

## **CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**July 9, 2019**

**9:00 A.M.**

The City Council of the City of Sweetwater, Texas met on July 9, 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  
**JEROD PEEK**, Councilman  
**JIM LEE**, Councilman

**DAVID A. VELA**, City Manager  
**PATTY TORRES**, City Secretary  
**PETE SHERIDAN**, City Attorney

**ABSENT:** **RICKY CASTRO**, Councilman  
**GRANT CHERRY**, Councilman

Staff Members present: Fire Chief Grant Madden, Utilities Director Eddy Campbell, Chief of Police Brian Frieda, Director of Administrative Services Lisa Adames, Director of Planning & Development Services Dana Schoening, SNAP Director Tonya Challis and IT Director Zach Adames.

1. Mayor McKenzie called the meeting to order.
2. Jared Houze with St. Stephens Episcopal Church gave the invocation.
3. Mayor Pro Tem Peek led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and the Texas Flags.
4. Motion was made by Councilman Lee, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, to approve the minutes for the meeting held on June 11, 2019. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Action Items
  - A. Motion was made by Councilman Lee, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peek to approve the Quarterly Investment Report for the quarter ended June 30, 2019. The motion carried unanimously.

**COPY OF REPORT IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XIV PAGE 1561.**

- B. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman Lee to enter into an agreement with Tommy Morris Agency to represent

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City as Broker of Record and to evaluate competitive sealed proposals.  
The motion carried unanimously.

- C. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman Lee to authorize staff to receive competitive sealed proposals on Self Insured Group Health, Dental, Life Insurance Benefit to be considered at August 13, 2019 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.
- D. Jay Hardaway with H2O Partners made presentation regarding Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion was made by Councilman Lee, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peek to approve Resolution of West Central Texas Council of Governments Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. The motion carried unanimously.

**COPY OF RESOLUTION IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XIV PAGE 1562.**

**A RESOLUTION FOR CITY OF SWEETWATER APPROVAL OF WEST CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE.**

- E. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman Lee to approve Resolution authorizing the City Manager to undertake efforts to support the U. S. Census 2020. The motion carried unanimously.

**COPY OF RESOLUTION IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XIV PAGE 1563.**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SWEETWATER, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO UNDERTAKE EFFORTS TO SUPPORT THE U.S. CENSUS 2020.**

- F. Motion was made by Councilman Lee, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peek to approve an Ordinance to temporarily increase the number of positions in the Sweetwater Fire Department by one Firefighter/EMT. The motion carried unanimously.

**COPY OF ORDINANCE IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XIV PAGES 1564 – 1566.**

**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 FIREFIGHTER POSITIONS BY ONE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE MEETINGS AT WHICH THE ORDINANCE**

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**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 Peek, seconded by Councilman Lee to approve an Ordinance to amend Chapter 21 "Nuisances," Article I "In General" and Article II "Weeds/Vegetation" Sections of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Sweetwater. The motion carried unanimously.

**COPY OF ORDINANCE IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND  
CONTRACT BOOK XIV PAGES 1567 – 1568.**

**AMENDING CHAPTER 21, ARTICLE I OF THE CODE OF  
ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SWEETWATER ENTITLED "IN  
GENERAL" TO AMEND SECTION 21-3 ENTITLED "PROHIBITED"  
BY ADDING PARAGRAPH SECTION 21-3(B) "MAINTENANCE OF  
ABUTTING PROPERTY"; AMENDING CHAPTER 21, ARTICLE II OF  
THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SWEETWATER  
ENTITLED "WEEDS/VEGETATION" TO AMEND SECTION 21-23  
ENTITLED "MAXIMUM GROWTH" BY AMENDING SECTION 21-  
23(A) AND AMENDING SECTION 21-28 ENTITLED "CONTENTS OF  
NOTICE" BY AMENDING SECTION 21-28(A).**

- H. Motion was made by Councilman Lee, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peek to approve Resolution to amend Central Rate Schedule for the various permit fees charged by the City of Sweetwater, Texas. The motion carried unanimously.

**COPY OF RESOLUTION IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND  
CONTRACT BOOK XIV PAGES 1569 – 1594.**

**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.**

- I. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman Lee to approve authorizing staff to receive competitive sealed proposals for a two-year Bank Depository Agreement for the City of Sweetwater, Texas. The motion carried unanimously.

6. City Manager's Report

- A. Landing Zone Class  
B. Seal Coating Project Update

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- C. Water Project Update
- 7. Public Input: None
- 8. Councilman Lee made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peek to adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 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: Jay Hardaway, Scott Lambert, Nancy Johnson, Kristy Tyra, Eric Medina and Clinton McKeehan