

CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

September 18, 2018

10:30 A.M.

The City Commission of the City of Sweetwater, Texas met on September 18, 2018 at 10:30 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: Fire Chief Grant Madden, City Services Director Kirk Harris, Public Works Director Russell Jones, Utilities Director Eddy Campbell, Director of Administrative Services Lisa Adames, SNAP Director Tonya Challis and IT Director Zach Adames.

1. Mayor McKenzie called the meeting to order.
2. Commissioner Lee gave the invocation.
3. Commissioner Peek led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and the Texas Flags.
4. Action Items
 - A. Presentation was made by Mr. Sage Diller, PE, eHT and Mr. Rick Kasberg, PE, KPA Engineering, on elevated storage tank project.
 - B. Motion was made by Commissioner Peek, seconded by Commissioner May to enter into closed session. pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code, (Pending or Contemplated Litigation). The motion carried unanimously.
 - C. Motion was made by Commissioner Peek, seconded by Commissioner Lee to reconvene into regular session. The motion carried unanimously.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Peek, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem May to approve Enprotec/Hibbs & Todd's recommendation with final details worked out between the lawyers and the City Manager. The motion carried unanimously.

- D. Motion was made by Commissioner Peek, seconded by Commissioner Lee to approve compensation of election workers and the appointment of Precinct Election Judges, Alternate Judges and Early Voting Ballot Board Judge for the Special Election to be held on November 6, 2018 to propose amendments to the City of Sweetwater's Home Rule Charter. The motion carried unanimously.
- E. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem May, seconded by Commissioner Peek to approve Resolution establishing a Central Counting Station (CCS) for the November 6, 2018, Special Election, authorizing the election equipment to be utilized at the CCS and early voting, and appointment of the CCS Manager, Tabulation Supervisor and Judge. The motion carried unanimously.

COPY OF RESOLUTION IS IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XIV PAGE 1373.

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE CENTRAL COUNTING STATION FOR THE CITY OF SWEETWATER, TEXAS

- F. Fire Chief Grant Madden spoke to the necessity of updated Fire Department and Ambulance Service Procedures and Policy Manual. Motion was made by Commissioner Peek, seconded by Commissioner Lee to approve Resolution ratifying the Civil Service Commission's approval of the revised Sweetwater Fire Department and Ambulance Service Procedures and Policy Manual. The motion carried unanimously.

COPY OF RESOLUTION IS IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XIV PAGE 1374.

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF SWEETWATER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND AMBULANCE SERVICE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL.

- G. Motion was made by Commissioner Peek, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem May to approve second and final reading of an Ordinance to adopt the 2018-2019 Budget. The motion carried unanimously.

COPY OF ORDINANCE IS IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XIV PAGES 1375-1376.

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AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF SWEETWATER FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2018 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2019.

- H. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem May, seconded by Commissioner Peek to approve second and final reading of the Appropriations Ordinance for the 2018 – 2019 Budget. The motion carried unanimously.

COPY OF ORDINANCE IS IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XIV PAGES 1377-1378.

AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATION FOR THE SUPPORT TO THE CITY GOVERNMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2018 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2019.

- I. Motion was made by Commissioner Peek, seconded by Commissioner Castro to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance Amending the 2017 - 2018 Budget. The motion carried unanimously.

COPY OF ORDINANCE IS IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XIV PAGES 1379-1382.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF SWEETWATER FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2017 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2018.

- J. Motion was made by Commissioner Peek, 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 Mayor Pro Tem May, seconded by Commissioner Peek to close public hearing and enter into regular session. The motion carried unanimously. No action was necessary from the public hearing.

Motion was made by Commissioner Peek, seconded by Commissioner Lee to approve the first reading of an Ordinance and that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.497423, which is effectively a 1.31 percent increase in the tax rate. The motion carried unanimously.

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- K. Ken Becker with SEED-MDD made FY 2019 Budget presentation and possible quality of life projects. Russel Jones, Public Works Director spoke about maintenance to the possible splash pads project.

Motion was made by Commissioner Peek, seconded by Commissioner Lee to approve the fiscal year end 2019 Budget for Sweetwater Enterprise for Economic Development - Municipal Development District (SEED-MDD) as passed by the Board of Directors at their August 2018 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

COPY OF BUDGET IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XIV PAGES 1383-1392.

5. Public Input.
6. Commissioner Peek made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Castro to adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:03 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Jim McKenzie, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patty Torres, City Secretary

Persons signing register: Scott Hay, Sage Diller, BJ Prichard, Joseph Grant, Ken Becker, Pat O'Neal and Todd Donham