

AD VALOREM TAXES SWEETWATER

<u>TAXING OFFICE</u>	<u>PER \$100</u>	<u>RATE ASSESSMENT RATIO</u>
City of Sweetwater	\$0.48	100%
Sweetwater Independent School District	\$1.215	100%
Nolan County	\$0.507552	100%
Nolan County Hospital District	\$0.252370	100%
Wes-Tex Groundwater Conservation District	\$0.0050	100%

GOVERNMENT

CITY OF SWEETWATER
"WHERE THE BEST BEGINS"
 32°28'4"N - LATITUDE
 100°27'59"W - LONGITUDE
 8°42'E - MAG. VAR.
 2,164 - MSL

When the town of Sweetwater was declared the county seat of Nolan County on April 12, 1881, there was not a building of any description at the location. Only a few tents and a tent store were located in the area on the city's birthday. The city was subsequently incorporated in 1902.

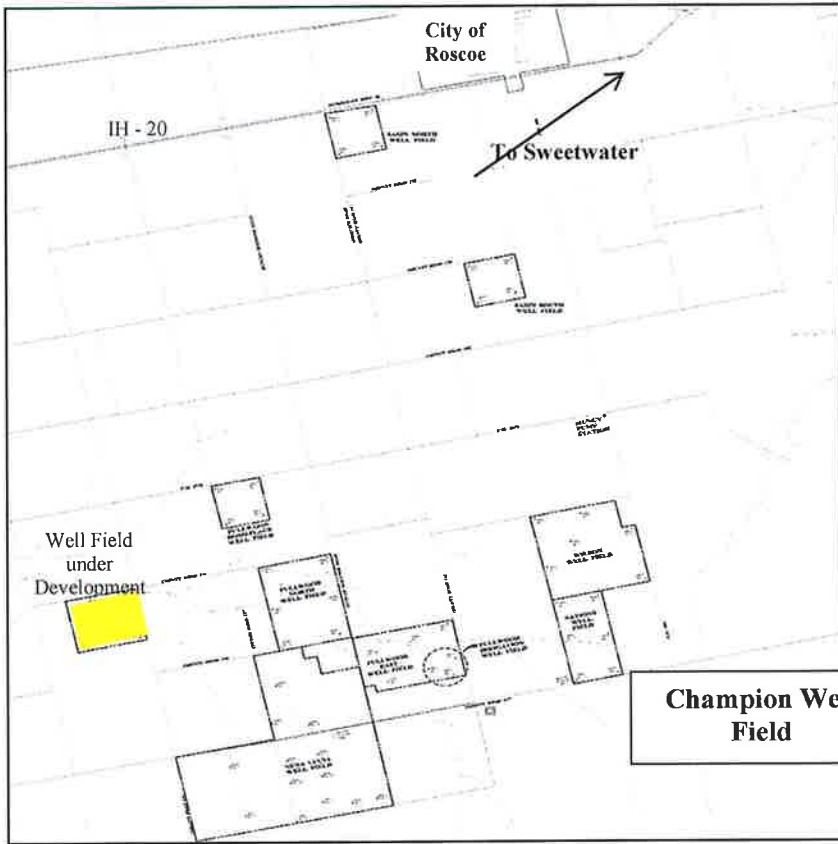
The governing and law making body of the City of Sweetwater consists of five commissioners, one of whom is the Mayor. The voters in the City of Sweetwater elect the Mayor at large. Sweetwater is divided into four city voting precincts, according to population. A City Commissioner is elected from each precinct. The Commissioner must be a resident of the precinct from which he or she is elected. City Commissioners serve for two-year terms, as does the Mayor.

The council-manager form of government is established by the City Charter. The City Manager is appointed by the City Commission as the administrative head of the municipal government under the direction and supervision of the City Commission. The City Secretary/Comptroller and the City Attorney are also City Commission appointees.

