

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
JANUARY 11, 2022
9:00 A.M.

The City Council of the City of Sweetwater, Texas, met in regular session on Tuesday, January 11, 2022, 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. Councilman Baker gave the invocation.
3. Mayor Pro Tem Peek led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and the Texas Flags.
4. Mayor McKenzie welcomed the Future Sweetwater Participants.
5. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman Baker to approve the minutes for meeting held on December 14, 2021. The motion carried unanimously.
6. Public Input: Mr. Larry May gave congratulations to the Finance Dept for 42 year GFOA Award.
7. Introductory Presentation was made by Mr. Aaron Farmer, President and Ms. Caroline Harrelson, Retail Recruitment Specialist with Retail Coach. They gave an update on the project and their strategy to get retailers in Sweetwater.
8. Regular Agenda Items
 - A. Motion was made by Councilman McPherson, seconded by Councilman Castro to approve the Quarterly Investment Report for the quarter ended December 31, 2021. The motion carried unanimously.

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COPY OF REPORT IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XV PAGE 2647.

- B. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman Baker to approve Resolution designating the Sweetwater Reporter as the official City newspaper for publications required by State law and/or the City Charter. The motion carried unanimously.

COPY OF RESOLUTION IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XV PAGE 2648.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SWEETWATER, NOLAN COUNTY, TEXAS, DESIGNATING THE SWEETWATER REPORTER AS OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER FOR THE CITY OF SWEETWATER FOR A ONE YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2022.

- C. Motion was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman McPherson to approve an Ordinance ordering an election of the qualified voters of the City of Sweetwater to be held on May 7, 2022, for the purpose of electing two (2) City Councilmembers (Precincts 2 and 4) of said City. The motion carried unanimously.

COPY OF ORDINANCE IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XV PAGES 2649 – 2655.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SWEETWATER, TEXAS ORDERING A MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 7, 2022, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS: COUNCIL MEMBER PRECINCT 2 AND COUNCIL MEMBER PRECINCT 4; AND PROVIDING FOR MATTERS RELATING TO THE HOLDING OF SUCH ELECTION.

- D. Ms. Sharon Hicks with Denton Navarro Rocha Bernal and Zech spoke in regards to the redistricting of the four (4) City Council Districts in the City.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman Castro to approve an Ordinance adopting the new voting district reapportionment map of the City and revising the Council Member district boundaries in response to the 2020 Census; providing for the redistricting of the four (4) City Council districts within the City of, Texas. The motion carried unanimously.

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COPY OF ORDINANCE IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XV PAGES 2656 – 2660.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SWEETWATER, TEXAS APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE NEW VOTING DISTRICT REAPPORTIONMENT MAP OF THE CITY AND REVISING THE COUNCIL MEMBER DISTRICT BOUNDARIES IN RESPONSE TO THE 2020 CENSUS; PROVIDING FOR THE REDISTRICTING OF THE FOUR (4) CITY COUNCIL DISTRICTS WITHIN THE CITY OF SWEETWATER, TEXAS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS AND REPEALING CLAUSE, SEVERABILITY CLAUSE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

E. Mr. Sage Diller with Eht spoke about the need of an emergency generator.

Motion was made by Councilman Castro, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peek to approve to solicit sealed proposals for an emergency generator at the Water Treatment Plant utilizing American Rescue Plan (ARP) Funds. The motion carried unanimously.

9. City Manager's Report

- A. New Vehicles and Training Room for Police Department
- B. Mr. Ethan Whittenburg, Marketing and Business Development Manager for SEED/MDD
- C. Mr. Chad Baxter, Plumbing Inspector's License

10. Motion was made by Councilman Castro, seconded by Councilman McPherson. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:33 am. The motion carried unanimously.

Jim McKenzie, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patty Torres, City Secretary

Persons signing register: Future Sweetwater Participants, Karen Hunt, Pam Lawrence, Aaron Farmer, Caroline Harrelson, Sharon Hicks, Larry May, Sage Diller, Miesha Adames and Ethan Whittenburg