

**CITY OF SWEETWATER, TEXAS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
AGENDA**

The City Council of the City of Sweetwater, Texas, will meet in regular session on Tuesday, August 18, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. via GoToMeeting videoconferencing in Sweetwater, TX.

On March 16, 2020, Governor Greg Abbott suspended several provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act for the duration of his statewide declaration of disaster, including the new requirement (added by H.B. 2840 last legislative session) that the public has a right to speak in person on agenda items.

This meeting will be closed to in person attendance by the public. A temporary suspension of certain provisions of the Open Meetings Act to allow telephone or videoconference public meetings has been granted by Governor Greg Abbott. These actions are being taken to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 by avoiding meetings that bring people into a group setting and in accordance with Section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code.

You may view the meeting by going to <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/146311205>.

You may call in to provide comments during any posted public hearing by calling 866 899 4679 (Access Code: 146-311-205) or you may submit your written comments up to one hour before the beginning of the meeting to be read during public comments by emailing them to Licensing@coswtr.org.

A recording of the video conference will be made and will be available to the public in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.

1. Call to order.
2. Invocation.
3. Pledges of Allegiance to the Flags of the United States of America and the State of Texas.
4. City Council to discuss, consider and act upon approval of minutes for meetings held on July 14, 2020, and July 29, 2020.
5. Public Comments and Receipt of Petitions: [you may submit your written comments up to one hour before the beginning of the meeting to be read during public comments by emailing them to Licensing@coswtr.org .]
6. Presentation – Present *Sweetwater Reporter* “Readers’ Choice Awards” to Mr. Chad Baxter and Detective Ray Cornutt
7. Action Items:
 - A. City Council to receive proposals on Self-Insured Group Health Employee Benefits for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.
 - B. City Council to consider, discuss and schedule a public hearing for September 8, 2020, on the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year Ending 2020-2021.

- C. City Council to discuss and consider setting public hearing for September 8, 2020, to discuss the Proposed Tax Rate of \$0.544 per \$100 valuation for Tax Year 2020.
- D. City Council to discuss, consider and act upon authorizing staff to receive competitive sealed bids for fuel, oil and lubrication products and hot mix cold lay asphalt for use from October 2020 through September, 2021, and to advertise in the newspaper August 19, 2020, and August 26, 2020, and opening bids at a public meeting on September 8, 2020.
- E. City Council to discuss, consider and act upon approving CARES Act funds to purchase Records Management software, computer hardware, and radio equipment for Police and Fire Departments.
- F. City Council to discuss, consider and act upon approval of contract with the Financial Advisor SAMCO Capital Markets, Inc. in support of the City of Sweetwater's Texas Water Development Board Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund projects.
- G. City Council to discuss, consider and act upon approval of contracts with the Bond Counsel McCall Parkhurst & Horton in support of the City of Sweetwater's Texas Water Development Board Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund projects.
- H. City Council to discuss, consider and act upon approval of contracts with the engineering firm Enprotec/Hibbs & Todd Inc. in support of the City of Sweetwater's Texas Water Development Board Clean Water and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Projects.
- I. City Council to discuss, consider and award bid for East Landfill Driveway Approach Project to COE Construction Company in the amount of \$38,560.00, and authorize City Manager to execute contract.
- J. City Council to discuss, consider and act upon approval of home developer incentive agreement with Villafranca Construction.
- K. City Council to discuss, consider and act upon funding for Asbestos Abatement Services for four commercial property locations:
1. 1500/1502 East Broadway Street
 2. 1912 East Broadway Street
 3. 3211 West Broadway Street
 4. 3307 West Broadway Street
- L. City Council to discuss, consider and award bids for asbestos abatement services for commercial structures located on Broadway Street previously declared as dangerous/dilapidated and substandard structures, and award bid to lowest responsible best bidder as recommended by the Municipal Development District (MDD), and authorize City Manager to execute contract.
- M. City Council to discuss, consider and act upon approval for funding Asbestos Abatement Consulting Services in the amount not to exceed \$21,809.50.
- N. Ordinance: City Council to discuss, consider and act upon adopting amendments to Code of Ordinances for Chapter 17 – Licenses and Business Regulations, Article IV,

public amusements, special events license including shows, exhibits, parades and other performances of the City of Sweetwater Code of Ordinances; providing severability and an effective date for the purpose of special events and facility use agreements, adopting or approving an Application Agreement and Facility Use Agreement relating to the Code of Ordinance Chapter 17 – Special Events, and amending the Central Rate Fee to incorporate the fees for the permits.

O. **Ordinance:** City Council to discuss, consider and act upon adopting amendments to Code of Ordinances for Chapter 25 – Streets and Sidewalks of the City of Sweetwater Code of Ordinances by adding Article VII – Street Use License; providing severability and an effective date for the purpose of street closure events, adopting or approving a Special Event Application Agreement for Street Closure Events relating to the Code of Ordinance Chapter 25 – Streets and Sidewalks Article VII and amending the Central Rate Fee to incorporate the fees for the permits.

8. **City Manager's Report.**

- A. Update on Landfill Development
- B. Fiscal Year 2021 Budget

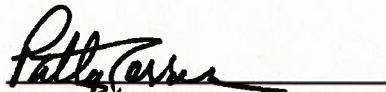
9. **Closed Session:** Called in accordance with Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, **CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY; CLOSED MEETING.** The City Council will meet in closed session to consult with its attorney on a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the City Council under the Texas Disciplinary 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 solid waste collection services.

10. **Reconvene**

11. **City Council to discuss, consider and act upon approving an ordinance awarding a solid waste management franchise and agreement to Republic Services, Inc. to provide for solid waste management services for the City of Sweetwater to specifically include residential refuse collection, commercial refuse collection and industrial roll-off container services, approving the proposed rate structure and timeline for transition of services, terminating certain agreements related to continued collection by the City, and authorizing the City Manager to execute all necessary documents in connection therewith.**

12. **Adjournment.**

In accordance with Texas Government Code Chapter 551.041, the regular City Council meeting agenda was prepared and posted on the 14th day of August 2020, at 5:00 P.M.


Patty Torres, City Secretary

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Pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, the City of Sweetwater reserves the right to consult in closed session with its attorney to receive legal advice regarding a matter in which the duty of the attorney to the governmental body under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with this chapter, to include any item listed on this agenda.

