

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 8, 2022  
9:00 A.M.**

The City Council of the City of Sweetwater, Texas, met in regular session on Tuesday, February 8, 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. Kathy Monroe with First Presbyterian Church gave the invocation.
3. Councilman McPherson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and the Texas Flags.
4. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman Castro to approve the minutes for meeting held on January 11, 2022. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Public Input: None
6. Ms. Margaret Somereve, Executive Director of Texas Coalition for Affordable Power presented the City with the Texas Coalition for Affordable Power Founding Member plaque.
7. Police Chief Bryan Sheridan presented the Sweetwater Police Department Racial Profile Annual Report.
8. Regular Agenda Items
  - A. Motion was made by Councilman McPherson, seconded by Councilman Baker to approve Award of Construction Contract for the Stand-by

## **CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**February 8, 2022**

Generator at the Highland Pump Station Utilizing American Rescue Plan (ARP) Funds. The motion carried unanimously.

- B. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman McPherson to approve an Ordinance to amend City Code of Ordinances Appendix A, Zoning Ordinance, Section 3, Use Districts, "B" Dwelling District to provide for Ranchette as a conditional use and to amend Section 17, Change and Amendments to create the Conditional Use Procedure. The motion carried unanimously.

**COPY OF ORDINANCE IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XV PAGES 2661 – 2667.**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SWEETWATER, TEXAS AMENDING "APPENDIX A" ZONING ORDINANCE SECTION 3 ENTITLED "USE DISTRICTS," "B" DWELLING DISTRICT ADDING SECTION 3(A) PERMITTED USE AND SECTION 3(B) CONDITIONAL USE (B)(1) RANCHETTE (A-G) AND AMENDING SECTION 17 ENTITLED "CHANGE AND AMENDMENTS" ADDING SECTION 17(A) ORDINANCE AMENDMENT PROCEDURE AND SECTION 17(B) CONDITIONAL USE PROCEDURE (1-11).**

- C. Motion was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peek to approve an Ordinance establishing an Assistant Chief position in the Police Department, and increasing the number of firefighters by one due to the upcoming retirement of one firefighter. The motion carried unanimously.

**COPY OF ORDINANCE IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XV PAGES 2668 – 2670.**

**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; INCREASING THE NUMBER OF FIREFIGHTER POSITIONS BY ONE; ESTABLISHING AN ASSISTANT CHIEF 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.**

### 9. City Manager's Report

- A. Vibrant Community Assessment Survey – Closes February 9th

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**February 8, 2022**

10. Motion was made by Councilman Castro, seconded by Councilman Baker. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 am. The motion carried unanimously.

---

Jim McKenzie, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

---

Patty Torres, City Secretary

Persons signing register: Sage Diller, Miesha Adames, Ethan Whittenburg, Tyler Henderson, Margaret Somereve, Justin Clowers and Kristy Tyra