

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**AUGUST 13, 2024**  
**9:00 A.M.**

The City Council of the City of Sweetwater, Texas, met in regular session on Tuesday, August 13, 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  
**KERRY BAKER**, Councilman

**DAVID VELA**, City Manager  
**LISA ADAMES**, Assistant City Manager  
**BECKY JIMENEZ**, City Secretary

**ABSENT:** Ricky Castro, Councilman  
Stacy Boil, Councilwoman

Staff Members Present: Kirsta Koennecke Finance Director, Bryan Sheridan Police Chief, Justin Clowers Utilities Director, Tad Baird Fire Chief, Miesha Adames SEED/MDD Executive Director, Zach Adames IT Director and Kathleen Cox.

1. Mayor McKenzie called the meeting to order.
2. Assistant Police Chief, Cory Stroman gave the invocation.
3. Councilmember Baker led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and the Texas Flags.
4. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem McPherson, seconded by Councilman Baker to approve the minutes for the meeting held on July 9, 2024. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Public Input: None
6. Police Chief Bryan Sheridan presented Life Saving Awards to Officer Jeremy Wofford and Officer John Breed.
7. Regular Agenda Items:
  - A. Motion was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McPherson to award proposals for Group Health, Vision and Dental Benefits for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 which remained the same. The motion carried unanimously.
  - B. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem McPherson, seconded by Councilman Baker to authorize City staff to receive bids for the Lake Sweetwater Store

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Concession Lease which will expire June, 2025. The motion carried unanimously.

- C. Motion was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McPherson to approve the Meet and Confer Agreement between the City of Sweetwater and the Sweetwater Police Officers Association. The motion carried unanimously.

**COPY OF AGREEMENT IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XVI PAGES 3407-3421.**

- D. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem McPherson, seconded by Councilman Baker to approve a Resolution reviewing and approving the Financial Policy and Federal Grant Procurement Policy for Fiscal Year 2025. The motion carried unanimously.

**COPY OF RESOLUTION IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XVI PAGES 3422 – 3455.**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SWEETWATER, TEXAS, APPROVING THE FINANCIAL POLICY AND FEDERAL GRANT PROCUREMENT POLICY, ATTACHED AS EXHIBIT A; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALING CAUSE; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

- E. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem McPherson, seconded by Councilman Baker to approve a Resolution reviewing and approving the Investment Policy for Fiscal Year 2025. The motion carried unanimously.

**COPY OF RESOLUTION IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XVI PAGES 3456 – 3472.**

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

- F. Motion was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McPherson to approve a proposal of \$0.506817 cents per \$100 of valuation and to schedule a public hearing for September 10, 2024 and a second hearing and adoption date of September 17, 2024. A record vote was taken as follows:

Mayor Pro Tem McPherson: For  
Councilman Castro: Absent  
Councilman Baker: For

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Councilwoman Boil: Absent

Mayor McKenzie: For

The motion carried unanimously.

- G. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem McPherson, seconded by Councilman Baker to schedule a public hearing for September 10, 2024 on the proposed budget for Fiscal Year Ending 2024-2025. The motion carried unanimously.
- H. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem McPherson, seconded by Councilman Baker to approve an Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement between the Sweetwater Independent School District and Sweetwater Enterprise for Economic Development-Municipal Development District dated April 9, 2024. The motion carried unanimously.
- I. Motion was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McPherson to approve soliciting annual bids for fuel, oil and lubrication products and hot mix cold lay asphalt for Fiscal Year 2024 – 2025. The motion carried unanimously.

## 8. City Manager's Report

- A. Council Meetings – September 10 and 17, 2024
- B. Municipal Pool Closing – August 11, 2024
- C. Former Criminal Investigation Division at Municipal Auditorium Officially Recognized as The Jim & Scharles Kelley Art Room & Criminal Investigation Division.
- D. New Police Truck
- E. Fire Department Promotions – Chris Taylor, Training/Safety Officer and Eric Medina, A-Shift Lieutenant
- F. Tad Baird – Fire Chief

- 9. Motion was made to adjourn by Mayor Pro Tem McPherson, seconded by Councilman Baker. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:27 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

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Jim McKenzie, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Becky Jimenez, City Secretary

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Persons signing register: Ethan Whittenburg, Nancy Johnson, Trent Poindexter, Jeanie McPherson, Taylor Miller, Bill Miller John Kirgis, Karen Hunt, Dana Stanley, Cory Stroman, John Breed and Jeremy Wofford.