

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**APRIL 12, 2022**  
**9:00 A.M.**

The City Council of the City of Sweetwater, Texas, met in regular session on Tuesday, April 12, 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, 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. Ollie Wilburn with Rhema Valley Family Church gave the invocation.
3. Mayor Pro Tem Peek led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and the Texas Flags.
4. Motion was made by Councilman McPherson, seconded by Councilman Castro to approve the minutes for meeting held on March 8, 2022. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Public Input: None
6. Presentation was made by Ms. Karen Hunt, Executive Director of Sweetwater-Nolan County Chamber of Commerce, thanking Brad Bowman, Plant Manager at Georgia Pacific for their \$10,000 grant to help beautification improvements at the Lamar Street "Y."

Presentation was made by Mr. Jack Linehan with National Fitness Campaign to discuss possible quality of life improvement at Newman Park. The Council instructed Mr. David Vela, City Manager to go forward with the grant application.

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### 7. Regular Agenda Items

- A. Motion was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Castro to approve the Quarterly Investment Report for the quarter ending March 31, 2022. The motion carried unanimously.

**COPY OF REPORT IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XV PAGE 2819.**

- B. Motion was made by Councilman Castro, seconded by Councilman McPherson to approve resignation of Ms. Lana Goodman, reappointment of Ms. Jimmie Bender and appointment of Ms. Becky Acuna to the County-City Library Board. The motion carried unanimously.
- C. Mr. Sage Diller with Enprotec/Hibbs & Todd explained to Council that 3 (threes) bids were received. The lowest bid was from Tri State Coating. Their bid was under the estimated project cost, Mr. Diller recommended that Tri State Coating be awarded the project.

Motion was made by Councilman McPherson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peek to award the Construction Contract for Clearwell Rehabilitation at the Water Treatment Plant utilizing American Rescue Plan (ARP) Funds to Tri State Coating. The motion carried unanimously.

- D. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem, seconded by Councilman Castro to approve appointing Mr. Ken Becker to the Planning and Zoning Commission as a regular member. The motion carried unanimously.
- E. Motion was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman McPherson to approve Mayor Jim McKenzie's appointment of Interim Fire Chief James Smith to the Sweetwater Firefighters Pension Fund Board. The motion carried unanimously.
- F. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman Baker to approve City Manager's appointment of Mr. Ryan Strebeck to the Civil Service Commission. The motion carried unanimously.
- G. Motion was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Castro to approve reappointments for Ms. Linda Hunter and Ms. Jimmie Bender as City appointees and Mr. Buddy Alldredge as the joint City/County appointee for the Sweetwater – Nolan County Municipal Auditorium Board. The motion carried unanimously.

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- H. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman Castro to approve reappointments for Ms. Linda Hunter and Ms. Jimmie Bender as City appointees and Mr. Buddy Alldredge as the joint City/County appointee for the Sweetwater – Nolan County Municipal Auditorium Board. The motion carried unanimously.
- I. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem, seconded by Councilman Castro to approve an Ordinance to allow for Ranchette use associated animal allowances in "B" Dwelling District as a conditional use application for property located in Sunrise Ranch Addition, Section 48, Block 22, T & P RY Surveys, Sweetwater, Nolan County, Texas (28 acres) (Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6). The motion carried unanimously.

**COPY OF ORDINANCE IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XV PAGES 2820 – 2826.**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SWEETWATER, TEXAS TO ALLOW FOR RANCHETTE USE AND ASSOCIATED ANIMAL ALLOWANCES IN B DWELLING DISTRICT AS A CONDITIONAL USE APPLICATION FOR PROPERTY LOCATED IN SUNRISE RANCH ADDITION, SECTION 48, BLOCK 22, T & P RY SURVEYS, SWEETWATER, NOLAN COUNTY, TEXAS (28 ACRES) (LOTS 1,2,3,4,5 AND 6)**

- J. Motion was made by Councilman McPherson, seconded by Councilman Baker to approve bid to Mr. Junior Rodriquez to provide for mowing and nuisance abatement property clean-up services for declared nuisance properties. The motion carried unanimously.

**COPY OF CONTRACT IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XV PAGES 2827 – 2830.**

### 8. City Manager's Report

- A. Mr. Donald Baker, C Surface Water License
- B. General Election – May 7, 2022
- C. Municipal Pool and Mustang Harbor Splash Pad Openings
- D. Fire Department Improvements
- E. Anonymous Donations

- 9. Motion was made to adjourn by Councilman Castro, seconded by Councilman Baker. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:37 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

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Jim McKenzie, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Patty Torres, City Secretary

Persons signing register: Ollie T. Wilburn, III, Karen Hunt, Miesha Adames, Ethan Whittenburg, Kevin Bond, Brad Bowman, Sage Diller, Stacy Boil, Justin Clowers and Kristy Tyra