

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 14, 2023  
9:00 A.M.**

The City Council of the City of Sweetwater, Texas, met in regular session on Tuesday, February 14, 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

**PATTY TORRES**, City Secretary  
**JEFF ALLEN**, City Attorney

**ABSENT: DAVID A. VELA**, City Manager

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, Kathleen Cox Communications & Media Relations Manager and Tonya Challis SNAP Director.

1. Mayor McKenzie called the meeting to order.
2. Ollie Wilburn with Rhema Valley Family Church gave the invocation.
3. Councilman Castro 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 the meetings held on January 10, 2023 and February 3, 2023. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Public Input: None
6. Mayor McKenzie welcomed the Leadership Sweetwater Participants.
7. Police Chief Bryan Sheridan presented the Sweetwater Police Department Racial Profile Annual Report.
8. Sage Diller with Eht presented the Status Report for the on-going Water Meter Replacement Project
9. Regular Agenda Items

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- A. Motion was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Castro to approve purchase of Aerial Apparatus for Sweetwater Fire Department. The motion carried unanimously.
- B. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman McPherson to approve a Resolution declaring intention to reimburse certain capital expenditures with proceeds from debt; and placing time restrictions on the issuance of tax-exempt obligations. The motion carried unanimously.

**A COPY OF RESOLUTION IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XVI PAGES 3032 -3033.**

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING INTENTION TO REIMBURSE AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,500,000 FOR CERTAIN CAPITAL EXPENDITURES WITH PROCEEDS FROM DEBT; AND PLACING TIME RESTRICTIONS ON THE ISSUANCE OF TAX-EXEMPT OBLIGATIONS.**

- C. Motion was made by Councilman Castro, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peek to approve amendment to the USDA Lease at Sweetwater Avenger Airport. The motion carried unanimously.
- D. Motion was made by Councilman McPherson, seconded by Councilman Baker to approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Sweetwater and Dyess Air Force Base 317th Airlift Wing for the purpose of conducting a military training / demonstration at Sweetwater Avenger Airport. The motion carried unanimously.
- E. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman McPherson to approve additional Corporal Position for Sweetwater Independent School District. The motion carried unanimously.
- F. Motion was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Castro to approve the application to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) for Financial Assistance through the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) for Water System Improvements. The motion carried unanimously.
- G. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman McPherson to approve the Creekside Subdivision Final Plat, with the direction that the plat will not be filed with Nolan County until the required financial guarantee is approved or the required infrastructure is completed. The motion carried unanimously.

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- H. Motion was made by Councilman McPherson, seconded by Councilman Castro to approve a Resolution awarding Grantworks, Inc. as grant administrator services provider and Enprotec Hibbs & Todd as engineering services provider for 2023-2024 Texas CDBG Community Development Fund Grant. The motion carried unanimously.

**A COPY OF RESOLUTION IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XVI PAGE 3034.**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SWEETWATER, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE PROVIDER CONTRACTS FOR THE 2023-2024 TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND PROJECT.**

10. City Manager's Report

- A. Fitness Center Ribbon Cutting – February 28, 2023
- B. SNAP – Valentine's Day Dance – February 14, 2023
- C. Citywide Junk Haul-Off

- 11. Motion was made by Councilman McPherson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peek to enter into closed session at 9:22 a.m. in accordance with Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, consultation with attorney; closed meeting. The City Council will meet in closed session 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: contemplated litigation related to industrial solid waste within the city. The motion carried unanimously.

- 12. Motion was made by Councilman Castro, seconded by Councilman Baker to reconvene into regular session at 9:35 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

- 13. Motion was made by Councilman McPherson, seconded by Councilman Castro to approve an Ordinance amending Section 13-6 of the Code of Ordinances adding 6 foot fence to secure property. The motion carried unanimously.

**A COPY OF ORDINANCE IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XVI PAGES 3035 – 3037.**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SWEETWATER, TEXAS, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 13 SOLID WASTE TO REPEAL THE PRIOR SECTION 6 AND REPLACE THE SAME WITH A NEW**

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**SECTION TO REVISE AND EXPAND PROHIBITIONS AGAINST STORING INDUSTRIAL SOLID WASTE WITHIN THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR A SPECIALIZED PENALTY, SAVINGS, CUMULATIVE, REPEALER, AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

14. Motion was made to adjourn by Councilman Castro seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peek. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:38 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: Ethan Whittenburg, Miesha Whittenburg, Cory Stroman Clayton Farrow, Ollie Wilburn, Joe Spano, Josh Bennett, Karen Hunt, Sweetwater Leadership Participants, Sage Diller, Jonathan Baum and Kristy Tyra,