

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
JANUARY 10, 2023
9:00 A.M.**

The City Council of the City of Sweetwater, Texas, met in regular session on Tuesday, January 10, 2023, 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

ABSENT: 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, and 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 Baker led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and the Texas Flags.
4. Mayor McKenzie welcomed the Future Sweetwater Participants.
5. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman McPherson to approve the minutes for the meeting held on December 13, 2022. The motion carried unanimously.
6. Public Input: None
7. Presentation was made by Karen Hunt regarding Future Sweetwater Participants and Chamber of Commerce Activities.
8. Regular Agenda Items
 - A. Motion was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Castro to approve the Quarterly Investment Report for the quarter ended December 31, 2022. The motion carried unanimously.

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A COPY OF REPORT IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XVI PAGE 3021.

- B. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman Castro to approve a Resolution designating the Sweetwater Reporter as the official City newspaper for publications required by State law and/or the City Charter. The motion carried unanimously.

A COPY OF RESOLUTION IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XVI PAGE 3022.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SWEETWATER, NOLAN COUNTY, TEXAS, DESIGNATING THE SWEETWATER REPORTER AS OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER FOR THE CITY OF SWEETWATER FOR A ONE YEAR TERM TO EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2023

- C. Motion was made by Councilman McPherson, seconded by Councilman Baker to approve an Ordinance ordering an election of the qualified voters of the City of Sweetwater to be held on May 6, 2023, for the purpose of electing a Mayor (at-large) and two City Councilmembers (Precincts 1 and 3) of said City. The motion carried unanimously.

A COPY OF ORDINANCE IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XVI PAGES 3023 – 3027.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SWEETWATER, TEXAS ORDERING A MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 6, 2023, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING A MAYOR AND TWO (2) CITY COUNCILMEMBERS OF SAID CITY; AND PROVIDING DETAILS RELATING TO THE HOLDING OF SUCH ELECTION.

- D. Motion was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman McPherson to approve reappointment of Mr. Jeff Stein to serve as a regular member and appointment of Mr. Patrick Fahy to serve as an alternate on the Planning and Zoning Commission with terms expiring September, 2024. The motion carried unanimously.

- E. Motion was made by Councilman Castro, seconded by Councilman McPherson to approve reappointment of Mr. Ryan Strebeck as Civil Service Commissioner, with term expiring January, 2026. The motion carried unanimously.

9. City Manager's Report

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- A. TMRS staff presentations
 - B. Pickleball courts at Newman Park
 - C. Director of Planning and Operations vacancy update
10. Motion was made to adjourn by Councilman Castro seconded by Councilman Mayor Pro Tem Peek. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Jim McKenzie, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patty Torres, City Secretary

Persons signing register: Ethan Whittenburg, Miesha Adames, Kristy Tyra, Richard Acuna, Pam Lawrence, Karen Hunt and Dana Stanley