

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
OCTOBER 12, 2021
9:00 A.M.**

The City Council of the City of Sweetwater, Texas, met in regular session on Tuesday, October 12, 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
RICKY CASTRO, Councilman

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

ABSENT: Kerry Baker

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, SNAP Director Tonya Challis and Zach Adames IT Director.

1. Mayor McKenzie called the meeting to order.
2. Ryan Strebeck with United Methodist Church gave the invocation.
3. Councilman McPherson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and the Texas Flags.
4. Motion was made by Councilman Castro, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peek to approve the minutes for meetings held on September 14, 2021 and September 21, 2021. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Public Input: None
6. Regular Agenda Items
 - A. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman McPherson approving the Quarterly Investment Report for the Quarter ended September 30, 2021. The motion carried unanimously.

COPY OF REPORT IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XV PAGE 2548.

- B. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman McPherson to approve reappointments of Ms. Cheri Roden, Ms. Carole

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Stuart and Mr. Jody Walton to the Board of Commissioners for the Sweetwater Housing Authority, for two-year terms. The motion carried unanimously.

- C. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman Castro to approve a Resolution joining with the State of Texas and Political Subdivisions of the State as a party in the Texas Opioid Settlement Agreements secured by the office of the Attorney General; authorizing the City Manager to execute settlement participation forms; and establishing an Effective Date. The motion carried unanimously.

COPY OF RESOLUTION IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XV PAGES 2549 – 2601.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SWEETWATER, TEXAS ("CITY") JOINING WITH THE STATE OF TEXAS AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF THE STATE AS A PARTY IN THE TEXAS OPIOID SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS SECURED BY THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE SETTLEMENT PARTICIPATION FORMS; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

- D. Motion was made by Councilman McPherson, seconded by Councilman Mayor Pro Tem Peek to approve extended Airport Lease Agreement with Robert F. Elliot, dba Avenger Aviation Services, retroactive to August 15, 2021. The motion carried unanimously.

COPY OF AGREEMENT IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XV PAGES 2602 – 2603.

- E. Nomination was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek to nominate Mr. Ken Becker to the Nolan County Central Appraisal District Board of Directors.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman McPherson to approve nomination of Mr. Ken Becker to the Nolan County Central Appraisal District Board of Directors. The motion carried unanimously.

- F. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman McPherson to approve a Resolution selecting Enprotec/Hibbs & Todd, Inc. to assist the City of Sweetwater in its application and implementation of funding from the U.S. Department of Treasury for the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. The motion carried unanimously.

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COPY OF RESOLUTION IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XV PAGE 2604.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SWEETWATER, TEXAS, SELECTING AN ENGINEER TO ASSIST THE CITY IN ITS APPLICATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF FUNDING FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021.

- G. Motion was made by Councilman McPherson, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peek to approve Hard Head Veterans Full-Time Position Incentive. The motion carried unanimously.
 - H. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman Castor to approve Retail Consulting Services agreement between Sweetwater Enterprise for Economic Development/Municipal Development District and The Retail Coach. The motion carried unanimously.
 - I. Motion was made by Councilman McPherson, seconded by Councilman Castro to approve an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Sweetwater and Sweetwater Enterprise for Economic Development/Municipal Development District to partner in the funding of The Retail Coach Consulting Services. The motion carried unanimously.
 - J. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman Castro to approve a contract with Verdunity to provide Comprehensive Plan development services for the City of Sweetwater for an amount not to exceed \$60,000, and to authorize City Manager to sign contract for such services. The motion carried unanimously.
7. City Manager's Report
- A. Splash Pad Closing for the Season - October 24, 2021
 - B. Demolition Program
8. Fire Chief Grant Madden discussed the pros of purchasing a ladder truck for the Sweetwater Fire Department, including how it would affect our citizens' insurance rating. Andrew Friedman with SAMCO Capital discussed financing options.
9. Motion was made by Councilman Castro, seconded by Councilman McPherson to adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:54 am. The motion carried unanimously.

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Jim McKenzie, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patty Torres, City Secretary

Persons signing register: Jason Reddin and Ryan Strebeck

Persons on audio conference: Miesha Adames and Andrew Friedman