

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
JUNE 13, 2023
9:00 A.M.

The City Council of the City of Sweetwater, Texas, met in regular session on Tuesday, June 13, 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
JOHN MCPHERSON, Mayor Pro Tem
JEROD PEEK, 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, Lynn Barrett Director of Planning and 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. 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 Councilman Peek, seconded by Councilman Castro to approve the minutes for the meeting held on May 9, 2023. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Public Input: Ms. Kathy Kirby spoke regarding cemetery curbing restrictions. She would like to be able to curb her husband's grave.
6. Consent Agenda Items

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem McPherson, seconded by Councilman Peek to approve the Consent Agenda Items 6A – 6C. The motion carried unanimously.

- A. City Council to discuss, consider and act upon approving appointment of Ms. Glenda Kinney to the County-City Library Board to fill a vacancy with terms expiring December 31, 2023.
- B. City Council to discuss, consider and act upon entering into an agreement with Tommy Morris Agency to act as our Broker of Record for insurance purposes, and to evaluate competitive sealed proposals for Self-Insured

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Group Health benefits to be considered at the Council's July 11, 2023 meeting.

- C. Council to consider accepting a donation from the Nolan County Foundation to assist with the purchase of park equipment for Newman Park.

7. Regular Agenda Items

- D. Motion was made by Councilman Castro, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McPherson to approve final acceptance and release of retainage funds for the Highland Pump Station Standby Generator Project. The motion carried unanimously.
- E. Motion was made by Councilman Peek, seconded by Councilman Castro to approve to purchase equipment associated with development of the Lead Service Line Replacement Inventory required by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. The motion carried unanimously.
- F. Motion was made by Councilman Castro, seconded by Councilman Baker to approve Change Order No. 2 for the meter replacement and AMI contract. The motion carried unanimously.
- G. Motion was made by Councilman Castro, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McPherson to approve and accept funding from the MDD to assist with the demolition of the burnt structure at 110 Pecan Street. The motion carried unanimously.
- H. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem McPherson, seconded by Councilman Castro to accept low bid from AML Environmental for the cleanup of property located at Lots 16, 17 and 18, Block 21, Original Town of Sweetwater, Nolan County, TX and commonly identified as 110 Pecan Street, Sweetwater, Nolan County, Texas. The motion carried unanimously.
- I. Motion was made by Councilman Peek, seconded by Councilman Castro to enter in to a public hearing on proposed tax abatement Guidelines and Criteria. The motion carried unanimously.

There were no public comments.

Motion was made by Councilman Peek, seconded by Councilman Castro to close the public hearing and enter in to regular session. The motion carried unanimously.

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- J. Motion was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Peek to approve Guidelines and Criteria for tax abatement. The motion carried unanimously.

COPY OF GUIDELINES AND CRITERIA IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XVI PAGES 3111 – 3118.

- K. Motion was made by Councilman Castro, seconded by Councilman Baker to approve awarding bids for Asphalt Type CRS-2, CRS-2P, Fog Seal and Grade 4 crushed rock to be used for the Fiscal Year 2023 streets seal coating project. The motion carried unanimously.

P2Emulsions was awarded bid for CRS-2P.

R E Janes was awarded bid for (62) Grade 4 Rock.

COPY OF BID SHEET IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XVI PAGE 3119.

- L. Motion was made by Councilman Castro, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McPherson to award bid for Sweetwater Airport Fixed Based Operator Services beginning July 1, 2023. The motion carried unanimously.

COPY OF AGREEMENT IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XVI PAGES 3120 -3133.

- M. Motion was made by Councilman Peek, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McPherson to approve a Resolution adopting guidelines for filming in the City of Sweetwater and authorizing the City Manager to undertake the actions contemplated therein including establishing rate schedules within the City Manager’s discretion. The motion carried unanimously.

COPY OF RESOLUTION IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XVI PAGES 3134 – 3141.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SWEETWATER, TEXAS, ADOPTING GUIDELINES FOR FILMING IN THE CITY OF SWEETWATER AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO UNDERTAKE THE ACTIONS CONTEMPLATED THEREIN INCLUDING ESTABLISHING RATE SCHEDULES WITHIN THE CITY MANAGER’S DISCRETION

8. City Manager’s Report

- A. Fourth of July – Sparks in the Park
- B. Neighborhood Refresh
- C. Lynn Barrett – Director or Planning and Operations

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9. Budget Workshop
 - A. Sage Diller with Enprotec/Hibbs & Todd made presentation regarding Water Utilities.
 - B. David Vela, City Manager made presentation regarding Budget.
10. Motion was made to adjourn by Mayor Pro Tem McPherson, seconded by Councilman Castro. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Jim McKenzie, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patty Torres, City Secretary

Persons signing register: Martin McDonell, Karen Hunt, Len Hobbs, Ollie Wilburn, Kathy Kirby, Cheryl Kirby, Miesha Adames, Steph Bock, Robert DeLeon, Sage Diller, Dana Stanley, Cory Stroman and Justin Clowers.