

## Meeting Minutes

August 2, 2018

The Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the City of Sweetwater held a called meeting on Thursday, August 2, 2018 to hear a proposal for a Payment In Lieu of Taxes program adopted by McMinn County.

Mayor Lowe called the meeting to order with Commissioners present being Sam Moser, Lamar Hughes, Edward Lee, Billy G. West, in person and Bill W. Stockton via teleconference. Others present included City Recorder Jessica Morgan, Monroe County Economic Development Director Richard Kirkland, McMinn County Economic Development Director Kathy Price, Chuck Whited, Scott Wilson, and Kassie Kelley of the Sweetwater Planning, Development, and Tourism Department. Police Chief Eddie Byrum, Fire Chief Doug Watson, and Michael Thomasson of the Advocate & Democrat newspaper were also present.

Mayor Lowe introduced Kathy Price, who was present to review the McMinn County PILOT agreement and request that Sweetwater participate in the PILOT for any parcels located inside McMinn County, in particular parcels in the I-75 commerce park project. There is a current industrial prospect named Project Zebra who has narrowed their location to three prospects, one of which is the I-75 commerce park location. Ms. Price noted that McMinn County, Monroe County, Sweetwater Utilities Board, and the City of Sweetwater have worked as great partnership on this property to upgrade utilities and get the site certified. She noted this PILOT was in use by McMinn County, Etowah, and Athens and that this would only apply to parcels inside McMinn County and Sweetwater city limits once annexed. Under the proposed PILOT, a 50% reduction would be offered. If they needed to be more competitive, the declining scale would be offered. She added some state incentives would be added once the company had settled on a location. The board reviewed the policy and discussed their support of the project. Mayor Lowe called for a roll call vote on the Resolution to adopt the Payment in Lieu of Taxes program for properties in McMinn County, Sweetwater City.

Commissioner West moved to approve the Resolution to adopt the Payment in Lieu of Taxes program, with Commissioner Hughes seconding the motion. Upon Roll Call Vote, the Ayes were as follows: Commissioners Hughes, Moser, Lee, West, and Stockton. Nays being none. The motion was carried.

No further action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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RECORDER