

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

January 8, 2019

9:00 A.M.

The City Council of the City of Sweetwater, Texas met on January 8, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the City Council Room at City Hall, 200 E. Fourth Street with the following members present:

JIM MCKENZIE, Mayor

LARRY MAY, Mayor Pro Tem

JEROD PEEK, Councilman

JIM LEE, Councilman

RICKY CASTRO, Councilman

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, 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. Councilman Lee gave the invocation.
3. Councilman May led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and the Texas Flags.
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 - A. Recognition of Future Sweetwater Participants
 - B. Presentation of Meritorious Service Awards were presented to Clinton McKeehan and Chad Worth by Assistant Chief Russell Reeves, Sweetwater Fire Department.

City Council recognized City Services Director, Kirk Harris on his retirement. They thanked him for his many years of service for the City.
5. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem May, seconded by Councilman Lee, to approve the minutes for the meetings held on December 11, 2018 and December 19, 2018. The motion carried unanimously.
6. Action Items
 - A. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem May, seconded by Councilman Peek to approve the Quarterly Investment Report for the quarter ended December 31, 2018. The motion carried unanimously

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- B. Motion was made by Councilman Peek, seconded by Councilman Lee to adopt Resolution designating the Sweetwater Reporter as the official City newspaper for publications required by State law or the City Charter. The motion carried unanimously.

COPY OF RESOLUTION IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XIV PAGE 1463.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SWEETWATER, NOLAN COUNTY, TEXAS, DESIGNATING THE SWEETWATER REPORTER AS OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER FOR THE CITY OF SWEETWATER FOR A ONE YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2019.

- C. Motion was made by Councilman Peek, seconded by Councilman Castro to approve reappointments of Mr. Jackie Trent and Mr. Robert Pieper and the new appointment of Mr. Russell Jones as (ex officio), to the Sweetwater Cemetery Board with new terms expiring January 31, 2021. The motion carried unanimously.
- D. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem May, seconded by Councilman Peek to approve petition presented by the Sweetwater Firefighter's Association to engage in the meet and confer process, and recognize the Association as the sole and exclusive bargaining agent in accordance with Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 142. The motion carried unanimously.
- E. Presentation was made by Sage Diller with eHT of status report regarding the proposed pressure plane improvements (pressure relief valve installation project). No action was required.
- F. Motion was made by Councilman Peek, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem May to approve request from Landmark Structures for reduction of retainage funds currently being held for the Elevated Storage Tank (EST) project. The motion carried unanimously.
- G. Presentation was made by Sage Diller with eHT. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem May, seconded by Councilman Lee to approve proposed bid solicitation schedule and a potential date of bid award for the Texas Water Development Board Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (Contract D) project. The motion carried unanimously.
- H. Presentation was made by Sage Diller with eHT on status report outlining the proposed improvements being evaluated for inclusion in the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) applications that are administered by the Texas Water Development Board. No action was required.

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7. City Manager's Report
 - A. Splash Pad Status
 - B. Dog Park Status
8. Motion was made by Councilman Peek, seconded by Councilman Lee to enter into closed session at 9:35 a.m. pursuant to Section 551.087 of the Texas Government Code, Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations. The motion carried unanimously.
9. Motion was made by Councilman Peek, seconded by Councilman Lee to reconvene into regular session at 9:55 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.
10. Motion was made by Councilman Peek, seconded by Councilman Lee to approve Resolution authorizing and expenditure of City funds for the creation or retention of jobs, capital expenditures and the expansion of business enterprises. The motion carried unanimously.

COPY OF RESOLUTION IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XIV PAGES 1464 - 1466.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SWEETWATER TEXAS ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM UNDER TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE CHAPTER 380 TO PROVIDE ECONOMIC INCENTIVES TO SUTHERLAND LUMBER FOR THE DEVELOPMENT, OPERATIONS AND MARKETING OF A RETAIL LUMBER OPERATION; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CHAPTER 380 AGREEMENT, PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

11. Public Input. None
12. Councilman Lee made a motion, seconded by Councilman Peek to adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Jim McKenzie, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patty Torres, City Secretary

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Persons signing register: Future Sweetwater Participants, Karen Hunt, Al Hunt, Scott Whittenburg, Pam Lawrence, Ken Becker, Sage Diller, Robert T. Romanelli, Lisa Romanelli, O.C. McKeehan, Janet McKeehan, Caitlin Grisham, Lauren McKeehan, Janet Knowles, Kristy Tyra, Rod Wetsel and Jeff Allen.