

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 17, 2024
9:00 A.M.**

The City Council of the City of Sweetwater, Texas, met in special 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
RICKY CASTRO, Councilman
STACY BOIL, Councilwoman

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

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

1. Mayor McKenzie called the meeting to order.
2. Assistant Chief of Police, Cory Stroman gave the invocation.
3. Councilman Baker led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and the Texas Flags.
4. Public Input: None
5. Presentation was made by Sweetwater High School DECA students, Brody and Mallory Gibson presenting Newman Park Basketball Court Project.
6. Regular Agenda Items:
 - A. Motion was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilwoman Boil to approve an Ordinance fixing and levying a tax for Fiscal Year 2024 – 2025. A record vote was taken as follows:

Mayor Pro Tem McPherson: For
Councilman Castro: For
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 PAGES 3505 – 3507.

AN ORDINANCE FIXING AND LEVYING A MUNICIPAL AD VALOREM TAX FOR THE TAX YEAR 2024 AT A RATE OF \$0.506817 PER ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) ASSESSED VALUE UPON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SWEETWATER, TEXAS.

- B. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem McPherson, seconded by Councilwoman Boil to approve approving an Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2023 – 2024 Budget. The motion carried unanimously.

COPY OF ORDINANCE IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XVI PAGE 3508.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF SWEETWATER FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2023 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2024.

7. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem McPherson, seconded by Councilman Castro to enter into closed session at 9:16 a.m. in accordance with Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, to consult with its attorney on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the City Council under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter, to wit, the legal position of the City with regard to Legal Issues. The motion carried unanimously.
8. Motion was made by Councilman Castro, seconded by Councilwoman Boil to reconvene into regular session at 9:54 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.
9. Motion was made to adjourn by Councilwoman Boil, seconded by Councilman Castro. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

Jim McKenzie, Mayor

Becky Jimenez, City Secretary

Persons signing register: Cory Stroman, Dana Stanley, Ethan Whittenburg, Nina Wilson, Brody Gibson, Mallory Gibson, Blair Gibson and Karen Hunt.