

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
NOVEMBER 8, 2022
9:00 A.M.**

The City Council of the City of Sweetwater, Texas, met in regular session on Tuesday, November 8, 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, 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 McKenzie called the meeting to order.
2. Mayor Pro Tem Peek gave the invocation.
3. Councilman Castro led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and the Texas Flags.
4. Motion was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Castro to approve the minutes for the meeting held on October 11, 2022. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Public Input: None
6. Presentation was made by Sweetwater ISD FFA Speaking Team.
7. Presentation was made by Bryan Sheridan, Chief of Police for the Chief's Award to Sergeant Cory Valencia and Detective Danny Heine for Entrusted Property.
8. Regular Agenda Items
 - A. Presentation was made by Marshall Hines with Verdunity regarding proposed City of Sweetwater 2022 Comprehensive Plan.

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- B. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman Baker to enter into a public hearing on the proposed City of Sweetwater 2022 Comprehensive Plan. The motion carried unanimously.

There were no public comments.

Motion was made by Councilman Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman McPherson to close the public hearing and enter into regular session. The motion carried unanimously. No action was necessary.

- C. Motion was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peek to approve an Ordinance approving the City of Sweetwater 2022 Comprehensive Plan. The motion carried unanimously.

A COPY OF ORDINANCE IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK VXI PAGES 3001 – 3003.

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR THE CITY OF SWEETWATER TEXAS, PERSUANT TO CHAPTER 213 OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR A SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

- D. Motion was made by Councilman Castro, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peek to approve the First Amendment to License and Operations Agreement between the City of Sweetwater and the Lake Sweetwater Bait and Tackle Shop. The motion carried unanimously.

A COPY OF AGREEMENT IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XVI PAGES 3004 – 3005.

- E. Motion was made by Councilman McPherson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peek to approve a Resolution regarding TxDOT roadways in Sweetwater. The motion carried unanimously.

A COPY OF RESOLUTION IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XIV PAGES 3006 – 3007.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SWEETWATER, TEXAS, IDENTIFYING ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR INTERSTATE 20; AND, PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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- F. Motion was made by Councilman McPherson, seconded by Councilman Baker to approve an Ordinance approving a provision to the Texas Municipal Retirement System changing the eligibility for retirement from 25 years to 20 years of service effective January 1, 2023. The motion carried unanimously.

A COPY OF ORDINANCE IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XIV PAGE 3008.

ORDINANCE AFFECTING PARTICIPATION OF CITY EMPLOYEES IN THE TEXAS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM GRANTING THE ADDITIONAL RIGHTS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 854.202(g) OF TITLE 8, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE, AS AMENDED, AND PRESCRIBING THE EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THE ORDINANCE.

- G. Motion was made by Councilman Castro, seconded by Councilman Baker to approve an Ordinance to amend Section 29-126 of its Code of Ordinances regarding hearing and notice prior to termination of service. The motion carried unanimously.

A COPY OF ORDINANCE IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XIV PAGES 3009 – 3010.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SWEETWATER, TEXAS TO AMEND SECTION 29-126 OF ITS CODE OF ORDINANCES REGARDING HEARING, NOTICE PRIOR TO TERMINATION OF SERVICE.

- H. Motion was made by Councilman Castro, seconded by Councilman McPherson to approve reappointment of Mr. Doug Alexander to the Board of Adjustment for a two-year term. The motion carried unanimously.

- I. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek seconded by Councilman Castro to approve three (3) reappointments for Mr. Bill Johnson, Mr. Robert Elliott and Mrs. Jay Neal to the Airport Zoning Board, for two-year terms. The motion carried unanimously.

- J. Motion was made by Councilman Castro, seconded by Councilman Baker to approve granting easement across City of Sweetwater property to United States Gypsum. The motion carried unanimously.

A COPY OF TEMPORARY EASEMENT IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XIV PAGES 3011 - 3016.

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9. City Manager's Report
 - A. Kiosk and Drop Box
 - B. Animal Control Truck and Police Department Tahoes
 - C. National Night Out

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

Jim McKenzie, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patty Torres, City Secretary

Persons signing register: Dana Stanley, Karen Hunt, Ethan Whittenburg and Miesha Adames