

## **CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**

**October 13, 2020**

**9:00 A.M.**

The City Council of the City of Sweetwater, Texas met on October 13, 2020 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  
**KERRY BAKER**, Councilman  
**LARRY MAY**, Councilman

**PETE SHERIDAN**, City Attorney  
**DAVID A. VELA**, City Manager  
**PATTY TORRES**, City Secretary

Member on Videoconference: **RICKY CASTRO**, Councilman

ABSENT: **JEROD PEEK**, Mayor Pro Tem

Staff Members present: Public Works Director Russell Jones, Interim Chief of Police Matt Counts, Fire Chief Grant Madden, Utilities Director Eddy Campbell, Director of Administrative Services Lisa Adames, Director of Planning & Development Services Dana Schoening, SNAP Director Tonya Challis and IT Director Zach Adames.

1. Mayor McKenzie called the meeting to order.
2. Richard Acuna with Avondale Baptist Church gave the invocation.
3. Councilman Baker led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and the Texas Flags.
4. Motion was made by Councilman May, seconded by Councilman Baker to approve the minutes for meetings held on September 8, 2020 and September 15, 2020. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Public Input: Michael Hill spoke about water bill being late and cut off, fees he had to pay and his treatment at water office.
6. Regular Agenda Items
  - A. Motion was made by Councilman May, seconded by Councilman Baker to approve the Quarterly Investment Report for the quarter ended September 30, 2020. The motion carried unanimously.

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- B. Motion was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman May to approve reappointment of Ms. Janice Gesin and appointment of Ms. Sharmaine Carrington whose terms will expire October 2022, as Commissioners of the Housing Authority of the City of Sweetwater. The motion carried unanimously.
  
- C. Motion was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Castro to approve a Resolution of the City of Council of the City of Sweetwater, Texas, supporting the passage of legislation during the 87<sup>th</sup> Regular Session of the Texas Legislature (2021), to allow for the expenditure of municipal hotel occupancy tax revenue by the City for construction of improvements in municipal parks. The motion carried unanimously.

**COPY OF RESOLUTION IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XV PAGES 2154-2155.**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SWEETWATER, TEXAS, SUPPORTING THE PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION DURING THE 87TH REGULAR SESSION OF THE TEXAS LEGISLATURE (2021), TO ALLOW FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF MUNICIPAL HOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX REVENUE BY THE CITY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS IN MUNICIPAL PARKS.**

- D. Motion was made by Councilman May, seconded by Councilman Baker to accept and release of retainage funds for the water line replacement project completed by Roberts Construction for the TWDB DWSRF Water System Improvements Project, contingent upon funding agency concurrence. The motion carried unanimously.
7. City Manager's Report
- A. Lake Sweetwater Fish Report
  - B. Solid Waste Services Update
  - C. Splash Pad Closing Update
  - D. Removal of Dilapidated Structures
  - E. Police Chief Hiring Update
8. Motion was made by Councilman May, seconded by Councilman Baker to enter into closed session at 9:24 a.m. in accordance with Texas Government Code, Section 551.074 ("Personal Matters") and Texas Government Code, Section 551.087 ("Economic Development Matters") 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 the act, to include the following purposes:

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Discussion and Evaluation of the performance, employment Agreement, Salary and/or Benefits of the City Manager and discussion regarding Economic Development Matters.

9. Motion was made by Councilman Castro, seconded by Councilman Baker to reconvene into regular session at 10:09 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.
10. Motion was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Castro to amend the City Manager's Employment Agreement, Salary and/or Benefits. The motion carried unanimously.

**COPY OF AGREEMENT IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XV PAGES 2156-2164.**

11. Councilman May made a motion, seconded by Councilman Castro to adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

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Jim McKenzie, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Patty Torres, City Secretary

Persons signing register: Michael D. Hill, Richard Acuna, Sage Diller, Ken Becker, Miesha Adames, Janice Boil and Joe Spano