

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
MAY 14, 2024
9:00 A.M.

The City Council of the City of Sweetwater, Texas, met in regular session on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, 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
KERRY BAKER, Councilman
STACY BOIL, Councilwoman

DAVID A. VELA, City Manager
JEFF ALLEN, City Attorney
BECKY JIMENEZ, City Secretary

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 Utilities Director, Miesha Adames SEED/MDD Executive Director 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. Mayor Pro Tem McPherson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and the Texas Flags.
4. Motion was made by Councilman Castro, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McPherson to approve the minutes for the meeting held on April 9, 2024. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Public Input: Mr. Larry May gave his appreciation to Dr. Jerod Peek for his 18 years of dedicated service to the City of Sweetwater City Council. Mr. May also welcomed Ms. Stacy Boil to the City Council.
6. Presentation was made by Sweetwater High School DECA students, Brody and Mallory Gibson regarding fundraisers, sponsors and expressed their appreciation to the community for all their support on the SHS DECA Pool Project. They presented a check for \$4,771.00 to Dana Stanley, Assistant Director of Operations for improvements to Sweetwater Municipal Pool.

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7. Regular Agenda Items:

- A. Oath of Office was administered by Jeff Allen, City Attorney to Mr. Kerry Baker, City Council Member District 2; and Ms. Stacy Boil, City Council Member District 4.

COPY OF OATHS OF OFFICE AND STATEMENTS OF OFFICER IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XVI PAGES 3394 – 3399.

- B. Nomination and Motion was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Castro to approve a Resolution appointing Councilman John McPherson as Mayor Pro – Tem for the City of Sweetwater, and prescribing the term thereof. The motion carried unanimously.

COPY OF RESOLUTION IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XVI PAGE 3400.

APPOINTING MAYOR PRO-TEM FOR THE CITY OF SWEETWATER AND PRESCRIBING THE TERM THEREOF.

- C. Motion was made by Councilman Castro, seconded by Councilman Baker to authorize soliciting bids for Asphalt Type CRS-2, CRS-2P, Fog Seal and Grade 4 crushed rock to be used for the Fiscal Year 2024 streets seal coating project. The motion carried unanimously.
- D. Motion was made by Councilman Castro, seconded by Councilwoman Boil to approve Mid-Year Agreed Upon Procedures Report for the period ended March 31, 2023, as prepared by Ms. Catherine Wilks, Certified Public Accountant, LLC. The motion carried unanimously.
- E. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem McPherson, seconded by Councilman Baker to approve Final Acceptance and Release of Retainage Funds for the Membrane Replacement & SCADA Improvements Project at the Water Treatment Plant (WTP) Funded thru the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF). The motion carried unanimously.
- F. Motion was made by Councilman Castro, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McPherson to approve Construction Contract Change Order No. 2 for the Membrane Replacement & SCADA Improvements Project at the Water Treatment Plant (WTP) Funded thru the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF). The motion carried unanimously.

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- G. Presentation was made by Lynn Barrett, Director of Planning and Operations regarding Code Enforcement Update.
- 8. City Manager's Report
 - A. Upgraded Police Fleet Laptops
 - B. Sweetwater ISD and School Resource Officers Received Perfect Audit for Security
 - C. Award by Nolan County Foundation to construct a 1/2 mile walking trail at Newman Park.
- 9. Motion was made to adjourn by Mayor Pro Tem McPherson, seconded by Councilman Castro. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:21 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Jim McKenzie, Mayor

ATTEST:

Becky Jimenez, City Secretary

Persons signing register: Catherine Wilks, Ethan Whittenburg, Miesha Adames, Nina Wilson, Larry May, Ollie Wilburn, Sage Diller, Janice Boil, Nick Boil, Misty King and Kathy Smartt