

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

The City Council of the City of Sweetwater, Texas, met in regular session on Tuesday, November 9, 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  
**RICKY CASTRO**, Councilman

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

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, SNAP Director Tonya Challis and Zach Adames IT Director.

1. Mayor McKenzie called the meeting to order.
2. Daniel Norton with Lamar Street Baptist Church gave the invocation.
3. Councilman Baker led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American and the Texas Flags.

Mayor Jim McKenzie welcomed Leadership Sweetwater Participants.

4. Motion was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peek to approve the minutes for meetings held on October 12, 2021. The motion carried unanimously.
5. Public Input: None
6. Ms. Sharon Hicks presented to the City Council a re-districting process update, reviewed the existing precinct maps with updated census data, and provided direction.
7. Dr. Drew Howard, SISD Superintendent and Dr. Jared Duncum, Chief Academic Officer presented the Experiential Learning Project to City Council.
8. Regular Agenda Items
  - A. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman Castro to approve a 20 feet Utility Easement requested by Taylor

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Cooperative, Inc. to be located on the City of Sweetwater owned Municipal Golf Course property. The motion carried unanimously.

- B. Motion was made by Councilman Baker, seconded by Councilman McPherson to approve appointments of Mr. Mike Aguilar and Mr. Ken Becker and reappointments of Mr. Gil Cherry and Mr. Charles Hamlin to the Planning and Zoning Commission Board, for two-year terms. The motion carried unanimously.
- C. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman McPherson to approve appointments of Mr. Gil Cherry and Mr. Scott Morgan and reappointments of Mr. Terry Bennett and Mr. Keith Brock to the Board of Adjustment, for two-year terms. The motion carried unanimously.
- D. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman McPherson to approve an Ordinance amending Chapter 19, Article IX Junked and Abandoned Vehicles with changes made to Exhibit A to clarify that the hearing officer is the Junk Vehicle Board of Appeals and is to be designated by the City Manager. The motion carried unanimously.

**COPY OF ORDINANCE IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XV PAGES 2605 – 2613.**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SWEETWATER, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 19 MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, BY ADOPTING A COMPREHENSIVE REVISION OF ARTICLE IX – JUNKED AND ABANDONED VEHICLES, AS PROVIDED FOR IN EXHIBIT A, MAKING VARIOUS FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT OF JUNK VEHICLES; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALER CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

- E. Motion was made by Councilman Castro, seconded by Councilman Baker to approve Resolution which amends the Personnel Policy Manual regarding Attendance and Work Hours. The motion carried unanimously.

**COPY OF RESOLUTION IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XV PAGES 2614 - 2616.**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SWEETWATER, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE EMPLOYEE POLICY MANUAL FOR ATTENDANCE AND WORK HOURS; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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- F. Motion was made by Councilman Castro, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Peek to approve Resolution amending the Central Rate Schedule. The motion carried unanimously.

**COPY OF RESOLUTION IS LOCATED IN THE ORDINANCE AND CONTRACT BOOK XV PAGES 2617 - 2643.**

**AMENDING, CONFIRMING AND RATIFYING THE CENTRAL RATE SCHEDULE FOR THE VARIOUS FEES, LICENSES, PERMITS AND RATES CHARGED BY THE CITY OF SWEETWATER, TEXAS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 AND ADOPTING SUCH CENTRAL RATE SCHEDULE.**

- G. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Peek, seconded by Councilman McPherson to allocate all votes to Ken Becker, as the City of Sweetwater nominee (s) for the Nolan County Central Appraisal District Board of Directors. The motion carried unanimously.
- 9. City Manager's Report
    - A. Work of Service provided by First Financial Bank at SNAP
    - B. Fire Department Retirements
  - 10. Motion was made by Councilman Castro, seconded by Councilman McPherson to adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 am. The motion carried unanimously.

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Jim McKenzie, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Patty Torres, City Secretary

Persons signing register: Sharon Hicks, Kyle Haspel, Joe Spano, Sabrina Early, Dr. Jared Duncum, Dr. Drew Howard, Eric Reed, Ken Becker, Karen Hunt, Daniel Norton and Sweetwater Leadership participants.