

CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

September 11, 2018

9:00 A.M.

The City Commission of the City of Sweetwater, Texas met on September 11, 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

PETE SHERIDAN, City Attorney

Staff Members present: City Services Director Kirk Harris, Public Works Director Russell Jones, Utilities Director Eddy Campbell, Director of Administrative Services Lisa Adames, and IT Director Zach Adames.

1. Mayor McKenzie called the meeting to order.
2. Loran Rule with Emmanuel Fellowship 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 August 14, 2018 with the language "typos and grammar that are later discovered" added to Item 5G. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Action Items
 - A. Motion was made by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Peek to enter into a public hearing on the on the Budget for 2018-2019. The motion carried unanimously.

There were no public comments.

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

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Motion was made by Commissioner Peek, seconded by Commissioner Castro to approve first reading of an Ordinance to adopt the 2018-2019 Budget. The motion carried unanimously.

- B. Motion was made by Commissioner Peek, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem May to approve first reading of the Appropriations Ordinance for the 2018 – 2019 Budget. The motion carried unanimously.
- C. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem May, seconded by Commissioner Lee to approve the First Reading of Ordinance Amending the 2017 - 2018 Budget. The motion carried unanimously.
- D. Motion was made by Commissioner Castro, seconded by Commissioner Lee to enter into a public hearing on the proposed tax rate of \$0.497423 (cents) per \$100 valuation for Tax Year 2018. The motion carried unanimously.

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. No action was necessary from the public hearing.

- E. Motion was made by Commissioner Peek, seconded by Commissioner Castro to adopt Resolution approving the Investment Policy for Fiscal Year 2019. The motion carried unanimously.

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF SWEETWATER INVESTMENT POLICY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019.

COPY OF RESOLUTION IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XIV PAGES 1302-1313.

- F. Motion was made by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Peek to approve the Financial Policy for Fiscal Year 2019. The motion carried unanimously.

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF SWEETWATER FINANCIAL POLICY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019

COPY OF RESOLUTION IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XIV PAGES 1314-1338.

- G. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem May, seconded by Commissioner Peek to approve the Central Rate Schedule for the 2018-2019 Budget. The motion carried unanimously.

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CONFIRMING AND RATIFYING THE CENTRAL RATE SCHEDULE FOR THE VARIOUS FEES, LICENSES, PERMITS AND RATES CHARGED BY THE CITY OF SWEETWATER, TEXAS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2019 AND ADOPTING SUCH CENTRAL RATE SCHEDULE.

COPY OF RESOLUTION IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XIV PAGES 1339-1365.

- H. Motion was made by Commissioner Peek, seconded by Commissioner Castro to approve the low annual bids for fuel, oil and lubrication products, and hot mix cold lay asphalt for use from October 2018 through September 2019.

Petroleum Traders was awarded bids for regular and diesel fuel.

United Oil and Grease was awarded bid for 30 Wt. oil

Western Marketing was awarded for oils and lubrication 5W20 Wt. Synthetic, 5W 30 Wt. Synthetic, 10W 30 Wt. and 15W 40 Wt. Rotella.

Vulcan Materials was awarded bid for hot mix cold lay asphalt.

COPY OF BID SHEET IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XIV PAGES 1366-1368.

- I. City Commission heard from Nancy Johnson of Tommy Morris Agency concerning the proposals received August 14, 2018, on Group Health, Dental and Life Insurance Employee Benefit FY 2018-2019. After discussing options and projections, motion was made by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem May to stay with BlueCross BlueShield for Health, Unum for Life Insurance, Unum for Voluntary Life and Unum for Dental and Vision. The motion carried unanimously.
- J. Motion was made by Commissioner Peek, seconded by Commissioner Lee to approve a Tax Deed from other taxing entities to the City of Sweetwater for struck off trust properties in flood zone or drainage areas. The motion carried unanimously.
- K. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem May, seconded by Commissioner Peek to approve a Resolution approving a negotiated settlement between the Atmos Cities Steering Committee (ACSC) and Atmos Energy Corp. The motion carried unanimously.

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SWEETWATER, TEXAS, APPROVING A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT BETWEEN THE ATMOS CITIES STEERING COMMITTEE ("ACSC") AND ATMOS ENERGY CORP., MID-TEX DIVISION REGARDING THE COMPANY'S 2018 RATE REVIEW MECHANISM FILINGS; DECLARING EXISTING RATES TO BE UNREASONABLE; ADOPTING TARIFFS THAT REFLECT RATE ADJUSTMENTS CONSISTENT WITH THE NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT; FINDING THE RATES TO BE SET BY THE ATTACHED SETTLEMENT TARIFFS TO BE JUST AND REASONABLE AND IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST; APPROVING AN ATTACHED EXHIBIT ESTABLISHING A BENCHMARK FOR PENSIONS AND RETIREE MEDICAL BENEFITS; APPROVING AN ATTACHED EXHIBIT REGARDING AMORTIZATION OF REGULATORY LIABILITY; REQUIRING THE COMPANY TO REIMBURSE ACSC'S REASONABLE RATEMAKING EXPENSES; DETERMINING THAT THIS RESOLUTION WAS PASSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; ADOPTING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND REQUIRING DELIVERY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE COMPANY AND THE ACSC'S LEGAL COUNSEL.

COPY OF RESOLUTION IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XIV PAGES 1369-1372.

6. City Manager's Report
 - A. Upcoming Commission Meetings
 - B. Energy Savings Project
 - C. Quarterly Water Analysis Report
 - D. Lamar Street Beautification Project
7. Public Input.
8. Commissioner Lee made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem May to adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:57 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Jim McKenzie, Mayor

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ATTEST:

Patty Torres, City Secretary

Persons signing register: Shaun Martin, Nancy Johnson and Loran Rule