

**CITY COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**AUGUST 11, 2015**  
**9:00 A.M.**

The City Commission of the City of Sweetwater, Texas met in regular session on August 11, 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  
**JEROD PEEK**, Mayor Pro-Tem

**RICKY CASTRO**, 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, 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. Jerod Peek led the pledge of allegiance.
4. A. Motion was made by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner May to approve the minutes for meeting held on July 14, 2015. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Action Items:
  - A. City Commission opened proposals on Self-Insured or Fully-Insured Group Health, Dental and Life Insurance Employee Benefit for FY 2015-2016. Bids were received from UNUM, Texas Municipal League and Blue Cross/Blue Shield. The proposals were taken by Tommy Morris Agency, Broker of Record to analyze and review. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner Castro to table the decision on the insurance until all proposals have been reviewed. The motion carried unanimously.
  - B. City Commission opened and considered proposals for Bank Depository Agreement for banking services. One bid was received from First Financial Bank of Sweetwater. After review of the proposal, staff recommended continuing its depository agreement with FFB. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner Lee to accept the proposal from First Financial Bank of Sweetwater. The motion carried unanimously. Commissioner May abstained from voting.

**CITY COMMISSION MINUTES**

**AUGUST 11, 2015**

**PAGE 2**

- C. Motion was made by Commissioner May, seconded by Commissioner Castro to set a public hearing for September 8, 2015 on the Proposed Budget for 2015-2016. The motion carried unanimously.
- D. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner May to set public hearings for September 8 and September 15, 2015 to discuss the proposed tax rate of \$.48 (48 cents) per \$100 valuation for Tax Year 2015. The motion carried unanimously.
- E. Motion was made by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner May to consider second and final reading of an ordinance specifically establishing a Police Department, requiring all Police Officers to be licensed, creating the position of Chief of Police, outlining the duties and responsibilities of the Chief of Police, and establishing the authority, duties and responsibilities of police officers; providing a savings clause and providing an effective date. The motion carried unanimously.

**COPY OF ORDINANCE IN FULL IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XIII PAGES 231-233.**

- F. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner Castro, to consider adoption of 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.

**COPY OF ORDINANCE IN FULL IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XIII PAGES 234-235.**

- G. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner Lee to consider first 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.
- H.-K. Motion was made by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek to authorize staff to go out for bids for fuel, oil and lubrication

## **CITY COMMISSION MINUTES**

**AUGUST 11, 2015**

**PAGE 3**

products, hot mix cold lay asphalt, and weed killer for 2015-2016. The motion carried unanimously.

### 6. City Manager's Report.

- A. TML Annual Conference will be held in San Antonio September 22-25, 2015.
- B. The City of Sweetwater's 2015 certified collection rate from the Nolan County Central Appraisal District was 96%. The same as 2014.
- C. Mayor and Commissioners should consider nomination of a SEED board member at September 8, 2015 meeting for a three year term beginning October 1, 2015. Jerod Peek term expires September 30, 2015.
- D. Enprotec/Hibbs & Todd, Inc. has performed a water availability assessment and has determined that we should remain in Stage I of our Drought Contingency Plan for now.
- E. Golf course contractor George DiJulio contacted City management regarding problems he is encountering at the Municipal Golf Course. City staff is evaluating various options regarding continued operation of the golf course.

### 7. Public Input.

Margarita Roberts spoke to the Commission regarding various problems on Cypress Street.

Commissioner May invited Commission to the Board of Realtors meeting where Susan King will be a guest.

Commissioner May had some concerns regarding water utility deposits.

- 8. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner Castro to adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:38 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

---

Jim McKenzie, Mayor

**CITY COMMISSION MINUTES  
AUGUST 11, 2015  
PAGE 4**

**ATTEST:**

---

Patty Torres, City Secretary

Persons signing register: Margarita Roberts and Debbie Anthony