

CITY COMMISSION MINUTES
February 14, 2017
9:00 A.M.

The City Commission of the City of Sweetwater, Texas met in regular session on February 14, 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
LARRY MAY, Commissioner
JEROD PEEK, Mayor Pro-Tem
JIM LEE, Commissioner

RICKY CASTRO, Commissioner
PETER SHERIDAN, City Attorney
DAVID A. VELA, City Manager
PATTY TORRES, City Secretary

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, Human Resource Director Lisa Adames, SNAP Director Tonya Challis and IT Director Zach Adames.

1. Mayor McKenzie called the meeting to order.
2. Kirk Maberry gave the invocation.
3. Ricky Castro led the pledge of allegiance.
4. Motion was made by Commissioner May, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peek to approve minutes for the meeting held on January 10, 2017. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Consent Agenda – Commissioner May requested that items be moved to individual Action Items.
 - A. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner Castro to approve Ordinance ordering an election of the qualified voters of the City of Sweetwater to be held on May 6, 2017, for the purpose of electing a Mayor and two City Commissioners (Precincts 1 and 3) of said City. The motion carried unanimously.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SWEETWATER, TEXAS ORDERING A MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 6, 2017, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A MAYOR AND TWO (2) CITY COMMISSIONERS OF SAID CITY; AND PROVIDING DETAILS RELATING TO THE HOLDING OF SUCH ELECTION.

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- B. Motion was made by Commissioner May, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peek to reappoint Bill Johnson as the City/County appointee as member of the City/County Joint Airport Zoning Board whose term will expire February 28, 2019. The motion carried unanimously.
- C. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner Lee to reappoint Larry Ludlum as the City appointee to the Nolan County Municipal Auditorium Board whose term will expire February 28, 2019. The motion carried unanimously.
- D. Motion was made by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner May to authorize staff to advertise for bids on (22) Oak Creek and (5) Lake Sweetwater lots leases for lease hold interest in said lots and to open said bids on April 11, 2017. The motion carried unanimously.
- E. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner May to authorize staff to go out for bids on AC 10 and Grade 4 crushed rock to be used for the 2017 streets seal coating project. The motion carried unanimously.
- F. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner Castro to consider first reading of amending Chapter 18, Article II of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Sweetwater entitled "Curfew for Minors" by adding Paragraph (a) (3) and by amending Section 18-45 entitled "Penalties." Chief Frieda spoke on necessity of city ordinance. The motion carried unanimously.
- G. Motion was made by Commissioner May, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peek to consider first reading of amending Chapter 19, Article IV, entitled "Operation of Vehicles Generally" by adding a new Section 19-12 entitled "Use of Engine Brakes." Chief Frieda spoke on necessity of city ordinance. The motion carried unanimously.
- H. Motion was made by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Castro to consider first reading amending Chapter 6, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Sweetwater entitled "Animals and Fowl" by adding Sections 6-45 entitled "Interference with Traps and Equipment set out by Department of Animal Services"; by adding Section 6-46, "Feeding Stray Cats or Dogs"; and by adding Section 6-47 "Penalty for Violation." Chief Frieda spoke on necessity of city ordinance. The motion carried unanimously.

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- I. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner May to approve submission of the grant application for the Equipment Replacement and Enhancement Project to the Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division. The motion carried unanimously.

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6. Action Items

- A. Motion was made by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Castro to approve proposal on sick and vacation leave policy changes. The motion carried 4 votes. Mayor McKenzie, Mayor Pro Tem Peek, Commissioner Lee and Commissioner Castro voted for the motion. Commissioner May abstained.
- B. City Commission heard the Annual Contact Data Report and department's Bias Based Policing Policy from Police Chief Brian Frieda.
- C. City Commission heard presentation from Police Chief Brian Frieda regarding Texas Police Chiefs Association Foundation Recognition Program.
- D. City Commission heard presentation from Anne Ruthstrom, Texas Rural Water Association, on the City of Sweetwater's new well field Source Water Protection Plan. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner Castro to approve a steering committee responsible for BMP's (best management practices) and outreach efforts. The motion carried unanimously.
- E. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner Lee to authorize the City Manager to utilize PEG funds to fund the purchase of equipment necessary to broadcast City Commission meetings. The motion carried unanimously.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SWEETWATER, TEXAS MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS REGARDING THE USE OF PEG FUNDS; AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF SAID FUNDS; AWARDED A BID FOR ELIGIBLE TECHNOLOGICAL UPGRADES; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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- F. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner Lee to authorize the City Manager to enter into Operating Agreement with Mr. George DiJulio, DBA Lake Sweetwater Golf Course LLC. The motion carried unanimously.
 - G. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Commissioner Lee to approve purchase of police vehicles. John Blackburn and Jake Lawrence with Government Capital and Chief Frieda made presentation. The motion carried 4 votes. Mayor McKenzie, Mayor Pro Tem Peek, Commissioner Lee and Commissioner Castro voted for the motion. Commissioner May recused himself.
7. City Manager's Report.
- A. Sweetwater Police Department Policies and Procedures Manual.
 - B. Water Stage Update
8. Public Input.
- None.
9. Motion was made by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Castro to adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Jim McKenzie, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patty Torres, City Secretary

Persons signing register: Anne Ruthstrom, Kirk Maberry, Joseph Grant, Kristy Tyra, Jake Lawrence, John Blackburn, Rodney Foster, Larry Ludlum, George DiJulio and Rusty Taylor.