

CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

November 10, 2015

9:00 A.M.

The City Commission of the City of Sweetwater, Texas met in regular session on November 10, 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

PETER SHERIDAN, City Attorney
EDWARD BROWN, City Manager
PATTY TORRES, City Secretary

Absent: **Jerod Peek**, Mayor Pro-Tem Commissioner

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

1. Mayor McKenzie called the meeting to order.
2. Jared Houze, of St. Stephens Episcopal Church gave the invocation.
3. Commissioner Castro led the pledge of allegiance.
4. A. Motion was made by Commissioner May, seconded by Commissioner Lee to approve minutes for the meeting held on October 13, 2015. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Action Items:
 - A. Mayor McKenzie welcomed Leadership Sweetwater participants.
 - B. Motion was made by Commissioner May, seconded by Commissioner Lee to adopt a Resolution authorizing application for financial assistance from the Texas Water Development Board; and making certain findings in connection therewith. The motion carried unanimously.

COPY OF RESOLUTION IN FULL IS LOCATED IN ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XIII PAGE 328.

- C. Motion was made by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Castro to approve second and final 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

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"Aggressive Panhandling", providing for violations of the ordinance and penalties thereof. The motion carried unanimously.

COPY OF ORDINANCE IN FULL IS LOCATED IN ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XIII PAGES 329-333.

- D. City Commission opened and considered bids for the acquisition of leasehold interest in lake lots at Oak Creek Lake and Lake Sweetwater. Minimum bid was to be \$2500 plus \$600 annual lease and \$750 transfer fee. The following bids were received:

Lake Sweetwater, Lot #196 – Salvador Moncada Jr. \$6550.00

Motion was made by Commissioner May, seconded by Commissioner Castro to accept the bid. The motion carried unanimously.

Oak Creek Lake – Lot #333/334 – Kavin Tinney \$4000.00

Lot # 333/334 – Mr. & Mrs. Eric Nichols \$4102.00

Motion was made by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Castro to accept high bid from the Nichols. The motion carried unanimously.

- E. City Commission considered submission of names (no more than 5) to the Central Appraisal District of Nolan County as nominations for board member candidates. Commissioner May moved that the City cast its votes for the candidates that the Sweetwater Independent School District nominates. Commissioner Castro seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
- F. City Commission reviewed water and sewer rates and discussed increases. City Manager Eddie Brown presented projections from a 15% increase. Motion was made by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Castro to approve the rate increase. The motion carried unanimously.

The increase will take effect in the February 2016 billing cycle, which will be payable in March 2016.

6. City Manager's Report.

7. Public Input.

None.

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8. Commissioner Lee made a motion seconded by Commissioner Castro to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Jim McKenzie, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patty Torres, City Secretary

Persons signing register: Darrell Hardin, Maxine Montano, Marisa Morgan, John Kirgis, Heather Andrews, Doug Young, Britni Dean, Janie Porter, Eliska Smith, Jacob Bullinger, Leah Andrews, Jim Clements, and Scott Morgan.