

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

December 8, 2020

9:00 A.M.

The City Council of the City of Sweetwater, Texas, met in regular session on Tuesday, December 8, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. via GoToMeeting videoconferencing in Sweetwater, TX and had the following members present:

JIM MCKENZIE, Mayor
JEROD PEEK, Mayor Pro Tem
KERRY BAKER, Councilman
LARRY MAY, Councilman

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, 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. 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 Councilman May, seconded by Councilman Castro to approve the minutes for meeting held on November 10, 2020. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Public Input: None

This meeting was closed to in person attendance by the public. A temporary suspension of certain provisions of the Open Meetings Act to allow telephone or videoconference public meetings was granted by Governor Greg Abbott. These actions were taken to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 by avoiding meetings that bring people into a group setting and in accordance with Section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code.

6. Regular Agenda Items
 - A. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman Baker to approve appointments of Ms. Norman Bonner and reappointments of Mr. Rod Wetsel and Ms. Linda Reeves to the County-City Library Board, with terms to expire October, 2022. The motion carried unanimously.

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- B. Motion was made by Councilman May seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peek to accept and act upon acceptance and release of Retainage Funds for the SCADA System Replacement Project Completed by Dedicated Controls, LLC for the TWDB DWSRF Waster Systems Improvements Project, Contingent Upon Funding Agency Concurrence. The motion carried unanimously.
- C. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman Castro to approve amended agreement with West Texas Rock Resources, LLC (WTRR) for utilization of excavated fill dirt for off-site business purposes, and the City of Sweetwater receiving a set fee amount of each cubic yard utilized by WTRR. The motion carried unanimously.

COPY OF AGREEMENT IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XIV PAGES 2213 - 2216.

- 7. City Manager's Report
 - A. Brian Buckley, Firefighter/Paramedic
 - B. Mick Ridenour - Class "C" Groundwater License
 - C. Speed Limit on Bluebonnet Drive
 - D. Russell Jones, Public Works Director – Retirement
- 8. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman Baker to enter into closed session at 9:11 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, to wit, the legal position of the City with regard to water supply contract with Georgia Pacific Gypsum, LLC. The motion carried unanimously.
- 9. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman Baker to reconvene into regular session at 9:42 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.
- 10. No action was required regarding the water supply contract with Georgia-Pacific Gypsum, LLC.
- 11. Councilman Castro made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peek to adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:43 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

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Jim McKenzie, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patty Torres, City Secretary

Persons signing register: Miesha Adames, Ken Becker, Brian Sheridan and Sage Diller