

## **CITY COMMISSION MINUTES**

**September 25, 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

**DAVID A. VELA**, City Manager

**PATTY TORRES**, City Secretary

**PETE SHERIDAN**, City Attorney

**ABSENT: RICKY CASTRO**, City Commissioner

**JIM LEE**, Commissioner

Staff Members present: Fire Chief Grant Madden, 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. Mayor Pro Tem May gave the invocation.
3. Commissioner Peek led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and the Texas Flags.
4. Action Items
  - A. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem May, seconded by Commissioner Peek 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.
  - B. Motion was made by Commissioner Peek, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem May to approve second and final reading of Ordinance fixing and levying a tax rate for the tax year 2018 upon all taxable city property within the corporate city limits of the City of Sweetwater, Texas. This tax rate will raise more taxes for maintenance and operations than last year's tax rate. The Tax Rate will effectively be raised by 1.00 percent and will raise taxes for maintenance and operations on a \$100,000 home by approximately \$0.00. The motion carried unanimously.

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**COPY OF ORDINANCE IS IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XIV PAGES 1393-1395.**

**AN ORDINANCE FIXING AND LEVYING A TAX FOR THE TAX YEAR 2018 UPON ALL CITY PROPERTY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SWEETWATER, TEXAS**

- C. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem May, seconded by Commissioner Peek to ratify vote on tax rate reflected in the 2018-2019 Annual Budget of the City of Sweetwater. The motion carried unanimously.
  - D. Motion was made by Commissioner Peek, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem May to approve reappointments of Mr. Lloyd Harris, Mr. Domingo Castillo and Mrs. JoAnn French as alternate, whose terms expire September 30, 2018, as members of the Planning and Zoning Commission with new terms expiring September 30, 2020. The motion carried unanimously.
  - E. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem May, seconded by Commissioner Peek to approve reappointments of Ms. Terry Blankenship, Mr. Joe Marlett and Mr. John McPherson, whose terms expire September 30, 2018 and a new appointment of Doug Alexander as alternate; as a member of the Board of Adjustments with new terms expiring September 30, 2020. The motion carried unanimously.
- 5. Public Input. None
  - 6. Commissioner Peek made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem May to adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:07 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

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Jim McKenzie, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Patty Torres, City Secretary

Persons signing register: Joseph Grant