

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

The City Council of the City of Sweetwater, Texas, met in regular session on Tuesday, August 9, 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, Dewey Coy 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 Baker 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 July 12, 2022. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Public Input: None
6. Presentation was made by Ms. Jennifer Cunningham and Mr. Ethan Wilson with the Nolan County Health Department regarding Health Disparities Program.
7. Regular Agenda Items
 - A. Motion was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Castro to award proposals for health, dental and life benefits for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 which remained the same. The motion carried unanimously.
 - B. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman Baker to schedule a public hearing for September 13, 2022 on the proposed

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budget for Fiscal Year Ending 2022-2023. The motion carried unanimously.

- C. Motion was made by Councilman McPherson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peek to approve a proposal of \$0.5075 per \$100 of valuation, schedule a public hearing for September 13, 2022, and an adoption date of September 20, 2022. A record vote was taken as follows:

Councilman McPherson: For
Councilman Baker: For
Councilman Castro: For
Mayor Pro Tem Peek: For
Mayor McKenzie: For

The motion carried unanimously.

- D. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman Castro to approve an updated records management program policy to update the title of the records management officer. The motion carried unanimously.
- E. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman Baker to approve funding to assist with the relocation of utility lines to allow for a future expansion at Ludlum Measurement Headquarters located at 501 Oak Street. The motion carried unanimously.
- F. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman McPherson to approve funding to assist with the Eljen expansion at 1300 W. Broadway. The motion carried unanimously.
- G. Motion was made by Councilman McPherson, seconded by Councilman Castro to approve funding to assist with the water line upgrades needed for Freddy's Frozen Custards and Steakburgers. The motion carried unanimously.
- H. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman Castro to approve funding to assist with the construction of the fitness court in Newman Park. The motion carried unanimously.
- I. Motion was made by Councilman Castro, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peek to approve a Resolution approving the annual Rate Review Mechanism (RRM) rate increase from Atmos Mid-Tex. The motion carried unanimously.

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COPY OF RESOLUTION IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XV PAGES 2903 – 2907.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SWEETWATER, TEXAS, APPROVING A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT BETWEEN THE ATMOS CITIES STEERING COMMITTEE (“ACSC”) AND ATMOS ENERGY CORP., MID-TEX DIVISION REGARDING THE COMPANY’S 2022 RATE REVIEW MECHANISM FILING; DECLARING EXISTING RATES TO BE UNREASONABLE; ADOPTING TARIFFS THAT REFLECT RATE ADJUSTMENTS CONSISTENT WITH THE NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT; FINDING THE RATES TO BE SET BY THE ATTACHED SETTLEMENT TARIFFS TO BE JUST AND REASONABLE AND IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST; APPROVING AN ATTACHMENT ESTABLISHING A BENCHMARK FOR PENSIONS AND RETIREE MEDICAL BENEFITS; REQUIRING THE COMPANY TO REIMBURSE ACSC’S REASONABLE RATEMAKING EXPENSES; DETERMINING THAT THIS RESOLUTION WAS PASSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; ADOPTING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND REQUIRING DELIVERY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE COMPANY AND THE ACSC’S LEGAL COUNSEL.

- J. Motion was made by Councilman McPherson, seconded by Councilman Baker to approve request to authorize seeking of bids for proposed water line replacement project located along CR 143 and 9-20 north Frontage Road. The motion carries unanimously.

8. City Manager’s Report

- A. Council Meetings – September 13 and 20, 2022
- B. SEED MDD Board Passed Resolution in Support of One-Way Access Roads
- C. 2024 Bond Election Committee
- D. Animal Control Truck
- E. Fire Chief Dewey Coy Meet & Greet – Friday August 12, 4:00 p.m.

9. Motion was made to adjourn by Councilman McPherson, seconded by Councilman Baker. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

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Jim McKenzie, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patty Torres, City Secretary

Persons signing register: Jennifer Cunningham, Ethan Wilson, Shaun Martin, Karen Hunt, Ethan Whittenburg, Miesha Adames, Sage Diller, Kristy Tyra and Nancy Johnson