

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
September 15, 2020
9:00 A.M.

The City Council of the City of Sweetwater, Texas met on September 15, 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
KERRY BAKER, Councilman
RICKY CASTRO, Councilman
LARRY MAY, Councilman

DAVID A. VELA, City Manager
PATTY TORRES, City Secretary

ABSENT:

JEROD PEEK, Mayor Pro Tem
PETE SHERIDAN, City Attorney

Staff Members present: Public Works Director Russell Jones, Interim Chief of Police Matt Counts, Fire Chief Grant Madden, Utilities Director Eddy Campbell, 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. Public Input: None
5. Regular Agenda Items
 - A. Motion was made by Councilman May, seconded by Councilman Castro to approve the low annual bids for fuel, oil and lubrication products, and hot mix cold lay asphalt for use from October 2020 through September 2021. The motion carried unanimously.

United Oil and Gas was awarded bids for regular and diesel fuel.
United Oil and Gas was awarded bid for oil and lubrication products
Vulcan Materials was awarded bid for hot mix cold lay asphalt.

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- B. Motion was made by Councilman Castro, seconded by Councilman Baker to approve an Ordinance Amending the FYE 2019-2020 Budget. The motion carried unanimously.

COPY OF ORDINANCE IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XV PAGES 2101 - 2103.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF SWEETWATER FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2019 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2020.

- C. Motion was made by Councilman May, seconded by Councilman Castro that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.544, which is effectively a 5.20 percent increase in the tax rate by approving an Ordinance fixing and levying a tax for Fiscal Year End 2021. The motion carried unanimously.

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AN ORDINANCE FIXING AN LEVYING A TAX FOR THE TAX YEAR 2020 UPON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SWEETWATER, TEXAS.

- D. Presentation was made by Mr. Ken Becker, Executive Director of Sweetwater Enterprise for Economic Development – Municipal Development District (SEED-MDD), regarding overview of activities for FY 2019-2020.
- E. Motion was made by Councilman May, seconded by Councilman Castro to approve Sweetwater Enterprise for Economic Development / Municipal Development District 2020-2021 Budget. The motion carried unanimously.
- F. Motion was made by Councilman May, seconded by Councilman Baker to reappointment Mrs. Carolyn Lawrence, Mr. Joseph Crouch and Mr. Gil Cherry to the Sweetwater Enterprise for Economic Development – Municipal Development District (SEED-MDD), with terms expiring September 30, 2023. The motion carried unanimously.
- G. Motion was made by Councilman Castro, seconded by Councilman Baker to approve an Ordinance to amend and repeal the City of Sweetwater Code of Ordinance, Chapter 13 "Garbage and Trash" to provide for out-

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sourcing of solid waste management services to private entity. The motion carried unanimously.

COPY OF ORDINANCE IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XV PAGES 2111 - 2125.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND REPEALING CHAPTER THIRTEEN OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SWEETWATER, TEXAS, ENTITLED "GARBAGE AND TRASH" AND CREATING CHAPTER 13 "SOLID WASTE" WITH ARTICLE I GENERAL PROVISIONS, ARTICLE II PRIVATE COLLECTORS, ARTICLE III, RATES AND CHARGES, ARTICLE IV RESIDENTIAL COLLECTION, ARTICLE V COMMERCIAL COLLECTION, ARTICLE VI AUTHORITY AND ENFORCEMENT PROVISIONS, AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

- H. Motion was made by Councilman May, seconded by Councilman Castro to approve Change Order No. 1 to the Construction Contract with Roberts Construction for the Texas Water Development Board and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (62699) Water Line Improvements Project, Contingent Upon Agency Concurrence. The motion carried unanimously.
- I. Presentation was made Margaret Somereve with Texas Coalition for Affordable Power, Inc. regarding Strategic to Hedging Program.

Motion was made by Councilman May, seconded by Councilman Castro to approve a Resolution adopting the Texas Coalition for Affordable Power, Inc. (TCAP's) professional services agreement and GEXA Energy's commercial electric service agreement for power to be provided on and after January 1, 2023.

COPY OF RESOLUTION IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XV PAGES 2126 - 2146.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SWEETWATER, TEXAS ADOPTING TCAP'S PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT AND GEXA ENERGY'S COMMERCIAL ELECTRIC SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR POWER TO BE PROVIDED ON AND AFTER JANUARY 1, 2023.

- J. Kyle Haspel with Taylor Electric Cooperative spoke in regards to the internet service within the City of Sweetwater.

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Motion was made by Councilman May, seconded by Councilman Castro to approve an Ordinance granting Taylor Electric Cooperative, Inc. the right, privilege and franchise to provide internet service within the City of Sweetwater and lake area. The motion carried unanimously.

COPY OF ORDINANCE IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XV PAGES 2147 - 2152.

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING TO TAYLOR ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. A NON-EXCLUSIVE FRANCHISE TO UTILIZE THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR BROADBAND INTERNET SERVICES FACILITIES IN THE CITY OF SWEETWATER, TEXAS; AND PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF A FEE OR CHARGE FOR THE USE OF THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY

6. Councilman Castro made a motion, seconded by Councilman Baker to adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Jim McKenzie, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patty Torres, City Secretary

Persons signing register: Ken Becker, Margaret Somereve, Sage Diller and Kyle Haspel