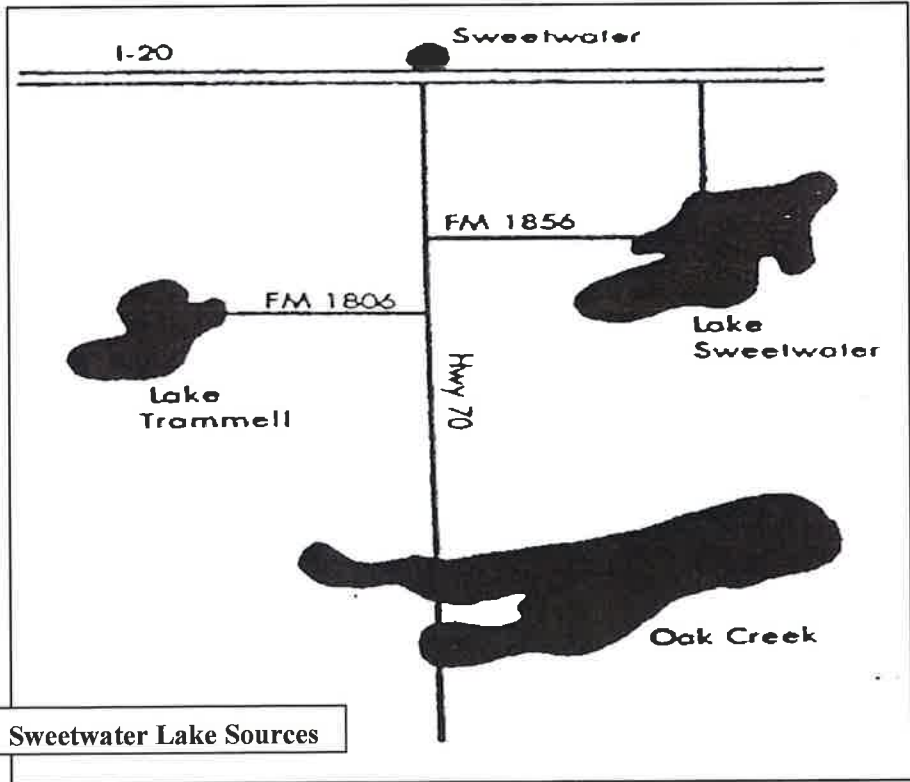
City Commission meetings take place on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Meetings are held in the City Commission Room of the City Hall. Regular meetings are open to the public. City Hall is located at 200 E. 4th Street, phone 325/236-6313.

WATER SUPPLY

Sweetwater's water supply comes from Oak Creek Lake, a 39,000 acre feet lake located 33 miles south of Sweetwater and from 34 municipal water wells known as the Champion Well Field located 10 miles west/southwest of Sweetwater. The City owns Lake Trammell, located 10 miles south of Sweetwater; however, drought conditions have rendered the lake dry. The City also owns Lake Sweetwater located 8 miles southeast of the City and utilizes the lake as a backup source of water. The City is presently developing 3 to 6 more water wells on City owned property located in the Champion Well Field.



Champion Well Field



Sweetwater Lake Sources

The City's well field and pipeline were designed to produce 3.0 million gallons per day, the amount to meet the minimal needs of the City. The main pipeline and pump station was designed for 3.0 million gallons per day expandable to 6.0 million gallons per day if needed. The 34 Municipal Wells pump through feeder lines to the main 400,000-gallon storage tank, and then the pump station pumps the water out of the tank to the City. Pumping of the wells and pump station began in March 2001.

The City water supply is approved by all government regulations. City wastewater treatment facilities consist of three stages of treatment. Normal daily capacity is 1.4 million gallons.

WATER STATISTICS

Operating Company: City of Sweetwater

Sources: Oak Creek Lake, Lake Trammell, and Well Field

Total Capacity of Sources: 16,858,000 gallons (51,740-acre feet)

Maximum Pumping Rate: 7 million gallons

Average Daily Demand: 3.0 million gallons

Treatment Capacity: 7.2 million gallons per day

Method of Treatment: Flocculation; coagulation; sedimentation; filtration; chlorination; fluorination.

Water Pressure: Varies from 40 to 80 psi with an average water pressure of 60 psi.

Pipeline: Lines are looped with sufficient sized mains to provide adequate water to any sections of Sweetwater. Pipelines vary from 6" to 16" with all industrial sections having immediate access to 10" pipe or larger.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Treatment Capacity: 2.0 million gallons per day

Average Daily: 1.6 million gallons per day

Method of Treatment: Biological treatment with a standard rate trickling filter and discharge to a city owned farm for irrigation. Sludge digestion by anaerobic process.

RECREATION

Recreational opportunities in Sweetwater and the surrounding area are plentiful. The favorable climate, with an average of 327 days of sunshine annually, allows for out- door sports nine months out of the year.

