

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

July 14, 2020

9:00 A.M.

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

Members on Videoconference:

JEROD PEEK, Mayor Pro Tem

KERRY BAKER, Councilman

LARRY MAY, Councilman

Members Present:

JIM MCKENZIE, Mayor

RICKY CASTRO, Councilman

PETE SHERIDAN, City Attorney

DAVID A. VELA, City Manager

PATTY TORRES, City Secretary

Staff Members present: Public Works Director Russell Jones, Interim Chief of Police Matt Counts, 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 May 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 June 16, 2020.

Closed Session was moved to the beginning of the meeting.

9. Motion was made by Councilman May, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peek to enter into closed session at 9:03 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,

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to wit, the legal position of the City with regard to Oil and Gas Lease with Zebra Investments, Inc. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Motion was made by Councilman Castro, seconded by Councilman May to reconvene into regular session at 9:15 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.
11. Motion was made by Councilman Castro, seconded by Councilman Baker to approve an Oil and Gas Lease on City Property in Section No. Forty-five (45), in Block 22, T & P Ry. Co. Survey with Zebra Investments, Inc. with recommended amendments. The motion carried unanimously.

Pete Sheridan, City Attorney left the meeting.

5. Public Input: None
6. Ms. Amber Pedigo with the United States Census Bureau gave an update on the Census.
7. Regular Agenda Items
 - A. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman May to approve the Quarterly Investment Report for the quarter ended June 30, 2020. The motion carried unanimously.

COPY OF REPORT IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XIV PAGE 1890.

- B. Motion was made by Councilman May, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peek to enter into an agreement with Tommy Morris Agency to act as our Broker of Record for insurance purposes, and to evaluate competitive sealed proposals for Self-Insured Group Health benefits to be considered at the Council's August 11, 2020 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.
- C. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman Castro to authorize City staff to receive competitive sealed proposals for health insurance benefits and receive recommendations from Broker of Record at the September 8, 2020 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.
- D. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman Castro to approve the Resolution Naming the Splash Pad located at

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Newman Park. The name is Mustang Harbor Splash Pad. The motion carried unanimously.

COPY OF RESOLUTION IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XIV PAGE 1891.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SWEETWATER, TEXAS, ADOPTING THE OFFICIAL NAME OF THE SWEETWATER SPLASH PAD.

- E. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman Castro to approve amendments to Code of Ordinances for Chapter 23 – Parks and Recreation. The motion carried unanimously.

COPY OF ORDINANCE IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XIV PAGES 1892- 1893.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SWEETWATER AMENDING CHAPTER 23-PARKS AND RECREATION, ARTICLE 1-GENERALLY, OF THE SWEETWATER CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

- F. Emilie Zalfini with Utility Service Partners Private Label, Inc. d/b/a Line Warranties of America spoke in regards to the company's reputation and explained terms of Marketing Agreement with the City of Sweetwater.

Motion was made by Councilman Castro, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peek to enter into a Marketing Agreement with Utility Service Partners Private Label, Inc. d/b/a Line Warranties of America. The motion carried unanimously.

COPY OF AGREEMENT IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XIV PAGES 1894-1899.

- G. Motion was made by Councilman May, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peek to award the highest bids for Oak Creek Lake lots:

Oak Creek lake lot #468 to John Dagenhart for \$17,500.00.
Oak Creek lake lot #509 to Michael Todd Smith for \$3,361.00.

The motion carried unanimously.

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- H. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman Castro to set the workshop to review Request for Proposals and Selection of Vendor to manage and operate Solid Waste Management Services in the City of Sweetwater on Wednesday, July 29, 2020. The motion carried unanimously.

- I. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman Baker to authorize the City Manager to enter into a license and operation agreement for the opening of the Lake Sweetwater Bait Store. The motion carried unanimously.

COPY OF AGREEMENT IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XIV PAGES 1900-1911.

- 8. City Manager's Report
 - A. COVID Update

- 12. Councilman Castro made a motion, seconded by Councilman May to adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:08 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Jim McKenzie, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patty Torres, City Secretary

Persons signing register: Doug Vinson and Joe Spano