

CITY COMMISSION MINUTES

September 26, 2017

9:00 A.M.

The City Commission of the City of Sweetwater, Texas met on September 26, 2017 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

Jerod Peek, Mayor Pro-Tem

JIM LEE, Commissioner

LARRY MAY, Commissioner

DAVID A. VELA, City Manager

PETE SHERIDAN, City Attorney

PATTY TORRES, City Secretary

ABSENT: RICKY CASTRO, Commissioner

Staff Members present: City Services Director Kirk Harris, Public Works Director Russell Jones, Emergency Services Director Grant Madden, 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. Commissioner Lee gave the invocation.
3. Mayor Pro Tem Peek led the pledge of allegiance.
4. Action Items
 - A. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner Lee to approve tax rate of \$0.497423 (cents) per \$100 valuation. Tax Rate will raise more taxes for maintenance and operations than last year's rate by \$4,642, which is a 0.21 percent increase. The motion carried unanimously.
 - B. Motion was made by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peek to approve second and final reading of an Ordinance fixing and levying a tax rate for the tax year 2017 upon all taxable city property within the corporate city limits of the City of Sweetwater, Texas. This year's proposed tax rate of \$0.497423 (cents) does not exceed the effective tax rate. This tax rate will raise more taxes for maintenance and operations than last year's tax rate. The motion carried unanimously.

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COPY OF ORDINANCE IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XIII PAGES 982-987.

AN ORDINANCE FIXING AND LEVYING A TAX FOR THE YEAR 2017 UPON ALL CITY PROPERTY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SWEETWATER, TEXAS.

- C. Motion was made by Commissioner May, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peek to ratify vote on tax rate reflected in the 2017-2018 Annual Budget of the City of Sweetwater. The motion carried unanimously.
- D. Presentation was made by Josh Donaldson, with Halff Associates on the 10-year Parks Master Plan.

Commissioner Lee asked if the Sweetwater Country Club and the Sweetwater Independent School District supported the Parks Master Plan. City Manager, David A. Vela asked about acquiring assistance on a feasibility study, marketing and operating plans to operate a sports complex. Commissioner May expressed his concern adopting the Parks Master Plan without an estimated maintenance annual costs.

Motion was made by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peek to approve resolution adopting the 2017 Sweetwater Parks Master Plan. Mayor McKenzie, Mayor Pro Tem Peek and Commissioner Lee voted in favor and Commissioner May abstained.

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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SWEETWATER, NOLAN COUNTY, TEXAS, ADOPTING THE 2017 PARKS MASTER PLAN, AND FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION WAS PASSED WAS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW.

- 5. Public Input. None
- 6. Commissioner Lee made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peek to adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:04 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Jim McKenzie, Mayor

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ATTEST:

Patty Torres, City Secretary

Persons signing register: Joshua Donaldson, Tim Bargainer and Grant Cherry