

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
JULY 9, 2024
9:00 A.M.

The City Council of the City of Sweetwater, Texas, met in regular session on Tuesday, July 9, 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

LISA ADAMES, Assistant City Manager
BECKY JIMENEZ, City Secretary

ABSENT: David A. Vela, City Manager

Staff Members Present: 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. Kathy Monroe with First Presbyterian Church gave the invocation.
3. Councilwoman Boil 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 June 11, 2024. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Public Input: Karen Hunt, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director thanked the City of Sweetwater for their support for the Sparks in the Park Event. She thanked the City for the use of the Sweetwater Municipal Pool, Dana Stanley, Assistant Director for Operations and his team, the Police Department, and the Fire Department. She expressed her appreciation and said the City did an awesome job preparing for the event.
6. Presentation was virtually presented to City Council by Mr. Brian Mabry and Ms. Ashley Woolsey with Kendig Keast Collaborative on the mid-point project update for the Zoning and Land Use Ordinance.

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7. Regular Agenda Items:

- A. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem McPherson, seconded by Councilwoman Boil to approve the Quarterly Investment Report for the quarter ended June 30, 2024. The motion carried unanimously.

COPY OF REPORT IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XVI PAGE 3406.

- B. City Council to receive insurance proposals for health, dental and life benefits for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. No action was taken.
- C. Lynn Barrett, Director of Planning and Operations was sworn in by Interim City Attorney, Samantha Morrow for her testimony regarding the dilapidated structures.

- Prop. 1: Motion was made by Councilman Castro, seconded by Councilwoman Boil to enter into public hearing for 609 West Ninth Street. The motion carried unanimously.

Lynn Barrett, Director of Planning and Operations explained the building code issues for the property along with visuals of the property and structure. Based on the property inspections staff determined that the structure(s) contain nuisance conditions that constitute a hazard to the health, safety and welfare of the citizen and likely to endanger persons and property, and structure is dilapidated, substandard and/or unfit for human habitation, constitutes a hazard to the health, safety and welfare of the citizen and likely to endanger persons and property.

Public Comment on described property: 609 West Ninth Street
None

Motion was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McPherson to close the public hearing. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Boil, seconded by Councilman Castro for declaration of dilapidation and/or deterioration and unfit for human habitation and order repair, rehabilitation or demolition of 609 West Ninth Street within 35 days from date of Order. The motion carried unanimously.

- D. Presentation was made by Lynn Barrett, Director of Planning and Operations regarding Code Enforcement Update.

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8. City Manager's Report
 - A. SNAP Summer Fan Drive
 - B. Promotions – Jeremy Bohall, Brayden Beal and Curtis Hamlin promoted to Corporal

9. Motion was made to adjourn by Councilman Castro, seconded by Councilman Baker. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:38 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Jim McKenzie, Mayor

ATTEST:

Becky Jimenez, City Secretary

Persons signing register: Cory Stroman, Karen Hunt, Nancy Johnson, Ethan Whittenburg, Ray Salinas, Robert Soto, Jessica Nelson, Dana Stanley, Brayden Beal, Andrew Davis, Hunter Cox.