

## **CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**December 10, 2019**

**9:00 A.M.**

The City Council of the City of Sweetwater, Texas met on December 10, 2019 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. Loran Rule with Emmanuel Fellowship gave the invocation.
3. Councilman Castro led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and the Texas Flags.
4. Motion was made by Councilman Cherry, seconded by Councilman Castro to approve the minutes for meeting held on November 12, 2019.
5. Public Input: Melody Hefner spoke about grievance regarding blocked waterway.
6. Regular Agenda Items
  - A. Presentation was made by Mr. Sage Diller, P.E., with eHT regarding proposed water and sewer system improvements.
  - B. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman Lee to approve Resolution requesting Financial Assistance from the Texas Water Development Board for the Water System Improvements, and approving all other matters pertaining thereto. The motion carried unanimously.

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- C. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman Cherry to approve Resolution financial assistance from the Texas Water Development Board for sewer system improvements, and approving all other matters pertaining thereto. The motion carried unanimously.

**COPY OF RESOLUTION IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XIV PAGES 1770 - 1774.**

- D. Dana Schoening, Director of Planning & Development Services spoke in regards to Professional Services Agreement.

Motion was made by Councilman Lee, seconded by Councilman Cherry to approve Professional Services Agreement with Bureau Veritas North America, Inc. to provide inspection services on an as-needed basis. The motion carried unanimously.

**COPY OF AGREEMENT IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XIV PAGES 1775 - 1786.**

- E. Ken Becker, Director of Sweetwater Enterprise for Economic Development / Municipal Development District spoke in regards to funding housing development infrastructure improvements.

Motion was made by Councilman Cherry, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peek to approve Sweetwater Enterprise for Economic Development / Municipal Development District request to fund housing development infrastructure improvements in the amount of \$65,000.00. The motion carried unanimously.

- F. Ken Becker, Director of Sweetwater Enterprise for Economic Development / Municipal Development District spoke in regards to funding Demolition and Removal of Dilapidated Residential Structures.

Motion was made by Councilman Lee, seconded by Councilman Castro to approve funding assistance request from Sweetwater Enterprise for Economic Development/Municipal Development District for Demolition and Removal of Dilapidated Residential Structures in the amount of \$33,330.00 for 5 (five) structures. The motion carried unanimously.

- G. Motion was made by Councilman Castro, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peek to approve lowest and best bid award to Coe Construction in the amount of \$33,330.00 for Demolition and Removal of Dilapidated Structures and authorize contract signature to City Manager. The motion carried unanimously.

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- H. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman Cherry to approve purchase of a splash pad to be constructed with all materials and labor at Newman Park contingent upon the Sweetwater Enterprise for Economic Development / Municipal Development District approving their item during their Friday, December 13, 2019 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.
  - I. Motion was made by Councilman Cherry, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peek to approve re-appointments of Mrs. Elsie Pierce and Mrs. Carol Cain and appointment of Mrs. Candace Mercer to the County-City Library Board with terms expiring on December 31, 2022. The motion carried unanimously.
  - J. Motion was made by Councilman Lee, seconded by Councilman Castro to approve re-appointment of Mr. Lloyd Harris as Civil Service Commissioner, term to begin January 1, 2020 and expires December 31, 2022. The motion carried unanimously.
7. City Manager's Report
- A. SNAP – Second Annual Goodie Bags
  - B. Sweetwater Fire Department Promotions for Assistant Chief and Lieutenant
8. Councilman Castro made a motion, seconded by Councilman Cherry to adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 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: Sage Diller, Ken Becker, Loran Rule, Melody Hefner, Tal Fillingam and Andrew Friedman.