

## **CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**March 10, 2020**

**9:00 A.M.**

The City Council of the City of Sweetwater, Texas met on March 10, 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. Larry Holder with Highland Heights United Methodist Church gave the invocation.
3. Mayor Pro Tem Peek led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and the Texas Flags.
4. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman Lee to approve the minutes for meeting held on January 21, 2020.
5. Public Input: Jeremy Wilks requested information regarding out sourcing waste removal. Mr. Vela asked him to call him.
6. Regular Agenda Items
  - A. Motion was made by Councilman Cherry, seconded by Councilman Lee to approve an Ordinance declaring unopposed candidates in the May 2, 2020, General Election, elected to office; cancelling the election for contests with unopposed candidates; making various findings and provisions related to the subject, and providing for an effective date. The motion carried unanimously.

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- B. Cathrine Wilks, Certified Public Accountant made presentation. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman Cherry to approve the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (Audit) for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2019. The motion carried unanimously.
- C. Dana Schoening, Director of Planning and Development Services made presentation. Motion was made by Councilman Cherry, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peek to approve bid award of \$23,560.00 to Coe Construction Company for demolition and removal of dilapidated structures contingent upon available funding. The motion carried unanimously.
- D. Ken Becker, Executive Director of SEED/MDD made presentation. Motion was made by Councilman Lee, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peek to approve funding assistance request from Sweetwater Enterprise for Economic Development/Municipal Development District for Demolition and Removal of Dilapidated Residential Structures. The motion carried unanimously.
- E. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman Lee to enter into public hearing. The motion carried unanimously.

Dana Schoening, Director of Planning & Development Services and Danny Heine, Code Enforcement Officer were sworn in by Pete Sheridan, City Attorney for their testimony regarding the dilapidated structures

Presentation was made by Dana Schoening, Director of Planning and Development Services on declaring structures on described property within City of Sweetwater, Texas to be dilapidated and/or deteriorated and unfit for human habitation so as to require repair, rehabilitation or demolition, providing a time with which to rehabilitate, repair or demolish such structures and providing for the repair, rehabilitation or demolition and removal.

Public Comment on described property:

3211 and 3307 W. Broadway Street: None

1912 E. Broadway Street: None

1500 and 1502 E. Broadway Street: None

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Motion was made by Councilman Lee, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peek to close the public hearing and enter into regular session. The motion carried unanimously.

- F. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman Lee to approve a Resolution declaring structures on described property within City of Sweetwater, Texas to be dilapidated and/or deteriorated and unfit for human habitation and order repair, rehabilitation or demolition, of 3211 and 3307 W. Broadway Street within 35 days from date of order. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman Cherry to approve a Resolution declaring structures on described property within City of Sweetwater, Texas to be dilapidated and/or deteriorated and unfit for human habitation and order repair, rehabilitation or demolition, of 1912 E. Broadway Street within 35 days from date of order. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman Cherry to approve a Resolution declaring structures on described property within City of Sweetwater, Texas to be dilapidated and/or deteriorated and unfit for human habitation and order repair, rehabilitation or demolition, of 1500 and 1502 E. Broadway Street within 35 days from date of order. The motion carried unanimously.

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7. City Manager's Report
- A. Taste of Sweetwater – April 13, 2020
  - B. Waterline Construction
  - C. Elevated Storage Tank Lighting
  - D. Rehab Trailer
  - E. [sweetwatertx.gov](http://sweetwatertx.gov) website
8. Motion was made by Councilman Cherry, seconded by Councilman Lee to enter into closed session at 9:35 a.m. in accordance with Section 551.087 of the Texas Government Code, the City Council meet in closed session to discuss and deliberate regarding commercial or financial information that the governmental body has received from a business prospect that the governmental body seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in or near the territory of the governmental body and with which the governmental body is conducting economic development negotiations; and to deliberate the offer of a financial or

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other incentive to said business prospect; to wit: Project Jupiter. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman Lee to reconvene into regular session at 9:45 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.
10. Motion was made by Councilman Cherry, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peek to approve the Project Jupiter Industrial District Contract with the following conditions:
  1. That the effective date of new agreement shall coincide with the expiration of any current agreement.
  2. That the provision allowing for the annexation of a one-thousand-foot-wide strip adjacent to the I-20 frontage of the full length of the property be supplemented prior to the effective date with the survey meets and bounds description of the annexation strip.

The motion carried unanimously.

11. Councilman Cherry made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peek to adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 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: Cathy Wilks, Karen Hunt, Ken Becker, Miesha Adames, Robert Pieper, Kerry Baker, Jeremy Wilks, Toni Gill, Wesley Gill, Lisa Lujan, Yana Ogletree, Dustanna Spencer