

CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

JUNE 9, 2015

9:00 A.M.

The City Commission of the City of Sweetwater, Texas met in regular session on June 9, 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

JEROD PEEK, Mayor Pro-Tem

LARRY MAY, Commissioner

JIM LEE, Commissioner

EDWARD BROWN, City Manager

PETE SHERIDAN, City Attorney

PATTY TORRES, City Secretary

Absent: **RICKY CASTRO**, Commissioner

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

1. Mayor McKenzie called the meeting to order.
2. Eric von Atzigen, minister of Emmanuel Fellowship Church gave the invocation.
3. Commissioner Lee led the pledge of allegiance.
4. Motion was made by Commissioner May, seconded by Commissioner Lee to approve minutes for the meeting held on May 12, 2015. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Action Items:
 - A. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner Lee to approve first reading of an ordinance establishing classifications and number of positions for the fire department pursuant to Chapter 143 of the Texas Local Government code; 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.
 - B. Motion was made by Commissioner May, seconded by Commissioner Lee to continue lease of 14.4 acres to the estate of Marshall Pior for a period of 5 years for \$72.00 per year or other terms as determined. Land is

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located southwest of Lake Sweetwater on FM 2035. The motion carried unanimously.

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- C. City Commission took no action on selling property in item B. above.
- D. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner Lee to authorize staff to advertise for bids on six (6) Oak Creek Lake lot leases for lease hold interest in said lots. A minimum bid plus \$600 annual lease and a \$750 transfer fee to be included with cashier's check payable to the City of Sweetwater. Successful bidder will enter into Oak Creek Lake lot lease agreement and abide by all terms of said lease. The motion carried unanimously.
- E. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner Lee to authorize staff to obtain fair market value of appraisal of certain City-owned property at Oak Creek to determine feasibility of advertising property for sale. The motion carried unanimously.
- F. Motion was made by Commissioner May, seconded by Commissioner Lee to adopt an ordinance amending Chapter 29 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Sweetwater entitled "Water and Wastewater" by amending Article IV entitled "Connections and Extensions" by amending Section 29-98 entitled "Extension Costs Within the City"; by deleting Section 29-98 and substituting a new Section 29-98. The motion carried unanimously.

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- G. Commission heard from SEED Director Ken Becker regarding the following projects:
 - 1. Strat Aero PLC – Drone/UAV inspections using a specialized software. SEED board tabled this item pending further details, therefore no Commission action was needed on this item.

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2. The Blinged Goose, LLC – Leather goods manufacturing company using Swarovski Crystals. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner Lee to approve agreement. The motion carried unanimously.

- H. Motion was made by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner May to authorize Sweetwater Chamber of Commerce to sponsor a fireworks display at the Lake Sweetwater dam on July 3, 2015 with Emergency Services Director Grant Madden handling the actual show and unless a burn ban is in force. The Chamber will be responsible for cleanup. The motion carried unanimously.

6. City Manager's Report.
 - A. City sales tax fiscal YTD is up 4%; however, April and May collections are down 12%.

 - B. Weeds are becoming a major issue with Code Enforcement and Public Works because of May rains.

7. Public Input.

None.

8. Commissioner Lee made a motion, seconded by Commissioner May to adjourn. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Jim McKenzie, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patty Torres, City Secretary

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Persons signing register: Jim Clements, Ken Becker, Larry Gabler, Sharon Gabler, Amanda Morrow, Scott Morgan, Gil Cherry, Martin Baker, Tristan Baker, Tommy Parker, Eric von Atzigen, John Spaulding, and Sam Spaulding.