

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

January 21, 2020

9:00 A.M.

The City Council of the City of Sweetwater, Texas met on January 21, 2020 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. Daniel Norton with Lamar Street Baptist Church gave the invocation.
3. Councilman Castro 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 meetings held on December 10, 2019 and December 20, 2019. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Public Input: None.
6. Presentation was made by Chief of Police, Brian Frieda regarding the Sweetwater Police Department Annual Report. No action required.
7. Regular Agenda Items
 - A. Motion was made by Councilman Lee, seconded by Councilman Cherry to approve the Quarterly Investment Report for the quarter ended December 31, 2019. The motion carried unanimously.

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- B. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman Lee to approve and Ordinance ordering an election of the qualified voters of the City of Sweetwater to be held on May 2, 2020, for the purpose of electing two (2) City Council Members (Precincts 2 and 4) of said City. The motion carried unanimously.

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- C. Motion was made by Councilman Cherry, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peek to approve a Resolution designating the Sweetwater Reporter as the official City newspaper for publications required by State law or the City Charter. The motion carried unanimously.

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- D. Motion was made by Councilman Cherry, seconded by Councilman Castro to approve reappointments of Ms. Linda Hunter and Ms. Jimmie Bender as City appointees and Mr. Buddy Alldredge as joint City-County appointee to the Sweetwater – Nolan County Municipal Auditorium Board. The motion carried unanimously.
- E. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman Lee to cast 52 votes for each nominated individual on the ballot for the Nolan County Appraisal District Board of Directors. The motion carried unanimously.
8. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman Lee to enter into closed session at 9:14 a.m. in accordance with Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, to consult with its attorney on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the City Council under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter, to wit, the legal position of the City with regard to solid waste collection services. The motion carried unanimously.
9. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman Lee to reconvene into regular session at 10:14 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.
10. Motion was made by Councilman Cherry, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peek to go out for bids for waste management services. The motion carried unanimously.
11. City Manager's Report

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- A. Update on splash pad construction
- B. SNAP Valentine's Day Dance – Friday Feb 14th

12. Councilman Lee made a motion, seconded by Councilman Castro to adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Jim McKenzie, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patty Torres, City Secretary

Persons signing register: Daniel Norton