

## **CITY COMMISSION MINUTES**

**September 8, 2015**

**9:00 A.M.**

The City Commission of the City of Sweetwater, Texas met in regular session on September 8, 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  
**JEROD PEEK**, Mayor Pro-Tem  
**RICKY CASTRO**, Commissioner

**JIM LEE**, Commissioner  
**PETER SHERIDAN**, City Attorney  
**EDWARD BROWN**, City Manager  
**PATTY TORRES**, City Secretary

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

1. Mayor McKenzie called the meeting to order.
2. Larry May gave the invocation.
3. Commissioner Castro led the pledge of allegiance.
4. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner Castro to approve minutes for the meeting held on August 11, 2015. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Action Items:
  - A.-D. Motion was made by Commissioner May, seconded by Commissioner Lee to accept low bids meeting specifications for fuel, oil and lubrication products, hot mix cold lay asphalt, and weed killer for 2015-2016. The motion carried unanimously.

Johnson Oil Company was awarded bids for unleaded and diesel fuel, 5W 20 Wt. Synthetic, 5W 30 Wt. Synthetic, 10W 30 Wt., and 15W 40 Wt. Rotella.

Western Marketing was awarded bid for 30 Wt. oil.

Vulcan was awarded bid for hot mix cold lay asphalt.

Crop Production Services was awarded bid for round-up and weed killer.

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- E. City Commission heard from Nancy Johnson and Tommy Morris of the Tommy Morris Agency concerning proposals received August 11, 2015 on Self-Insured, Fully Insured Group Health, Dental and Life Insurance Employee Benefit FY 2015-2016. After discussing various options, Commissioner May made a motion to remain with Self-Insured Blue Cross Blue Shield for health insurance, remain with Ameritas for dental and return to UNUM for voluntary life insurance option. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Lee and the motion carried unanimously.
- F. Motion was made by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Mayor McKenzie to reappoint Jerod Peek to the SEED board for a three year term beginning October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2018. The motion carried unanimously.
- G. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner May to enter into a public hearing on the Proposed Budget for 2015-2016. The motion carried unanimously.
- H. Motion was made by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek to close the public hearing and enter into regular session. The motion carried unanimously.
- I. No action was necessary from the public hearing.
- J. Motion was made by Commissioner May, seconded by Commissioner Castro to approve the Central Rate Schedule for the 2015-2016 Budget. The motion carried unanimously.

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- K. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner May to approve first reading of the Appropriations Ordinance for the 2015-2016 Budget. The motion carried unanimously.
- L. Motion was made by Commissioner May, seconded by Commissioner Castro to approve first reading of an Ordinance to adopt the 2015-2016 Budget. This year's Proposed Budget raises more property taxes than last year's budget. The motion carried unanimously.
- M. Motion was made by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek to consider first reading of an Ordinance Amending the 2014-2015 Budget. The motion carried unanimously.

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- N. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner Lee to enter into a public hearing to discuss the proposed tax rate of \$.48 (48 cents) per \$100 valuation for Tax Year 2015. The motion carried unanimously.
- O. Motion was made by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Castro to close the public hearing and enter into regular session. The motion carried unanimously.
- P. No action was necessary from the public hearing.
- Q. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner Castro to adopt a Resolution approving the Investment Policy for Fiscal Year 2016. The motion carried unanimously.

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- R. Motion was made by Commissioner May, seconded by Commissioner Lee to approve the Financial Policy for Fiscal Year 2016. The motion carried unanimously.

**COPY OF FINANCIAL POLICY IS LOCATE IN ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XIII PAGES 253-274.**

- S. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner Lee to approve second and final reading and adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 19 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Sweetwater entitled "Motor Vehicles and Traffic" by amending Article IV entitled "Operation of Vehicles Generally" by adding Section 19-111 prohibiting electronic messaging while driving upon public streets, providing for a penalty for violation, providing for severability, and providing for an effective date. The motion carried unanimously.

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- T. Motion was made by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Castro to appoint Stacy Robles as City appointee to the Pioneer Museum Board to fill vacancy created by the resignation of Martha Taylor, term to expire December 31, 2016. The motion carried unanimously.

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- U. Motion was made by Commissioner May, seconded by Commissioner Castro to reappoint Mr. Terry Bennett, Mr. Gil Cherry, and Mr. Keith Brock as alternate, as members of the Board of Adjustments with all having new terms to expire September 30, 2017. The motion carried unanimously.
- V. Motion was made by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Castro to reappoint Mr. Charles Hamlin, Mrs. Rhea Hendrix, and Mrs. Laila Sheridan as members of the Planning and Zoning Commission, new terms to expire September 30, 2017. The motion carried unanimously.
- W. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner Castro to approve the 2015-2016 Budget for Sweetwater Enterprise for Economic Development (SEED) as passed by the Board of Directors at their August 2015 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**COPY OF BUDGET IS LOCATED IN ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XIII PAGES 279-285.**

- X. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner May to approve Sweetwater Municipal Auditorium Board request that the building formerly housing the Police Department be added to the Board's care and responsibility and that the plans to add openings between the Auditorium and the old Police Department building be approved. The motion carried unanimously.
  - Y. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner Castro to authorize staff to seek bids for leasing lake lots at Oak Creek Lake and Lake Sweetwater that have reverted back to the City. The motion carried unanimously.
  - Z. Motion was made by Commissioner May, seconded by Commissioner Castro to authorize City Manager to cast votes in the TML Intergovernmental Risk Pool Board of Trustees Election. The motion carried unanimously.
6. City Manager's Report.
- A. The Certificate for Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the City of Sweetwater has been awarded to Patty Torres, City Comptroller.
  - B. City Commission meetings are scheduled for September 15 and September 22, 2015.

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7. Public Input.

Ken Becker brought it to the attention of the Commission that Vulcan is now a local company in that it is bringing in material by rail to be loaded onto trucks.

8. Motion was made by Commissioner Castro, seconded by Commissioner Lee to adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:13 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

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Jim McKenzie, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Patty Torres, City Secretary

Persons signing register: Richard Smola, Ted Krieger, Ken Becker, Larry Ludlum, Tommy Morris, Nancy Johnson and Scott Morgan.