

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
JUNE 14, 2022
9:00 A.M.**

The City Council of the City of Sweetwater, Texas, met in regular session on Tuesday, June 14, 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 Police Chief, 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. Richard Acuna with Avondale Baptist 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 Castro, seconded by Councilman McPherson to approve the minutes for meeting held on May 10, 2022. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Public Input: None
6. Presentation was presented by Retail Coach given by Ms. Caroline Harrelson, Retail Recruitment Specialist.
7. Regular Agenda Items
 - A. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman Castro awarding lowest bids for AC-10 and Grade 4 crushed rock to be used for the Fiscal Year 2021/22 streets seal coating project. The motion carried unanimously.

Wright Asphalt Products was awarded bid for A.C.-10 Asphalt
Vulcan Materials was awarded bid for Grade 4 Crushed Rock

COPY OF BID SHEET IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XV PAGE 2867.

B. Motion was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peek to authorize soliciting bids for Grade 4 (62) round rock, CRS-2, CRS 2-P and Fog Seal to be used for the FY 2021/22 streets seal coating project. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Bids were declined for Oak Creek Lake Lots #430 and #433 due to the heir of current lease providing copy of Will and paying amount due.

Motion was made by Councilman McPherson, seconded by Councilman Baker to award the highest bid for Oak Creek Lake Lot #524 to Gregory Schmaltz. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman Castro to approve a Resolution of the City of Sweetwater suspending the June 17, 2022 effective date of Oncor Electric Delivery Company's requested rate change to permit the City time to study the request and to establish reasonable rates; approving cooperation with the steering committee of cities served by Oncor to hire legal and consulting services and to negotiate with the company and direct any necessary litigation and appeals; finding that the meeting at which this Resolution is passed is open to the public as required by law; requiring notice of this Resolution to the company and legal counsel for the steering committee. The motion carried unanimously.

COPY OF RESOLUTION IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XV PAGES 2868 – 2869.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SWEETWATER SUSPENDING THE JUNE 17, 2022 EFFECTIVE DATE OF ONCOR ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY'S REQUESTED RATE CHANGE TO PERMIT THE CITY TIME TO STUDY THE REQUEST AND TO ESTABLISH REASONABLE RATES; APPROVING COOPERATION WITH THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF CITIES SERVED BY ONCOR TO HIRE LEGAL AND CONSULTING SERVICES AND TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE COMPANY AND DIRECT ANY NECESSARY LITIGATION AND APPEALS; FINDING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION IS PASSED IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW; REQUIRING NOTICE OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE COMPANY AND LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE STEERING COMMITTEE

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- E. Motion was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peek to enter into an agreement with Tommy Morris Agency to act as our Broker of Record for insurance purposes, and to evaluate competitive sealed proposals for Self-Insured Group Health benefits to be considered at the Council's July 12, 2022 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.
- F. Motion was made by Councilman Castro, seconded by Councilman Baker to approve an ordinance to rezone request from "A" Dwelling District to "B" Dwelling District for property described as Lots 13-15, Block 40, Southside Addition, Sweetwater, Nolan County, Texas (more commonly known as 1706 Sam Houston).

The motion carried For (3) Mayor Pro Tem Jerod Peek
Councilman Castro
Councilman Baker
Against (1) Councilman McPherson

COPY OF ORDINANCE IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XV PAGES 2870 – 2871.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING APPENDIX A "ZONING ORDINANCE" OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF SWEETWATER, TEXAS, TO REZONE LOTS 13-15, BLOCK 40, SOUTHSIDE ADDITION, SWEETWATER, NOLAN COUNTY, TEXAS, (MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS 1706 SAM HOUSTON) FROM "A" DWELLING DISTRICT TO "B" DWELLING DISTRICT.

- G. Motion was made by Councilman Castro, seconded by Councilman McPherson to approve advertising and receiving bid proposals for construction of the Texas Water Development Board Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Membrane Replacement Project at the Water Treatment Plant. The motion carried unanimously.
 - H. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman Castro to approve SEED-MDD project incentive contingent upon property owner initiating process of voluntary annexation within 60 days including all lots in Phase II and the remaining lots still owned from Phase I. The motion carried unanimously.
8. City Manager's Report
- A. Fourth of July – Sparks in the Park
 - B. Promotions of Police Department Corporals
 - C. Police Officers Assisting in Uvalde

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- D. Recent Demolition Projects
9. Budget Workshop
- A. Sage Diller with Enprotec/Hibbs & Todd made presentation regarding Water Utilities.
 - B. David Vela, City Manager made presentation regarding Budget.
 - C. Andrew Friedman with SAMCO Capital made Financial presentation.
10. Motion was made to adjourn by Councilman McPherson, seconded by Councilman Castro. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned 11:03 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Jim McKenzie, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patty Torres, City Secretary

Persons signing register: Sage Diller, Nancy Johnson, Karen Hunt, Miesha Hand, Ethan Whittenburg, Richard Acuna, Kristy Tyra, Armando Renteria, Dana Stanley and Justin Clowers.