

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 19, 2023
9:00 A.M.**

The City Council of the City of Sweetwater, Texas, met in special session on Tuesday, September 19, 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
BECKY JIMENEZ, City Secretary
JEFF ALLEN, City Attorney

Staff Members present: Lisa Adames Assistant City Manager for Administration, Kirsta Koennecke Finance Director, Lynn Barrett Director of Planning and Operations, Eddy Campbell Utilities Director, Dewey Coy Fire Chief, Bryan Sheridan Chief of Police and Zach Adames IT Director.

1. Mayor McKenzie called the meeting to order.
2. Councilman Baker gave the invocation.
3. Mayor Pro Tem McPherson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and the Texas Flags.
4. Public Input: Noland Harvey spoke in regards to dam wall removed and no water is staying in Santa Fe Park, so no use in improving the Park.
5. Regular Agenda Items
 - A. Motion was made by Councilman Peek, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McPherson to approve a Resolution reviewing and approving the Investment Policy for Fiscal Year 2024. The motion carried unanimously.

COPY OF RESOLUTION IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XVI PAGES 3268 – 3284.

A RESOLUTION REVIEWING AND APPROVING THE CITY OF SWEETWATER INVESTMENT POLICY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024.

- B. Motion was made by Councilman Castro, seconded by Councilman Peek to approve an Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2022 – 2023 Budget. The motion carried unanimously.

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COPY OF ORDINANCE IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XVI PAGES 3285 – 3287.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF SWEETWATER FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2022 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2023.

- C. Motion was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McPherson to nominated the current Board of Directors for the Central Appraisal District of Nolan County for the term beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2025.

Sheldon Claborn
Patricia Kannel
Ken Becker
Domingo Castillo
Dennis Cumbie

The motion carried unanimously.

- D. Motion was made by Councilman Castro, seconded by Councilman Peek to approve an agreement between the City of Sweetwater and Sweetwater Independent School District for School Resource Officers and Safety and Security Consultation. The motion carried unanimously.

COPY OF AGREEMENT IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XVI PAGES 3288 – 3296.

- E. Motion was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McPherson to approve the street renaming of Sycamore Street in Creekside Subdivision to Sandro Buzzi Street. The motion carried unanimously.
- F. Mr. Andrew Friedman with Samco Capital spoke in regards to receiving 6 bidders. Bid was awarded to Robert W. Baird & Co., Incorporated.

Motion was made by Councilman Castro, seconded by Councilman Baker to approve an Ordinance providing for the sale and issuance of Combination Tax and Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2023; and ordaining other matters relating to the subject. The motion carried unanimously.

COPY OF ORDINANCE IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XVI PAGES 3297 – 3322.

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AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SALE AND ISSUANCE OF THE CITY OF SWEETWATER, TEXAS, COMBINATION TAX AND REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2023; AND ORDAINING OTHER MATTERS RELATING TO THE SUBJECT.

- G. Motion was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Castro to approve an Ordinance fixing and levying a tax for Fiscal Year 2023 – 2024. A record vote was taken as follows:

Mayor Pro Tem McPherson: For
Councilman Baker: For
Councilman Castro: For
Councilman Peek: For
Mayor McKenzie: For

The motion carried unanimously.

COPY OF ORDINANCE IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XVI PAGES 3323 – 3330.

AN ORDINANCE FIXING AND LEVYING A MUNICIPAL AD VALOREM TAX FOR THE TAX YEAR 2023 AT A RATE OF \$0.50715 PER ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) ASSESSED VALUE UPON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SWEETWATER, TEXAS

6. Motion was made to adjourn by Councilman Castro, seconded by Councilman Peek. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Jim McKenzie, Mayor

ATTEST:

Becky Jimenez, City Secretary

Persons signing register: Ethan Whittenburg, Mike McHugh, Noland Harvey and Andrew Friedman