

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
JUNE 11, 2024  
9:00 A.M.**

The City Council of the City of Sweetwater, Texas, met in regular session on Tuesday, June 11, 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  
**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, Tad Baird Interim Fire Chief, Miesha Adames SEED/MDD Executive Director and Zach Adames IT Director.

1. Mayor McKenzie called the meeting to order.
2. Tyler Looney with First Methodist 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 Baker, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McPherson to approve the minutes for the meeting held on May 14, 2024. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Public Input: None
6. Regular Agenda Items:
  - A. Motion was made by Councilwoman Boil, seconded by Councilman Castro to approve a Resolution authorizing application for financial assistance from the Texas Water Development Board for water system improvements; and making certain findings in connection therewith. The motion carried unanimously.

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## **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD FOR WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS; AND MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.**

- B. Motion was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Castro to award bids as follows:

P2Emulsions was awarded bid for CRS-2P  
R E James was awarded bid for (62) Grade 4 Rock.

For the Fiscal Year 2023 streets seal coating project. The motion carried unanimously.

## **COPY OF BID SHEET IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XVI PAGE 3405.**

- C. Motion was made by Councilman Castro, seconded by Councilman Baker to approve 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 Group Health benefits to be considered at the Council's July 9, 2024 meeting. The motion carried 4-1. Mayor Pro Tem McPherson voted against.
- D. Motion was made by Councilman Castro, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McPherson to enter into a public hearing to discuss a request to rezone T & P Blk 21, a 6.013 acre tract, addressed as 3203 East Broadway Avenue, Sweetwater, Nolan County, Texas from "A" Dwelling District to "K" Industrial District. The motion carried unanimously.

Lynn Barrett, Director of Planning and Operations spoke about the request to rezone property. Staff recommendation was to approve request.

Kate Bennett spoke against the rezoning request. She expressed concerns regarding her family's health from the fumes of the fueling station and their safety from the extra traffic that will occur.

Seth Mahaffey spoke in regards to his company's plans for a fueling station and future use for a mechanical shop at said property.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem McPherson, seconded by Councilman Castro to close the public hearing and enter into regular session. The motion carried unanimously.

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- E. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem McPherson, seconded by Councilman Castor to approve request to Rezone T & P Blk 21, a 6.013 acre tract, addressed as 3203 East Broadway Avenue, Sweetwater, Nolan County, Texas from "A" Dwelling District to "K" Industrial District. The motion carried unanimously.
  - F. Presentation was made by Lynn Barrett, Director of Planning and Operations regarding Code Enforcement Update.
  - G. Mayor McKenzie made the Motion to appoint Samantha Morrow, Interim City Attorney for the City of Sweetwater, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McPherson. The motion carried unanimously.
7. City Manager's Report
- A. Dog Days of Summer
  - B. Fourth of July – Sparks in the Park
8. Budget Workshop
- A. Sage Diller with Enprotec/Hibbs & Todd made presentation regarding Water Utilities.
  - B. David Vela, City Manager made presentation regarding Budget.
9. Motion was made to adjourn by Councilwoman Boil, seconded by Councilman Castro. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:42 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

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Jim McKenzie, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Becky Jimenez, City Secretary

Persons signing register: Dana Stanley, Nancy Johnson, Sage Diller, Seth Mahaffey, Karen Hunt, Tyler Looney, Kate Bennett, Ethan Whittenburg, Samantha Morrow and Kit Bennett.