

## **CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**December 20, 2019**

**9:00 A.M.**

The City Council of the City of Sweetwater, Texas met on December 20, 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

**PETE SHERIDAN**, City Attorney

**ABSENT:** Patty Torres, City Secretary

Staff Members present: Public Works Director Russell Jones, 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. Councilman Lee gave the invocation.
3. Councilman Cherry led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and the Texas Flags.
4. Public Input: None
5. Regular Agenda Items
  - A. Presentation was made by Mr. Dana Schoening, AICP, Director of Planning & Development Services regarding current residential and commercial refuse collection services.
  - B. Presentation was made by Mr. Joe Spano with Republic regarding proposed privatization of refuse collection services for the City of Sweetwater.
  - C. General discussion was made to assess current refuse collection services and consider pursuing potential privatization by franchise agreement for city residential and commercial refuse collection services.

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- D. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman Lee to authorize the City Manager to negotiate franchise terms with the private solid waste collection service provider most advantageous to the City pursuant to Local Government Code Section 252.002 (a)(2) and Health and Safety Code Chapter 363 Subchapter F for the private provision of solid waste collection services, and other matters in connection therewith.
6. Councilman Castro made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peek to adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 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: Joe Spano, Jay Kline, Henry Ortega, Jr., Jeff Staggs, Domingo Castillo, Sr., and Domingo Castillo, Jr.