peek led the pledge of allegiance.
4. A. Motion was made by Commissioner May, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek to approve minutes for the meeting held on March 10, 2015. The motion carried unanimously.
B. Mayor McKenzie read Governor Greg Abbott's proclamation declaring April 12-18, 2015 as Public Safety Telecommunicators Week and recognized Police Department 911 and dispatch personnel.
5. Action Items:
 - A. Mayor McKenzie recognized County Commissioners and conducted a joint meeting for purposes of considering bids for Pioneer Museum building repairs.
 - B. City Commission opened and read bids for Pioneer Museum building repairs. The following bids were received:

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Villafranca Construction - \$67,310
Abbott Tab Builders, LLC - \$48,560
Coe Construction - \$64,650

Based on staff recommendation, motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner Castro to award bid to Abbott Tab Builders, LLC. The motion carried unanimously.

- C. Motion was made by Commissioner May, seconded by Commissioner Lee to engage Samco Capital Markets Inc. as municipal advisors for the authorization, issuance and sale of debt obligations for the City of Sweetwater and to accept such contract. The motion carried unanimously.

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- D. Commission heard from Andrew Friedman, with Samco Capital Markets Inc. and from bond attorney, Dan Culver regarding the issuance of refunding bonds. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner Lee to adopt an ordinance authorizing the issuance of the City's Combination Tax and Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2015. The motion carried unanimously.
- E. Larry Ludlum and Richard Smola were present to represent the Municipal Auditorium Board. The board presented possible future uses of the municipal building which formerly housed Sweetwater Police Department. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner Castro to authorize City Manager to work with the board regarding the building. The motion carried unanimously.
- F. Commission heard from Police Chief Brian Frieda regarding findings from inquiries with TxDot regarding parking on Lakeview Street. First Christian Church and Village Apartments have requested to continue allowing parking. Motion was made by Commissioner May, seconded by Commissioner Lee to authorize staff to amend the current ordinance to prohibit parking for the first 90 feet north from intersection with Hailey Street. The motion carried unanimously.
- G. Motion was made by Commissioner May, seconded by Commissioner Lee to approve quarterly investment report for the quarter ended March 31, 2015. The motion carried unanimously.

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- H. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner Lee to adopt an ordinance establishing classifications and number of positions for the fire and police departments pursuant to Chapter 143 of the Texas Local Government Code; creating the rank of fire lieutenant without an increase in fire department staffing; providing a severability clause; finding and determining that the meetings at which the ordinance is passed are open to the public as required by law; and providing for an effective date. The motion carried unanimously.

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- I. Motion was made by Commissioner May, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek to approve staff recommendation of hiring Enprotec/Hibbs & Todd, Inc. as engineers to design a new water storage facility and other water system improvements pursuant to statements of qualifications submitted to staff and graded by staff, City Manager, City Utilities Director and City Comptroller. The motion carried unanimously.
- J. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner Lee to declare an emergency and to ratify water line contract entered into with Bill Starks Construction Co., Inc. of Abilene, Tx. for 7000' of 4" water line and bores and other improvements for potable water service along CR 217 south of Interstate 20 for \$116,000. The cost to the City will be \$56,000, with the remaining \$50,000 paid by the customers. The motion carried unanimously.
- K. Motion was made by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek to ratify retail potable water service agreements with four water customers to be serviced by the CR 217 water line. The motion carried unanimously.
- L. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner Castro to adopt a Resolution authorizing continued participation with the Steering Committee of Cities served by Oncor; and authorizing payment of 11 cents per capita to the Steering Committee to fund regulatory and legal

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proceedings and activities related to Oncor Electric Delivery Company, LLC. The motion carried unanimously.

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M. City Commission to consider the Planning and Zoning Commission's recommendation as follows:

1. To accept a plat, which includes a water line and easement dedication, designated as the Love's Microtel Sweetwater Addition to the City of Sweetwater consisting of 2.289 acres of land out of section 52, block 22, T & P RY. Co. surveys, Sweetwater, Nolan County, Texas. Being out of that 62.54 acre tract of Love's Travel Stops & Country Stores. Said tract being located at 9416 N. I-20.
2. To accept a plat, which includes a water line and easement dedication, designated as the Love's Self-Storage Sweetwater Addition to the City of Sweetwater consisting of 15.907 acres of land out of Section 52, block 22, T & P RY. Co. surveys, Sweetwater, Nolan County, Texas. Being out of that 62.54 acre tract of Love's Travel Stops & Country Stores. Said tract being located at 3001 W. Alabama.

The water line and easements are interrelated.

This item was tabled for future consideration.

6. City Manager's Report.

- A. Budget workshop on 2015-2016 Budget scheduled for May 12, 2015 at the Water Treatment Plant on Hillsdale Road, time to be determined.
- B. The Taste of Sweetwater was held April 13, 2015 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- C. Sweetwater PD training room is location for TML – Risk Pool training for vehicle operations on April 23, 2015.
- D. March sales tax collections up 22% over prior year, up 10% over prior year to date.

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- E. According to Atmos records the City has no more cast iron pipe remaining.
- 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 9:43 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Jim McKenzie, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patty Torres, City Secretary

Persons signing register: Larry Ludlum, B.D. Kinney, Pat McGowan, Doug Alexander, Whitley May, Daina Abbott, Tony Lara, Bob Salluzzo, Russell Peck, Richard Smola, Jim Clements, Amanda Morrow, and Michael Hammitt.