

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
MAY 10, 2022
9:00 A.M.

The City Council of the City of Sweetwater, Texas, met in regular session on Tuesday, May 10, 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. Mr. Ryan Strebeck with First United Methodist Church gave the invocation.
3. Councilman Castro 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 April 12, 2022. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Public Input: Mr. Tommy Parker, resident at Oak Creek Lake spoke in regards to increase on annual lake lease payment, services and revenues.
6. Presentation was presented by Mr. Larry Ludlum regarding projects and funding for the Sweetwater Municipal Auditorium.
7. Regular Agenda Items
 - B. Motion was made by Councilman Castro, seconded by Councilman McPherson to approve a Resolution and Order canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the May 7, 2022, General Election. The motion carried unanimously.

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COPY OF RESOLUTION AND ORDER IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XV PAGES 2831-2833.

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SWEETWATER, NOLAN COUNTY, TEXAS, CANVASSING THE RETURNS AND DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD ON MAY 7, 2022 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS FOR DISTRICTS 2 AND 4; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

- C. Oath of Office was administered by Jeff Allen, City Attorney to Mr. Kerry Baker, City Council Member District 2 and Dr. Jerod Peek, City Council Member District 4.

COPY OF OATH OF OFFICE AND STATEMENT OF OFFICER IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XV PAGES 2834-2837.

- D. Motion was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Castro to approve a Resolution appointing Jerod Peek as Mayor Pro-Tem for the City of Sweetwater, and prescribing the term thereof. The motion carried unanimously.

COPY OF RESOLUTION IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XV PAGE 2838.

APPOINTING MAYOR PRO-TEM FOR THE CITY OF SWEETWATER AND PRESCRIBING THE TERM THEREOF.

- A. Motion was made by Councilman Castro, seconded by Councilman Baker to approve the Mid-Year Agreed Upon Procedures Report for the period ended March 31, 2022, as prepared by Ms. Catherine Wilks, Certified Public Accountant, LLC. The motion carried unanimously.
- E. Motion was made by Councilman Castro, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peek to authorize soliciting bids for AC 10 and Grade 4 crushed rock to be used for the FY 2022/22 streets seal coating project. The motion carried unanimously.
- F. Motion was made by Councilman McPherson, seconded by Councilman Baker to approve a Resolution to amend Central Rate Schedule to include (1) classification of properties and pricing for private contract property abatements, (2) adding/clarifying permit issuance fees for mechanical and gas permitting processes, and adding gas pressure test

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fee, and (3) increasing 3/4" and 1" water tap fees, 4" sewer tap fee, removing bulk water station deposit fees, and adding language to reflect no return money on water sales. The motion carried unanimously.

COPY OF RESOLUTION IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XV PAGES 2839-2865.

A RESOLUTION AMENDING, CONFIRMING AND RATIFYING THE CENTRAL RATE SCHEDULE FOR THE VARIOUS FEES, LICENSES, PERMITS AND RATES CHARGED BY THE CITY OF SWEETWATER, TEXAS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 AND ADOPTING SUCH CENTRAL RATE SCHEDULE.

- G. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Pek, seconded by Councilman McPherson to authorize City staff to receive bids for Oak Creek Lake lots #430, #433 and #524 which were returned to the City for non-payment of the annual lake lease. The motion carried unanimously.
- H. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman Castro to approve a Resolution to adopt and allocate funds for an outdoor fitness court as part of the 2022 National Fitness Campaign. The motion carried unanimously.

COPY OF RESOLUTION IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XV PAGE 2866.

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT AND ALLOCATE FUNDS FOR AN OUTDOOR FITNESS COURT® AS PART OF THE 2022 NATIONAL FITNESS CAMPAIGN.

- I. Motion was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Castro to authorizing staff to seek proposals for an AMI Advanced Meter Infrastructure replacement project funded by water utility account funds and supplemented by American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. The motion carried unanimously.

8. City Manager's Report

- A. Two K9s Joining the Police Department
- B. Guns & Hoses Softball game
- C. WASP 2022 Homecoming
- D. Fire Department Kitchen Improvements
- E. Zach Adames – Cybersecurity Leadership Certification

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- F. STOPS Training at Police Department
9. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman Castro to enter into closed session at 9:33 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 Annexation Issues. The motion carried unanimously.
10. Motion was made by Councilman McPherson, seconded by Councilman Castro to reconvene into regular session at 9:55 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.
11. Motion was made to adjourn by Councilman Castro, seconded by Councilman Baker. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned 9:56 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Jim McKenzie, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patty Torres, City Secretary

Persons signing register: Tommy Parker, Cathy Wilks, Larry Ludlum, Miesha Adames, Ethan Whittenburg, Ryan Strebeck, Karen Hunt and Sage Diller