

CITY COMMISSION MINUTES
October 13, 2015
9:00 A.M.

The City Commission of the City of Sweetwater, Texas met in regular session on October 13, 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

EDWARD BROWN, City Manager

PATTY TORRES, City Secretary

PETER SHERIDAN, City Attorney

Absent: **RICKY CASTRO**, Commissioner

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

1. Mayor McKenzie called the meeting to order.
2. Brian Brownlow, minister of First United Methodist Church gave the invocation.
3. Mayor Pro-Tem Peek led the pledge of allegiance.
4. Motion was made by Commissioner May, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek to approve minutes for the meetings held on September 8, 2015, September 15, 2015 and September 22, 2015. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Action Items:
 - A. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner Lee to approve the Quarterly Investment Report for the quarter ended September 30, 2015. The motion carried unanimously.

COPY OF REPORT IN FULL IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XIII PAGE 327.

- B. Motion was made by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner May to appoint Jimmie Bender to the Municipal Auditorium Board to fill the remaining term created by John Spaulding's resignation, term to expire February 29, 2016. The motion carried unanimously.
- C. Motion was made by Commissioner May, seconded by Commissioner Lee to appoint Angie Daves as City's position number one on the Sweetwater-Nolan County Child Welfare Board created by the resignation of Pat Hawley. The motion carried unanimously.

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- D. Stan Tucker representing First Baptist Church spoke to the Commission regarding placing playground improvements at Booker T. Washington, Newman and Fraley Parks. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner Lee to approve the request. The motion carried unanimously.
 - E. John Voller and Sage Diller, of Enprotec, Hibbs & Todd, Inc. presented Commission with information regarding water facilities needs such as new elevated water storage to replace Arizona elevated storage, modifications to Loop 549 storage tank, pump house, different pressure planes and application for Texas Water Development Board assistance in funding of construction project.
 - F. Motion was made by Commissioner May, seconded by Commissioner Lee to authorize staff to go forward with application process for Texas Water Development Board funding assistance for construction project. The motion carried unanimously.
 - G. City Commission discussed need for water and sewer rate increases to cover debt service system and operating requirements.
 - H. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner Lee to authorize staff to pursue the sale of Oak Creek vacant land as surveyed by Enprotec Hibbs & Todd, including discussions with the City of Bronte. The motion carried unanimously.
 - I. Motion was made by Mayor Pro-Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner May to consider first reading and adoption of an Ordinance amending Chapter 25 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Sweetwater, Texas, entitled "Streets and Sidewalks" by adding Article V entitled "Solicitation on Roadways and Sidewalks" and Article VI entitled "Aggressive Panhandling", providing for violations of the ordinance and penalties thereof. The motion carried unanimously.
6. City Manager's Report.
- A. Sales tax collections for fiscal year 2015 were \$3.8 million, a 4.36% increase over 2014, with 75% or 2.8 million as City revenue and \$941,000 as Sweetwater Enterprise for Economic Development (SEED) revenue.
 - B. 159 total building permits were issued during fiscal 2015 valued at \$18,873,212 compared to 186 total permits issued in 2014 valued at \$17,947,102.

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- C. Code Enforcement sent out 476 violation letters in 2015 for weeds, junk/debris and unsecured structures. These are individual citizen violations.
 - D. Bids for lake lot lease acquisitions will be opened and considered at November 10, 2015 meeting.
 - E. West Central Texas Council of Governments 49th Annual Meeting will be November 4, 2015 at noon at Prime Time in Abilene.
7. Public Input.
- None.
8. Mayor Pro-Tem Peek made a motion seconded by Commissioner Lee to adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Jim McKenzie, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patty Torres, City Secretary

Persons signing register: Sage Diller, Brian Brownlow, Tique Hamilton, Stan Tucker, and John McPherson.