

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**April 13, 2021**  
**9:00 A.M.**

The City Council of the City of Sweetwater, Texas, met in regular session on Tuesday, April 13, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. via GoToMeeting videoconferencing in Sweetwater, TX and had the following members present:

**JIM MCKENZIE**, Mayor  
**JEROD PEEK**, Mayor Pro Tem  
**KERRY BAKER**, Councilman  
**LARRY MAY**, Councilman

**RICKY CASTRO**, Councilman  
**DAVID A. VELA**, City Manager  
**PATTY TORRES**, City Secretary  
**JEFF ALLEN**, City Attorney

Staff Members present: Chief of Police Bryan Sheridan, Utilities Director Eddy Campbell, Director of Administrative Services Lisa Adames, Director of Planning & Development Services, Dana Schoening and IT Director Zach Adames.

1. Mayor McKenzie called the meeting to order.
2. Jim Cargile with Life House Ministry Emmanuel Fellowship gave the invocation.
3. Councilman May 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 meeting held on March 9, 2021. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Public Input: None

This meeting was 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 was granted by Governor Greg Abbott. These actions were 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.

6. Motion was made Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman May to approve appointment of Mr. Jeff Allen as City Attorney, and authorizing the Mayor to negotiate and execute professional services agreement with Mr. Allen. The motion carried unanimously.

Patty Torres, City Secretary swore in Mr. Allen as City Attorney for the City of Sweetwater.

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**COPY OF OATH OF OFFICE AND STATEMENT OF OFFICER IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XV PAGES 2328 - 2329.**

### 7. Regular Agenda Items

- A. Motion was made by Councilman Castro, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peek to approve the Quarterly Investment Report for the quarter ending March 31, 2021. The motion carried unanimously.
- B. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman Baker to award the only bid received for Lake Sweetwater lake lot #149 to Mr. Jeff Oswalt for \$3,100.00. The motion carried unanimously.
- C. Chief of Police, Bryan Sheridan spoke about the need for additional part-time Communication officer positions.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman May to approved the addition of two (2) part-time Communication Officer positions in the Police Department. The motion carried unanimously.

- D. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman Baker to adopt an ordinance authorizing the issuance of the City's Combination Tax and Surplus Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series 2021A to finance improvements to the City's drinking water system; approving the sale of the Certificates to the Texas Water Development Board; approving the use of an Escrow Agreement and a Agent/Registrar Agreement; pledging certain revenues for the payment of the Certificates; and enacting other provisions relating to the issuance and sale of the Certificates. The motion carried unanimously.

**COPY OF ORDINANCE IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XV PAGES 2330 - 2365.**

**AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF CITY OF SWEETWATER, TEXAS COMBINATION TAX AND SURPLUS REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2021A, IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$2,187,000 TO FUND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CITY'S DRINKING WATER SYSTEM AND AWARDING THE SALE OF SUCH CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION TO THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD**

- E. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman May to adopt an Ordinance authorizing the issuance of the City's Combination Tax and Surplus Revenue Certificates of Obligation, Series

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2021B to finance improvements to the City's sewer system; approving the sale of the Certificates to the Texas Water Development Board; approving the use of an Escrow agreement and a Paying Agent/Registrar Agreement; pledging certain revenues for the payment of the Certificates; and enacting other provisions relating to the issuance and sale of the Certificates. The motion carried unanimously.

**COPY OF ORDINANCE IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XV PAGES 2366 - 2402.**

**AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF CITY OF SWEETWATER, TEXAS COMBINATION TAX AND SURPLUS REVENUE CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION, SERIES 2021B, IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$2,400,000 TO FUND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CITY'S SEWER SYSTEM AND AWARDING THE SALE OF SUCH CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION TO THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD.**

- F. Motion was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman Castro to approve Resolution authorizing public auction and list of surplus items. The motion carried unanimously.

**COPY OF RESOLUTION IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XV PAGES 2403 - 2404.**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SWEETWATER, TEXAS DECLARING CERTAIN CITY PROPERTY SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SAID PROPERTY IN THE MANNER MOST ADVANTAGEOUS TO THE CITY OF SWEETWATER; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

- G. Motion was made by Councilman May, seconded by Councilman Castro to approve resignation of Ms. Janice Gesin from the Board of Commissioners for the Sweetwater Housing Authority and appointing Ms. Carol Gotcher for the remaining term which will expire in October, 2022. The motion carried unanimously.

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

- A. Bond Election – May 1, 2021
- B. Splash pad and swimming pool opening updates
- C. Police and Fire Vehicles

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9. Councilman Castro made a motion, seconded by Councilman Baker to adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:25 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: Jim Cargile, John McPherson, Lori Kinsey, Rachel Newberry and Samantha Meyers