

## **CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**June 16, 2020**

**9:00 A.M.**

The City Council of the City of Sweetwater, Texas met on June 16, 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  
**KERRY BAKER**, Councilman  
**RICKY CASTRO**, 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, Interim Chief of Police Matt Counts, 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. Fire Chief Grant Madden 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 Castro to approve the minutes for meeting held on May 12, 2020.
5. Public Input:

Patty Soules expressed her concerns over illegal gaming rooms. She is a hometown business owner and is in financial distress due to illegal activity of other game rooms in town. She feels her business is harmed by the lack of action against illegal game rooms.

Carolyn Mullican spoke in support of her sister, Patty Soules' game room. She asked for help with the illegal game rooms in town and feels our ordinance is hurting the game rooms that are trying to do everything legal.

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8. B. David Vela, City Manager made presentation regarding Budget.

6. Regular Agenda Items

A. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman Castro to accept resignation of Councilman Grant Cherry. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman Castro to enter into closed session at 9:55 a.m. in accordance with Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code, the City Council will meet in closed session to discuss and deliberate the appointment of a public officer; to wit: Filling vacancy for unexpired term for City Council Member, District 1, which expires May 2021. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman Castro to reconvene into regular session at 9:57 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Motion was made by Councilman Castro, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peek to appoint Larry May as candidate to fill the vacancy for unexpired term for City Council Member, District 1, which expires May 2021. The motion carried unanimously.

E. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman Castro to authorize City staff to receive bids for Oak Creek Lake lots #468 and #509 which were returned to the City for non-payment of the annual lake lease. The motion carried unanimously.

F. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman Castro to appointment of Mr. Gil Cherry, who is currently serving as alternate member, to a regular member; and appointment of Mr. Jeremy Wilks as an alternate member for the Planning and Zoning Commission. The motion carried unanimously.

G. Sage Diller with Enprotec/Hibbs & Todd discussed the process for closeout with Texas Water Development Board and made a recommendation to the City for acceptance of the project and release of retainage funds contingent upon funding agency concurrence

Motion was made by Councilman Castro, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peek to approve final acceptance of the elevated storage tank (EST) project completed by Landmark Structures, contingent upon funding agency approval. The motion carried unanimously.

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- H. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman Baker to approve a Resolution accepting Sweetwater Enterprise for Economic Development – Municipal Development District’s donation of park improvements to the City of Sweetwater. The motion carried unanimously.

**COPY OF RESOLUTION IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XIV. PAGES 1861 – 1864.**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SWEETWATER, TEXAS, ACCEPTNG AND APPROVING CERTAIN PARK IMPROVEMENTS FUNDED BY THE SWEETWATER MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

- I. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman Castro to table the Resolution for Naming the Splash Pad and appoint City staff committee to narrow down choices of names for splash pad and put on July’s agenda. The motion carried unanimously.
- J. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman Castro to approve a Resolution amending page 23 of the Central Rate Schedule Section III. Miscellaneous Fees and Revenues, paragraph I. Lake Lot Inspection Fees, no.1. Locate Boundaries. The motion carried unanimously.

**COPY OF RESOLUTION IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XIV PAGES 1865 - 1889.**

**AMENDING, CONFIRMING AND RATIFYING THE CENTRAL RATE SCHEDULE FOR THE VARIOUS FEES, LICENSES, PERMITS AND RATES CHARGED BY THE CITY OF SWEETWATER, TEXAS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2020 AND ADOPTING SUCH CENTRAL RATE SCHEDULE.**

7. City Manager’s Report
- A. Water Infrastructure Improvement
  - B. Fourth of July – Sparks in the Park
  - C. Bait Shop Update
  - D. Splash Pad Update

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8. A. Sage Diller, P.E. with Enprotec/Hibbs & Todd made presentation regarding Water and Streets.
9. Councilman Castro made a motion, seconded by Councilman Baker to adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:54 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: Patty Soules, Carolyn Mullican, Sage Diller, Ken Becker and Miesha Adames