

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
OCTOBER 11, 2022  
9:00 A.M.**

The City Council of the City of Sweetwater, Texas, met in regular session on Tuesday, September 13, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. in the City Council Room at City Hall, 200 E. Fourth Street with the following members present:

**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

**ABSENT: JIM MCKENZIE**, Mayor

Staff Members present: Lisa Adames Assistant City Manager for Administration, Melissa Vossmer Interim 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 Pro Tem Peek called the meeting to order.
2. Larry Holder with Highland Heights Methodist Church gave the invocation.
3. Councilman McPherson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and the Texas Flags.
4. Motion was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman McPherson to approve the minutes for meetings held on September 13, 2022 and September 20, 2022. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Public Input: None
6. Regular Agenda Items
  - A. Motion was made by Councilman Castro, seconded by Councilman Baker to approve the Quarterly Investment Report for the Quarter ended September 30, 2022. The motion carried unanimously.

**COPY OF REPORT IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XV PAGE 2989.**

- B. Motion was made by Councilman Castro, seconded by Councilman Baker to approve a Resolution finding that Oncor Electric Delivery Company

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LLC's application to change rates within the City should be denied; finding that the City's reasonable rate case expenses shall be reimbursed by the company; 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. The motion carried unanimously.

**COPY OF RESOLUTION IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XV PAGES 2990 – 2991.**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SWEETWATER, TEXAS FINDING THAT ONCOR ELECTRIC DELIVERY COMPANY LLC'S ("ONCOR" OR "COMPANY") APPLICATION TO CHANGE RATES WITHIN THE CITY SHOULD BE DENIED; FINDING THAT THE CITY'S REASONABLE RATE CASE EXPENSES SHALL BE REIMBURSED BY THE COMPANY; 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.**

- C. Motion was made by Councilman McPherson, seconded by Councilman Castro to enter into a public hearing on the proposed annexation of Southwood Terrace addition. The motion carried unanimously.

There were no public comments.

Motion was made by Councilman Castro, seconded by Councilman Baker to close the public hearing and enter into regular session. The motion carried unanimously. No action was necessary.

- D. Motion was made by Councilman Castro, seconded by Councilman Baker to approve the low bids for annual proposals of fuel, oil and lubrication products, and hot mix cold lay asphalt for use from October 2022 through September 2023. The motion carried unanimously.

United Oil and Grease was awarded bid for regular and diesel fuel.  
United Oil and Grease was awarded bid for oil and lubrication products  
Vulcan Materials was awarded bid for hot mix cold lay asphalt.

**COPY OF BID SHEET IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XV PAGES 2992 – 2994.**

- E. Motion was made by Councilman McPherson, seconded by Councilman Castro to enter into a public hearing on a provision to the Texas Municipal Retirement System changing the eligibility for retirement from 25 years to

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20 years of service effective January 1, 2023. The motion carried unanimously.

There were no public comments.

Motion was made by Councilman Castro, seconded by Councilman Baker to close the public hearing and enter into regular session. The motion carried unanimously. No action was necessary.

- F. Motion was made by Councilman McPherson, seconded by Councilman Castro to award construction contract for utility relocation at County Road 142 and Interstate 20 North Frontage Road to lowest qualified bidder, Fambro Construction. The motion carried unanimously.
- G. Motion was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Castro to reappoint Mr. Jeremy Wilks to the Planning and Zoning Commission as a regular member with term expiring October 2024. The motion carried unanimously.
- H. Motion was made by Councilman Castro, seconded by Councilman McPherson to approve reappointments of Ms. Sharmaine Carrington and Ms. Carol Gotcher to the Board of Commissioners for the Sweetwater Housing Authority, for two-year terms. The motion carried unanimously.
- I. Motion was made by Councilman Castro, seconded by Councilman McPherson to authorize funding for the rehabilitation of the apartment complex 611 Josephine Street. The motion carried unanimously.
- J. Motion was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Castro to approve an Ordinance re-classifying the Assistant Fire Chief positions to a Fire Battalion Chief classification in the Fire Department, increase the number of Lieutenants by two (2) and increase the number of firefighters by one (1). The motion carried unanimously.

**COPY OF ORDINANCE IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XV PAGES 2995 – 2997.**

**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 A BATTALION CHIEF CLASSIFICATION IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO REPLACE THE ASSISTANT CHIEF POSITIONS; INCREASE THE NUMBER OF**

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**FIRE LIEUTENANT POSITIONS BY ONE; 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.**

7. City Manager's Report
  - A. TCEQ Rated Sweetwater's Public Water System as a Superior Public Water System
  - B. SNAP – Christmas Grocery Bags
  - C. Mustang Harbor Splash Pad Closing for the Season – October 16, 2022
  - D. Comprehensive Planning Implementation Summit – November 7, 2022
8. Motion was made by Councilman McPherson, seconded by Councilman Castro to enter into closed session at 9:16 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 Real Estate Matters. The motion carried unanimously.
9. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman McPherson to reconvene into regular session at 9:25 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.
10. Motion was made to adjourn by Councilman Castro, seconded by Councilman McPherson. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:26 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

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Jerod Peek, Mayor Pro Tem

**ATTEST:**

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Patty Torres, City Secretary

Persons signing register: Dana Stanley, Miesha Adames, Ethan Whittenburg, Sage Diller, Karen Hunt and Larry Holder