

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 10, 2024
9:00 A.M.**

The City Council of the City of Sweetwater, Texas, met in regular session on Tuesday, September 10, 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
STACY BOIL, Councilwoman

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

ABSENT: Ricky Castro, Councilman

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. 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 Baker, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McPherson to approve the minutes for the meeting held on August 13, 2024. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Public Input: None
6. Presentation was made by Mr. Andrew Friedman with SAMCO Capital and Mr. Sage Diller with Enprotec Hibbs & Todd regarding Streets Project.
7. Regular Agenda Items:
 - A. Motion was made by Councilwoman Boil, seconded by Councilman Baker to approve a Resolution approving the annual Rate Review Mechanism (RRM) rate increase from Atmos Mid-Tex. The motion carried unanimously.

COPY OF RESOLUTION IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XVI PAGE 3473 - 3477.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SWEEWATER, TEXAS, APPROVING A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT BETWEEN THE ATMOS CITIES STEERING COMMITTEE ("ACSC") AND ATMOS ENERGY CORP., MID-TEX DIVISION REGARDING THE COMPANY'S 2024 RATE REVIEW MECHANISM FILING; DECLARING EXISTING RATES TO BE UNREASONABLE; ADOPTING TARIFFS THAT REFLECT RATE ADJUSTMENTS CONSISTENT WITH THE NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT; FINDING THE RATES TO BE SET BY THE ATTACHED SETTLEMENT TARIFFS TO BE JUST AND REASONABLE AND IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST; APPROVING AN ATTACHMENT ESTABLISHING A BENCHMARK FOR PENSIONS AND RETIREE MEDICAL BENEFITS; REQUIRING THE COMPANY TO REIMBURSE ACSC'S REASONABLE RATEMAKING EXPENSES; DETERMINING THAT THIS RESOLUTION WAS PASSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; ADOPTING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND REQUIRING DELIVERY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE COMPANY AND THE ACSC'S LEGAL COUNSEL.

- B. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem McPherson, seconded by Councilwoman Boil to enter into a public hearing to consider and discuss the Fiscal Year 2024 – 2025 Proposed Budget for the City of Sweetwater. The motion carried unanimously.

There were no public comments.

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

- C. Motion was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilwoman Boil to enter into a public hearing to consider and discuss the Proposed Tax rate of \$0.506817 (cents) per \$100 valuation for Tax Year 2024. The motion carried unanimously.

There were no public comments.

Motion was made by Councilwoman Boil, seconded by Councilman Baker to close the public hearing and enter into regular session. The motion carried unanimously.

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- D. Motion was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McPherson to approve a Resolution on the Central Rate Schedule for the 2024-2025 Budget. The motion carried unanimously.

COPY OF RESOLUTION IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XVI PAGE 3478 – 3502.

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING AND RATIFYING THE CENTRAL RATE SCHEDULE FOR THE VARIOUS FEES, LICENSES, PERMITS AND RATES CHARGED BY THE CITY OF SWEETWATER, TEXAS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 AND ADOPTING SUCH CENTRAL RATE SCHEDULE.

- E. Motion was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilwoman Boil to approve an Ordinance to adopt the Fiscal Year End 2024 – 2025 Budget for the City of Sweetwater. A record vote was taken as follows:

Mayor Pro Tem McPherson: For
Councilman Castro: Absent
Councilman Baker: For
Councilwoman Boil: For
Mayor McKenzie: For

The motion carried unanimously.

COPY OF ORDINANCE IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XVI PAGE 3503.

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF SWEETWATER FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2024 AND ENIDNG SEPTEMBER 30, 2025.

- F. Motion was made by Councilwoman Boil, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McPherson to approve Appropriations Ordinance for the Fiscal Year End 2024-2025 for the City of Sweetwater. The motion carried unanimously.

COPY OF ORDINANCE IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XVI PAGE 3504.

AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATION FOR THE SUPPORT TO THE CITY GOVERNMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2024 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2025.

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- G. Motion was made by Councilwoman Boil, seconded by Councilman Baker to award staff recommended bids for fuel, oil and lubrication products and hot mix cold lay asphalt for Fiscal Year 2024 – 2025. The motion carried unanimously.

United Oil and Grease was awarded bid for regular and diesel fuel.
Vulcan Materials was awarded bid for hot mix cold lay asphalt.
Western Marketing was awarded oil and lubrication products.

- H. Miesha Adames, Executive Director of Sweetwater Enterprise for Economic Development/Municipal Development District made Budget presentation. Motion was made by Councilwoman Boil, seconded by Councilman Baker to approve Sweetwater Enterprise for Economic Development/Municipal Development District Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. The motion carried unanimously.

- I. Motion was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McPherson to approve the 2024 – 2026 Sweetwater Enterprise for Economic Development/Municipal Development District Program of Work.

- J. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem McPherson, seconded by Councilman Baker to approve an amendment to the Sweetwater Enterprise for Economic Development/Municipal Development District 2023-2024 fiscal year budget. The motion carried unanimously.

- K. Motion was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem McPherson to approve reappointment of Mr. David A. Vela and Ms. Carolyn Lawrence and appointment of Ms. Ginger Paty to the Sweetwater Enterprise for Economic Development/Municipal Development District Board of Directors, effective October 1, 2024, with terms expiring September 30, 2026. The motion carried unanimously.

- L. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem McPherson, seconded by Councilman Baker to approve entering into by and between political subdivisions of this state (Pool Members) to form a joint self-insurance pool to be named the Texas Municipal League Joint Cyber Liability and Data Breach Response Self-Insurance Fund for the purpose of providing coverages against risks which are inherent in operating a political subdivision. The motion carried unanimously.

8. City Manager's Report

- A. National Night Out – October 1, 2024
- B. Animal Shelter Accepting Donations

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- C. WASP Legacy Ride
- D. Police Department Promotion – Eli Cunningham Promoting to Corporal

9. Motion was made to adjourn by Councilwoman Boil, seconded by Councilman Baker. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Jim McKenzie, Mayor

ATTEST:

Becky Jimenez, City Secretary

Persons signing register: Shaun Martin, Ethen Whittenburg, Ollie Wilburn, Sage Diller and Karen Hunt.