

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

September 17, 2019

9:00 A.M.

The City Council of the City of Sweetwater, Texas met on September 17, 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, Mayor Pro Tem

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. Councilmember Lee gave the invocation.
3. Councilman Cherry led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and the Texas Flags.
4. Public Input: None
5. Action Items

- A. Shuan Martin with Atmos Energy spoke in regards to settlement.

Motion was made by Councilman Castro, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peek to approve Resolution approving a negotiated settlement between the Atmos Cities Steering Committee and Atmos Energy Corp. Mid Tex Division, regarding the Company's 2019 rate review mechanism filings. The motion carried unanimously.

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- B. Motion was made by Councilman Lee, seconded by Councilman Castro to enter into the second and final public hearing on the Proposed Tax

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Rate of \$0.539 (cents) per \$100 valuation for Tax Year 2019. The motion carried unanimously.

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 11.22 percent and will raise taxes for maintenance and operations on a \$100,000 home by approximately \$41.58.

There were no public comments

Motion was made by Councilman Cherry, seconded by Councilman Lee to close the public hearing and enter into regular session. The motion carried unanimously. No action was necessary from the public.

- C. Motion was made by Councilman Cherry, seconded by Councilman Castro to approve Resolution for Investment Policy for Fiscal Year 2020. The motion carried unanimously.

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- D. Motion was made by Councilman Lee, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peek to approve Resolution for Financial Policy for Fiscal Year 2020. The motion carried unanimously.

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6. Mayor Pro Tem Peek made a motion, seconded by Councilman Castro to adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:07 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Jim McKenzie, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patty Torres, City Secretary

Persons signing register: Shaun Martin