

**CITY COMMISSION MINUTES**  
**September 15, 2015**  
**9:00 A.M.**

The City Commission of the City of Sweetwater, Texas met in regular session on September 15, 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  
**PETER SHERIDAN**, City Attorney

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

1. Mayor McKenzie called the meeting to order.
2. Commissioner Lee led the invocation.
3. Commissioner Castro led the pledge of allegiance.
4. Action Items:
  - A. Motion was made by Commissioner May, seconded by Commissioner Lee to approve second and final reading of an Ordinance Amending the Budget for Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2014 and ending September 30, 2015. The motion carried unanimously.  
  
**COPY OF ORDINANCE IN FULL IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XIII PAGES 314-322.**
  - B. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner Castro to approve second and final reading of the Appropriations Ordinance for the 2015-2016 Budget. The motion carried unanimously.  
  
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  - C. Motion was made by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner May to approve second and final reading of an Ordinance to adopt the 2015-2016 Budget. The motion carried unanimously.  
  
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- D. 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.
  - E. Motion was made by Commissioner May, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek to close the public hearing and return to regular session. The motion carried unanimously.
  - F. No action was necessary from the public hearing.
  - G. Motion was made by Commissioner May, seconded by Commissioner Lee to approve first reading of an Ordinance fixing and levying a tax rate for the year 2015 upon all City property within the corporate city limits of the City of Sweetwater, Texas. This year's tax rate exceeds the effective tax rate. The vote on the ordinance setting the tax rate must be a record vote and motion stated as follows: I move that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.480000, which is effectively a 7.55 percent increase in the tax rate. The motion carried unanimously with Mayor McKenzie, Mayor Pro-Tem Peek, Commissioner May, Commissioner Lee and Commissioner Castro voting in favor.
5. Public Input.
- None.
6. Motion was made by Commissioner May, seconded by Commissioner Lee to adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:05 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: None.