

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
DECEMBER 13, 2022  
9:00 A.M.**

The City Council of the City of Sweetwater, Texas, met in regular session on Tuesday, December 13, 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  
**JEFF ALLEN**, City Attorney

**ABSENT:**

**DAVID A. VELA**, City Manager  
**PATTY TORRES**, City Secretary

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, and Zach Adames IT Director.

1. Mayor McKenzie called the meeting to order.
2. Larry Holder with Highland Heights Methodist Church gave the invocation.
3. Mayor Pro Tem Peek 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 the meeting held on November 8, 2022. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Public Input: None
6. Regular Agenda Items
  - A. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman Baker to approve a proposed conveyance of Trust Property to the City of Sweetwater for municipal use. Trust property to be considered by all taxing entities is described as the Southeast Fourth (SE/4) of Section Forty-six (46), in Block Twenty-two (22), out of Tract 046 H, T&P Addition to the City of Sweetwater, Nolan County, Texas as more particularly described in a Warranty Deed recorded in Volume 113 and Page 299 of the Deed Records of Nolan County, Texas; such description being

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incorporated herein by reference (R19537). The motion carried unanimously.

- B. Motion was made by Councilman McPherson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peek to approve to Solicit Qualifications for Grant Consulting Services for the Texas Department of Agriculture's (TDA) 2023-2024 Community Development Block Grant Program. The motion carried unanimously.
- C. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman Baker to approve to Solicit Qualifications for Engineering Services for the Texas Department of Agriculture's (TDA) 2023-2024 Community Development Block Grant Program. The motion carried unanimously.
- D. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman McPherson to accept the Nolan County Foundation donation for pickleball courts at Newman Park. The motion carried unanimously.
- E. Motion was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman McPherson to authorize funding for the Nolan County Plaza redevelopment. The motion carried unanimously.
- F. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman Baker to approve an Interlocal Agreement between City of Sweetwater and Sweetwater Enterprise for Economic Development Municipal Development District to provide 10% funding for the Airport Layout Plan with Narrative. The motion carried unanimously.

**A COPY OF AGREEMENT IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XVI PAGES 3017 – 3020.**

- G. Motion was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peek to approve reappointments of Ms. Elsie Pierce and Ms. Candace Mercer to the County-City Library Board with terms expiring December 31, 2026. The motion carried unanimously.
- H. Motion was made by Councilman McPherson, seconded by Councilman Baker to approve reappointments of Ms. Jacque McCoy, Ms. Stacy Boil and Mr. Jeff Allen to the Pioneer City County Museum Board of Directors with terms expiring December 1, 2024. The motion carried unanimously.

## 7. City Manager's Report

- A. SNAP – Fundraisers
- B. Backup Generator for Emergency Radio System

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- C. Outdoor Fitness Court
- 8. Motion was made to adjourn by Councilman Baker seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peek. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

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Jim McKenzie, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Patty Torres, City Secretary

Persons signing register: Reverend Larry Holder, Miesha Adames, Ethan Whittenburg, Dana Stanley and Mark Rushing