

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

July 13, 2021

9:00 A.M.

The City Council of the City of Sweetwater, Texas, met in regular session on Tuesday, July 13, 2021, 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
JEROD PEEK, Mayor Pro Tem
JOHN MCPHERSON, Councilman
KERRY BAKER, Councilman

DAVID A. VELA, City Manager
PATTY TORRES, City Secretary
JEFF ALLEN, City Attorney

ABSENT: RICKY CASTRO, Councilman

Staff Members present: Lisa Adames Assistant City Manager for Administration, Dana Schoening Assistant City Manager for Operations, Bryan Sheridan Chief of Police, Eddy Campbell Utilities Director, Grant Madden Fire Chief, Tonya Challis SNAP Director, and Zach Adames IT Director.

1. Mayor McKenzie called the meeting to order.
2. Fire Chief Grant Madden gave the invocation.
3. Councilman Baker led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and the Texas Flags.
4. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman Baker to approve the minutes for meeting held on June 15, 2021. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Public Input: None
6. City's Financial Advisor, Mr. Andrew Friedman with SAMCO, discussed financing strategies for the purchase of a new fire truck.
7. Regular Agenda Items
 - A. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman Baker to approve the Quarterly Investment Report for the quarter ended June 30, 2021. The motion carried unanimously.

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- B. Motion was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peek to enter into an agreement with Tommy Morris Agency to act as City's Broker of Record for insurance purposes, and to evaluate competitive sealed proposals for Self-Insured Group Health benefits to be considered at the Council's August 10, 2021 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.
- C. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman Baker to authorize staff to receive competitive sealed proposals for health insurance benefits and receive recommendations from Broker of Record at the September 14, 2021, meeting.
- D. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman McPherson to approve an Ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 2007-3, Section 10-40 - Response time requirements for Fire Department personnel. The motion carried unanimously.

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AN ORDINANCE REPEALING PRIOR ORDINANCE 2007-3 PROVIDING FOR RESPONSE TIME REQUIREMENTS FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

- E. Motion was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman McPherson to approve authorization for the City of Sweetwater to issue requests for proposals (RFP) for administrative services and requests for qualifications (RFQs) for professional services for the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The motion carried unanimously.
8. City Manager's Report
- A. High Weed Emergency Abatements
 - B. Mosquito Control
 - C. "Sparks in the Park"
 - D. West Central Texas Council of Governments – SNAP Compliance Report
9. Councilman Baker made a motion, seconded by Councilman McPherson to adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:43 am. The motion carried unanimously.

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Jim McKenzie, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patty Torres, City Secretary

Persons signing register: Tommy Parker, Nancy Johnson, and Kristy Tyra