

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
APRIL 18, 2023
9:00 A.M.

The City Council of the City of Sweetwater, Texas, met in special session on Tuesday, April 18, 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
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. Cory Stroman, Assistant Chief of Police gave the invocation.
3. Councilman Castro led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and the Texas Flags.
4. Public Input: None
5. Motion was made by Councilman McPherson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peek to take from the table the rezoning request to rezone from B – Dwelling District and R – Residential w/ Livestock to "H" Business District for the South Side BLK 5 Lot 1-12, known as 2301 Lanham St, South Side BLK 5 Lot 23, known as 2203 Sayers St, South Side BLK 5 Lot 13-19, known as 2311 Sayers St, South Side BLK 12 Lot 1-12, Known as 1206 Bradford St, South Side BLK 12 Lot 23-24, known as 2200 Ross Ave. and South Side BLK 12 Lot 13-21, known as 2300 Ross Ave. The motion carried unanimously.
6. Motion was made by Councilman Castro, seconded by Councilman Baker to deny request on the rezoning request, to rezone from B – Dwelling District and R – Residential w/ Livestock to "H" Business District for the South Side BLK 5 Lot 1-12, known as 2301 Lanham St, South Side BLK 5 Lot 23, known as 2203 Sayers St, South Side BLK 5 Lot 13-19, known as 2311 Sayers St, South Side BLK 12 Lot 1-12, Known as 1206 Bradford St, South Side BLK 12 Lot 23-24, known as 2200

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Ross Ave. and South Side BLK 12 Lot 13-21, known as 2300 Ross Ave. The motion carried 4-1.

Mayor McKenzie – Aye, rezoning change
Mayor Pro Tem Peek – Aye, rezoning change
Councilman Baker – Aye, rezoning change
Councilman Castro – Aye, rezoning change
Councilman McPherson – Nay, rezoning change

7. Presentation regarding Implementation of Ignite Sweetwater - Staff Report on Code Enforcement and Future Activities was made by Melissa Vossmer, Interim Assistant City Manager for Operations, Cory Stroman, Assistant Chief of Police and Detective Danny Heine.
8. Motion was made to adjourn by Councilman Castro, seconded by Councilman McPherson. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Jim McKenzie, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patty Torres, City Secretary

Persons signing register: Courtney Orsak, Billy Orsak, Scott Fortin, Laura Gilbert, Don Suggs, Marie Suggs, Seth Mahaffey, Henry Ortega, Miesha Adames, Lillian Neal, Paul Neal and Boyd Fortin.