

CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

June 12, 2018

9:00 A.M.

The City Commission of the City of Sweetwater, Texas met on June 12, 2018 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, Mayor Pro Tem

JEROD PEEK, Commissioner

JIM LEE, Commissioner

RICKY CASTRO, Commissioner

DAVID A. VELA, City Manager

PATTY TORRES, City Secretary

ABSENT: PETE SHERIDAN, City Attorney

Staff Members present: City Services Director Kirk Harris, Public Works Director Russell Jones, Utilities Director Eddy Campbell, Chief of Police Brian Frieda, Director of Administrative Services Lisa Adames, SNAP Director Tonya Challis and IT Director Zach Adames.

1. Mayor McKenzie called the meeting to order.
2. Richard Acuna from Trinity Baptist Church gave the invocation.
3. Mayor Pro Tem May led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and the Texas Flags.
4. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem May seconded by Commissioner Peek, to approve the minutes for the meeting held on May 8, 2018. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Action Items
 - A. Presentation was made by Mr. Stewart J. Chapman, P.E., regarding Texas Department of Transportation Construction project along I-20 access road between BUS70 (Lamar St.) East to E. Arizona Ave. Mayor Pro Tem May expressed his concerns with traffic on Hwy-70/I-20. Project began June 11, 2018 with an estimated completion of early November 2018.
 - B. Motion was made by Commissioner Peek, seconded by Commissioner Castro to enter into public hearing on an Ordinance amending Fiscal Year 2018 budget. The motion carried unanimously.

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There were no public comments.

Motion was made by Commissioner Peek, seconded by Commissioner Castro to close public hearing and enter into regular session. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem May, seconded by Commissioner Peek to approve Second and Final Reading of Ordinance of Fiscal Year 2018 budget amendment. The motion carried unanimously.

COPY OF ORDINANCE IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XIV PAGE 1103.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE AMOUNT OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE GENERAL FUND BUDGET IN SECTION 1 OF THE ORDINANCE NO. 2017-11 APPROVING AND ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF SWEETWATER FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2017 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2018.

- C. Motion was made by Commissioner Peek, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem May to approve authorizing City Staff to publish notice to bidders for construction contractors for the awarded Texas Department of Agriculture's Community Development Block Grant project for the 2017-2018 cycle. Sage Diller with Enprotec/Hibbs & Todd spoke to details of bid requests. The motion carried unanimously.
- D. Motion was made by Commissioner Peek, seconded by Commissioner Lee to award bid for Grade 4 crushed rock to be used for the 2018 streets seal coating project. The motion carried unanimously.

The winning bid for:

Grade 4 crushed rock was Vulcan - \$32.57 per ton.

COPY OF BID SHEET IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XIV PAGE 1104.

- E. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem May, seconded by Commissioner Lee to approve Warranty Deed from the National WASP WW II Museum, Inc. to the City of Sweetwater. The motion carried unanimously.
- F. Motion was made by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem May to approve Ordinance approving increase on the number of positions in Police Department. Chief of Police Brian Freida spoke about the need for an additional School Resource Officer and their duties. The motion carried unanimously.

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COPY OF ORDINANCE IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XIV PAGES 1105 - 1107.

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CLASSIFICATIONS AND NUMBER OF POSITIONS FOR THE FIRE AND POLICE DEPARTMENTS PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 143 OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE; INCREASING THE NUMBER OF POLICE OFFICER POSITIONS BY ONE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE MEETINGS AT WHICH THE ORDINANCE IS PASSED ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

- G. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem May, seconded by Commissioner Peek to approve an Ordinance of request to close Lanham Street. Gill Cherry with Family RV spoke about the need for closure to build and expand their business. The motion carried unanimously.

COPY OF ORDINANCE IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XIV PAGES 1108 – 1109.

DETERMINING THE NECESSITY OF CLOSING OF LANHAM STREET FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH NORTHWEST GEORGIA AVENUE NORTH TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH WEST ARIZONA AVENUE, INCLUDING THE ABANDONMENT OF 2 INCH WATER LINE CONTAINED THEREIN; AND MISSISSIPPI AVENUE FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH LANHAM STREET EAST ONE HUNDRED FORTY FEET TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH PERPENDICULAR ALLEY; ALL BEING LOCATED IN THE SOUTHSIDE ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SWEETWATER, TEXAS

6. City Manager's Report
- A. Sweetwater Fire/EMS – Response to Auto Wrecks
 - B. Update on Nixel Emergency Alert System
 - C. Dog Park Grant Opportunity
7. Public Input. None
8. Budget Workshop
- A. Budget Presentation, City Manager and Staff
 - B. Streets Presentation, eHT
 - C. Water Presentation, eHT

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9. Commissioner Peek made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Lee to adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:26 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Jim McKenzie, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patty Torres, City Secretary

Persons signing register: Sage Diller, Grant Cherry, Gill Cherry, Stewart Chapman, Kristy Tyra, Justin Clowers, Richard Acuna, Will Schafer, Jalin Gilbert, Kody Dakan, Paul King, James Smith, and Reno Moats