

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

November 10, 2020

9:00 A.M.

The City Council of the City of Sweetwater, Texas met on November 10, 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
LARRY MAY, Councilman
RICKY CASTRO, Councilman

PETE SHERIDAN, City Attorney
DAVID A. VELA, City Manager
PATTY TORRES, City Secretary

ABSENT: KERRY BAKER, Councilman

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. Kathy Monroe with First Presbyterian Church gave the invocation.
3. Councilman Castro led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and the Texas Flags.
4. Motion was made by Councilman May, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peek to approve the minutes for meeting held on October 13, 2020. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Public Input: Nancy Jones spoke in regards to lowering speed limit on Texas 549, Loop 70, named Bluebonnet Drive.
6. Regular Agenda Items
 - A. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman May to approve reappointments of Mr. John McPherson and Ms. Terry Blankenship and appointments of Mr. Mike Marlett and Mr. Doug Alexander to the Board of Adjustments, with terms to expire October, 2022. The motion carried unanimously.
 - B. Motion was made by Councilman May, seconded by Councilman Castro to approve reappointments of Mr. Domingo Castillo and Mr. Lloyd Harris

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and appointment of Jeremy Wilks to the Planning and Zoning Commission, with terms to expire October, 2022. The motion carried unanimously.

- C. Motion was made by Councilman May, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peek to adopt a Resolution establishing a 457 (b) Deferred Compensation Plan using Orion Portfolio Solutions as an investment option beginning in November, 2020. The motion carried unanimously.

COPY OF RESOLUTION IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XV PAGE 2165.

- D. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman Castro to approve an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Sweetwater and the Sweetwater Independent School District for two (2) school resource officers which also includes retirement expense in reimbursement. The motion carried unanimously.

COPY OF AGREEMENT IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XV PAGES 2166-2176.

- E. Motion was made by Councilman May, seconded by Councilman Castro to approve the revised alarm Ordinance. The motion carried unanimously.

COPY OF ORDINANCE IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XV PAGES 2177-2187.

- F. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman May to approve an Ordinance amending the boundaries of City of Sweetwater Industrial District No. 2 and ratifying existing contracts related thereto. The motion carried unanimously.

COPY OF ORDINANCE IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XV PAGES 2188-2212.

- G. Motion was made by Councilman May, seconded by Councilman Castro to approve a contract for remodel of four-plex located at 1011 Locust Street (Locust Street Apartments). The motion carried unanimously.

- H. Presentation was made by Karen Hunt, Executive Director of the Sweetwater/Nolan County Chamber of Commerce and Miesha Adames, Marketing/Administrative Director of Sweetwater Municipal Development District on the progress of the retail academy and XLR8 economic development programs and their process.

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7. City Manager's Report
 - A. Dispatch Upgrades
 - B. Landfill Approach Project
 - C. Police Chief Hiring Update
8. Motion was made by Councilman Castro, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peek to enter into closed session at 9:40 a.m. in accordance with Section 551.074 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 the act, to include the following purposes: Discussion and Evaluation of the performance, employment Agreement, Salary and/or Benefits of the City Manager.
9. Motion was made by Councilman Castro, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peek to reconvene into regular session at 9:45 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.
10. No action was taken.
11. Councilman May made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peek to adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Jim McKenzie, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patty Torres, City Secretary

Persons signing register: Nancy Jones, Kathy Monroe, Miesha Adames, Ken Becker and John McPherson