

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
DECEMBER 14, 2021  
9:00 A.M.**

The City Council of the City of Sweetwater, Texas, met in regular session on Tuesday, December 14, 2021, 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  
**JOHN MCPHERSON**, Councilman  
**KERRY BAKER**, Councilman  
**RICKY CASTRO**, Councilman

**DAVID A. VELA**, City Manager  
**PATTY TORRES**, City Secretary  
**JEFF ALLEN**, City Attorney

Staff Members present: Lisa Adames Assistant City Manager for Administration, Dana Schoening Assistant City Manager for Operations, Bryan Sheridan Chief of Police, Eddy Campbell Utilities Director, James Smith, Interim Fire Chief, Zach Adames IT Director and Kathleen Cox, Communications & Media Relations Manager.

1. Mayor McKenzie called the meeting to order.
2. Mayor Pro Tem Peek gave the invocation.
3. Councilman Baker led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and the Texas Flags.
4. Motion was made by Councilman McPherson, seconded by Councilman Baker to approve the minutes for meeting held on November 9, 2021. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Public Input: None
6. Regular Agenda Items
  - A. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman McPherson to approve appointment of Mrs. Jimmie Bender to the County-City Library Board of Directors with term expiring December 31, 2021. The motion carried unanimously.
  - B. Motion was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman McPherson to approve re-appointment of Mr. Mark Meneses as Civil Service Commissioner with term expiring December 31, 2025. The motion carried unanimously.

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- C. Motion was made by Councilman Castro, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peek to approve Solicit Sealed Proposals for an Emergency Generator at the Highland Pump Station Utilizing American Rescue Plan (ARP) Funds. The motion carried unanimously.
- D. Motion was made by Councilman McPherson, seconded by Councilman Baker to approve Solicit Sealed Proposals or Utilize a Purchasing Cooperative to Purchase up to Six (6) Trailer Mounted Generators to Power Groundwater Wells During Power Outages Utilizing American Rescue Plan (ARP) Funds. The motion carried unanimously.
- E. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman Castro to approve reassigning a building/property lease agreement from Murphree Flying Service, Inc to Cedar Ridge Aviation, LLC (Dustin Johnson, LLC and Mr. Garrett Durret). The motion carried unanimously.
- F. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman McPherson to approve second amendment to the meet and confer agreement between the City of Sweetwater and the Sweetwater Police Association. The motion carried unanimously.
- G. Motion was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Castro to approve an ordinance establishing a corporal classification in the Police Department and reducing the number of firefighters by three (3). The motion carried unanimously.

**COPY OF ORDINANCE IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XV PAGES 2644 – 2646.**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CLASSIFICATIONS AND NUMBER OF POSITIONS FOR THE FIRE AND POLICE DEPARTMENTS PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 143.021 OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE; DECREASING THE NUMBER OF FIREFIGHTER POSITIONS BY THREE; ESTABLISHING A CORPORAL CLASSIFICATION IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE MEETINGS AT WHICH THE ORDINANCE IS PASSED ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

### 7. City Manager's Report

- A. Police Department – Third Console for Dispatch
- B. Loss of K9 Officer Dana – Seven Years of Service

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- C. SNAP – Perfect score on Texas Health and Human Services Commission Title 20 Compliance Review
  - D. Mrs. Kathleen Cox, Communications and Media Relations Manager
8. Motion was made by Councilman McPherson, seconded by Councilman Castro. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:07 am. 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 and Kristy Tyra