

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

April 14, 2020

9:00 A.M.

The City Council of the City of Sweetwater, Texas, will meet in regular session on Tuesday, April 14, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. via GoToMeeting videoconferencing in Sweetwater, TX.

Members on Videoconference:

JIM MCKENZIE, Mayor

JEROD PEEK, Mayor Pro Tem

JIM LEE, Councilman

GRANT CHERRY, Councilman

Members Present:

RICKY CASTRO, Councilman

PETE SHERIDAN, City Attorney

DAVID A. VELA, City Manager

PATTY TORRES, City Secretary

Staff Members present: Director of Administrative Services Lisa Adames, Director of Planning & Development Services Dana Schoening, and IT Director Zach Adames.

1. Mayor McKenzie called the meeting to order.
2. Councilman Lee gave the invocation.
3. Councilman Castro led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and the Texas Flags.
4. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman Cherry to approve the minutes for meetings held on March 10, 2020 and March 24, 2020.
5. Public Input:

This meeting was closed to in person attendance by the public. A temporary suspension of certain provisions of the Open Meetings Act to allow telephone or videoconference public meetings was granted by Governor Greg Abbott. These actions were taken to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 by avoiding meetings that bring people into a group setting and in accordance with Section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code.

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Mr. John Weems called to let the Council know that he was waiting to speak on Item E.

6. Regular Agenda Items

- A. Motion was made by Councilman Cherry, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peek to approve the Quarterly Investment Report for the quarter ending March 31, 2020. The motion carried unanimously.

COPY OF REPORT IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XIV PAGES 1809.

- B. Motion was made by Councilman Cherry, seconded by Councilman Lee to designate Lisa Adames, Director of Administrative Services as acting City Manager in the event of the City Manager's temporary absence or disability. The motion carried unanimously
- C. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman Cherry to approve Solid Waste Management Services request for proposals (RFP) for solid waste management services. The motion carried unanimously.
- D. Motion was made by Councilman Lee, seconded by Councilman Cherry to not amend the Zoning Ordinance to allow freight containers in single-family and two-family residential use districts. The motion carried unanimously.
- E. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman Cherry 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:

401 West Texas Street: Mr. John Weems spoke in regards to this property. He purchased the property and is working to get it demolished.

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Mr. Weems had some financial and personal setbacks and has been unable to get the work done. He is requesting more time and help with the disposal. Mr. Dana Schoening, Director of Planning and Development Services said they would visit with Mr. Weems regarding payment plan and demolish of the property.

1007 Fowler Street: None

103 Hickory Street: None

105 Hickory Street: None

605 W. Broadway Street: None

Motion was made by Councilman Castro, 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, 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 401 West Texas Street. within 35 days from date of order. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilman Lee, 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 1007 Fowler Street within 35 days from date of order. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilman Cherry, 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 103 Hickory Street within 35 days from date of order. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilman Cherry, 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 105 Hickory Street within 35 days from date of order. The motion carried unanimously.

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Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem, 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 605 West Broadway Street within 35 days from date of order. The motion carried unanimously.

COPY OF RESOLUTION IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XIV PAGES 1817 -1818.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SWEETWATER, TEXAS 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 THEREOF.

- G. Motion was made by Councilman Cherry, seconded by Councilman Castro to approve an Ordinance extending a public health emergency declaration regarding precautionary measures in reference to the COVID-19 Virus. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman Lee to make an amendment to Ordinance to strike out golf course exclusion. The motion carried unanimously.

COPY OF ORDINANCE IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XIV PAGES 1811 - 1816.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SWEETWATER EXTENDING A DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER; ESTABLISHING RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE DURATION OF THE DISASTER; RESTRICTING CERTAIN ACTIVITIES; ESTABLISHING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.

7. City Manager's Report
- A. City of Sweetwater Closures
 - B. Landfill and Recycling Center Hours
8. Councilman Castro made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lee to adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:03 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

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Jim McKenzie, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patty Torres, City Secretary