Hunting seasons range from November to April. Dove, quail, deer and turkey are abundant in the area, and area lakes are stocked with bass, catfish, bream and crappie.

Tennis, golf, swimming and water skiing are just a few of the outdoor sports enjoyed by local sports enthusiasts. An active softball association, peewee and little league baseball teams schedule spring and summer league play at the city's many softball and baseball parks. There are over thirty tennis courts located throughout the city, with some lighted for night play. The Municipal Swimming Pool is located in Newman Park and features an Olympic size pool, and a complete snack bar with shaded sitting area

Sweetwater has two exceptional 18-hole golf courses. One of the courses, a municipal course is located at Lake Sweetwater. Aside from the golf course, the lake area offers picnic and camping sites, public boat ramps and a beach area. Sweetwater Country Club's 18-hole course winds along Santa Fe Creek with several holes fronting on Santa Fe Lake.

Three area lakes provide unlimited choices for water sports. Sailing, skiing, and fishing can be enjoyed almost year round. Spring and summer months can be spent skiing and sunning at Oak Creek Lake and Lake Sweetwater. Lake Trammell is a fisherman's paradise, but no other water sports are allowed on the lake.

CULTURE AND CHURCHES

Culture and education interests are always important to a community and its citizens. The Pioneer City-County Museum was established in 1968 by the Nolan County Historical Society. It is dedicated to the preservation of the history of the area. There are over 20 exhibit areas, which tell the daily life of early settlers in Sweetwater and Nolan County. The museum is open to the public Tuesday thru Saturday, from 1 to 4:30 PM and closed on holidays.

Over 48,000 volumes are available to citizens of the area at the City-County Library. The library has excellent reference materials as well as filmstrips, tapes and large print materials. Also, the library holds a story hour for pre-school children and its facilities include a large community room for public meetings. The library is open on Mondays from 1 PM to 6 PM, Tuesday thru Friday from 9 AM to 5 PM and Saturdays from 9 AM to 1 PM (except summer months).

Sweetwater counts its churches as an important part of the city. There are over 38 churches in the city that represents over 14 denominations. Nondenominational church services are also held at community meeting rooms.

MEDICAL

Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital serves the needs of Nolan County and the surrounding area. The Hospital was dedicated on July 22, 1976, and received its first patients on August 2, 1976. Rolling Plains was built to replace the then existing Simmons Memorial Hospital. The result is a modern hospital facility designed to meet the needs of the people of Nolan County and Sweetwater.

The 71st Legislature of the State of Texas authorized the creation of the Nolan County Hospital District in 1989. The voters of the county approved creation of the Hospital District and the levy of annual taxes for hospital purposes at a rate not to exceed 75¢ on each \$100 valuation of all taxable property in the district (Nolan County) in the May 1989 election.

The 80-bed facility is located in southeast Sweetwater, near the intersection of Interstate 20 and Highway 70.

ENVIRONMENT

Sweetwater's environmental conditions not only afford a high quality of life for its citizens, but also are conducive to industrial development. Days lost due to weather are almost nonexistent, and productivity is very high.

LOCATION

Sweetwater sits on the northern end of the Edwards Plateau. Diversity is the description with the Rolling Plains to the north, Edwards Plateau to the south, Permian Basin to the west, and Cross Timber to the east. Over 60% of the native Texas flora can be found within 150 miles of Sweetwater. The beautiful Davis Mountains and Big Bend lie within easy driving distance to the southwest.

SOIL

Depends largely on location. Within the city soil is mostly dark calcareous clay, clay loam and sandy loam.

VEGETATION

The area is diverse, but within the city native vegetation types are bunch and short grass, shrubs, oak and mesquite trees. A large variety of chaparral and drought resistant species can be grown.

MINERALS

Oil, gas, gypsum, limestone, and gravel.

CLIMATE

Sunshine days: 327 days annually (average)

Summer Temperature: 84.1 degrees (F) average

Fall Temperature: 67.6 degrees (F) average

Winter Temperature: 44.4 degrees (F) average

Spring Temperature: 66.5 degrees (F) average

Annual Rainfall: 23.26 inches average

Growing Season: 221 days

Relative Humidity: Jan. - 6:00 a.m. 73%, 6:00 p.m. 50%
July - 6:00 a.m. 71%, 6:00 p.m. 38%

Prevailing Wind: SSW 12.1 mph

Freeze Dates: First date Nov. 9
Last date April 2