

## **CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**August 13, 2019**

**9:00 A.M.**

The City Council of the City of Sweetwater, Texas met on August 13, 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

**RICKY CASTRO**, Councilman

**GRANT CHERRY**, Councilman

**DAVID A. VELA**, City Manager

**PATTY TORRES**, City Secretary

**PETE SHERIDAN**, City Attorney

Staff Members present: Public Works Director Russell Jones, 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. Ryan Strebeck with First United Methodist Church gave the invocation.
3. Councilman Castro led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and the Texas Flags.
4. American Wind Week Proclamation was presented to SEED Municipal Development District's Assistant Marketing and Administrative Director Miesha Adames.
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  - A. Mayor McKenzie and City Manager, David A. Vela recognized City employees Clint Allen, Grant Madden and Phyllis Brinkman who were selected to Sweetwater Reporter Readers' Choice Awards.
  - B. Presentation was made by Andrew Friedman with SAMCO Capital Markets, Inc. to discuss proposed financing strategies.
6. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman Lee, to approve the minutes for the meetings held on July 9, 2019 and July 25, 2019. The motion carried unanimously.
7. Action Items

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- A. City Council received proposals on Group Health, Dental and Life Insurance Employee Benefit for FY 2018 – 2019 from the following:

New York Whole Life – Life  
Blue Cross Blue Shield – Health  
Unum – Dental, Vision and Life  
Ameritas – Dental and Vision  
Mutual of Omaha – Life, Vision and Dental  
OCHS – Life

The proposals were taken by Nancy Johnson with Tommy Morris Agency, Broker of Record to analyze and review. No action was taken.

- B. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman Castro to approve authorizing staff to receive competitive sealed bids for fuel, oil and lubrication products and hot mix cold lay asphalt for use from October 2019 through September, 2020 and to advertise in the newspaper August 18, 2019 and August 25, 2019, with bids to open at a public meeting on September 9, 2019. The motion carried unanimously.
- C. Motion was made by Councilman Cherry, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peek to award proposal for a two-year Bank Depository Agreement for the City of Sweetwater, Texas to First Financial Bank. The motion carried unanimously.
- D. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman Castro to approve setting public hearing for September 10, 2019 on the Proposed Budget for FYE 2019 – 2020. The motion carried unanimously.
- E. Motion was made by Councilman Lee, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peek to approve setting public hearings for September 10, 2019 and September 17, 2019 to discuss the Proposed Tax Rate of \$0.539 per \$100 valuation for Tax Year 2019. The motion carried unanimously.
8. City Manager's Report
- A. Hydrant Maintenance
  - B. Alarm Permits
  - C. New City of Sweetwater Web site
9. Public Input: None
10. Councilman Castro made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peek to adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 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: Miesha Adames, Clint Allen, Ryan Strebeck Kristy Tyra, Melissa Allen, Nancy Johnson, Debbie Anthony Joseph Couch, Andrew Friedman