

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
DECEMBER 12, 2023
9:00 A.M.**

The City Council of the City of Sweetwater, Texas, met in regular session on Tuesday, December 12, 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
RICKY CASTRO, Councilman
JEROD PEEK, Councilman
KERRY BAKER, 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, Bryan Sheridan Police Chief, Justin Clowers Interim Utilities Director, Dewey Coy Fire Chief, and Zach Adames IT Director.

1. Mayor McKenzie called the meeting to order.
2. Councilman Baker gave the invocation.
3. Councilman Peek led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and the Texas Flags.
4. Mayor McKenzie recognized the Future Sweetwater Participants.
5. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem McPherson, seconded by Councilman Peek to approve the minutes for the meeting held on October 10, 2023. The motion carried unanimously.
6. Public Input: None
7. Presentation was presented to City Council and Planning and Zoning Commission by Mr. Brian Mabry and Ms. Ashley Woolsey with Kendig Keast Collaborative regarding 2023 – 2024 Zoning and Land Use Ordinances.
8. Presentation was made by Sweetwater High School DECA students, Ms. Mallory Gibson and Mr. Brody Gibson regarding fundraiser for The Pool Project.
9. Consent Agenda Items

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Motion was made by Councilman Peek, seconded by Councilman Baker to approve the Consent Agenda Items 6A thru 6D. The motion carried unanimously.

- A. City Council to discuss, consider and act upon reappointment for Mr. Gil Cherry to the Planning and Zoning Board, for two-year term.
- B. City Council to discuss, consider and act upon reappointments for Mr. Terry Bennett, Mr. Gill Cherry, Mr. Keith Brock and Mr. Scott Morgan to the Board of Adjustment, for two-year terms.
- C. City Council to discuss, consider and act upon appointing Councilman John McPherson to the West Central Texas Council of Governments Board.
- D. City Council to discuss, consider and act upon reappointment for Larry Ludlum to the Civil Service Commission, term to begin January 1, 2024 and expires December 31, 2027.

10. Regular Agenda Items

- E. Motion was made by Councilman Peek, seconded by Councilman Baker to allocate votes for the Nolan County Central Appraisal District Board of Directors as follows:

Ken Becker 67
Domingo Castillo 66
Sheldon Claborn 66
Dennis Cumbie 66
Patricia Kannell 66

The motion carried unanimously.

- F. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem McPherson, seconded by Councilman Peek to approve an Ordinance contingent a fee contract with Perdue Brandon Fielder Collins & Mott LLP for the collection of delinquent municipal liens owed to the City of Sweetwater and notice of said contract is posted with the agenda in accordance with Section 2254 of the Government Code. The motion carried unanimously.

COPY OF ORDINANCE IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XVI PAGES 3332 – 3341.

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A FEE TO DEFRAY COSTS OF COLLECTING UNPAID MOWING, DEBRIS, AND DEMOLITION LIENS

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- G. Motion was made by Councilman Castro, seconded by Councilman Baker to approve the second amendment to contract for sale of treated water between the City of Sweetwater and the City of Trent. The motion carried unanimously.

COPY OF CONTRACT IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XVI PAGES 3342 – 3343.

- H. Motion was made by Councilman Peek, seconded by Councilman Castro to approve an Ordinance recognizing the dedication of parkland in the Creekside Subdivision, accepting and taking ownership of all improvements placed thereon, and amending the code of ordinances, Chapter 23 "Parks and Recreation" by adding to the existing section 23-1 entitled "Tracts of Land" a new subsection 23-1(6). The motion carried unanimously.

COPY OF ORDINANCE IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XVI PAGES 3344 – 3345.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SWEETWATER, TEXAS, RECOGNIZING THE DEDICATION OF PARKLAND IN THE CREEKSIDE SUBDIVISION, ACCEPTING AND TAKING OWNERSHIP OF ALL IMPROVEMENTS PLACED THEREON, AND AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 23 "PARKS AND RECREATION" BY ADDING TO THE EXISTING SECTION 23-1 ENTITLED "TRACTS OF LAND" A NEW SUBSECTION 23-1(6)."

11. City Manager's Report

- A. Newman Park Playground Equipment
- B. SNAP Christmas Grocery Bags
- C. Promotion – Sergeant Chance Strickland
- D. Code Enforcement Update

- 12. Motion was made to adjourn by Councilman Castro, seconded by Councilman Baker. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:46 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

Jim McKenzie, Mayor

Becky Jimenez, City Secretary

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Persons signing register: Future Sweetwater Participants, Karen Hunt, Brian Mabry, Ashley Woolsey, Ken Becker, Kathy Smartt, Nina Wilson, Mallory Gibson, Brody Gibson, Miesha Adames, Ethan Whittenburg, Gil Cherry, Jeff Stein, Larry Ludlum, Melanie Gibson, Larry Hopple, Patrick Fahy and Cory Stroman