

Meeting Minutes
April 6, 2020

The Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the City of Sweetwater met in their regular monthly meeting on Monday, April 6, 2020 at 5 p.m. as an Electronic meeting. Mayor Doyle F. Lowe called the meeting to order with Commissioners present in person being Billy G. West. Commissioners present via electronic means being Lamar Hughes, Sam Moser, Alan Richeson, and Bill W. Stockton. A quorum was present.

City Attorney John Cleveland read the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION REGARDING THE NEED TO MEET BY ELECTRONIC MEANS.
WHEREAS, a novel coronavirus, designated COVID-19, is a worldwide pandemic with 957 cases in Tennessee and 2 cases in Monroe County, and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, Governor Bill Lee signed Executive Order No. 16, which suspends the requirements of the Tennessee Open Meetings Act to the extent necessary to allow any governing body subject to the requirements of the Act, including municipal governing bodies, to meet and conduct essential business by electronic means if the body determines meeting electronically is necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of Tennesseans in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

WHEREAS, on March 22, 2020, Governor Bill Lee signed Executive Order 17 which orders that persons in the State of Tennessee shall not participate in gatherings of ten (10) or more people;

WHEREAS, the coronavirus constitutes an immediate and significant danger to the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Sweetwater, and

WHEREAS, extraordinary measures must be taken to contain COVID-19 and prevent its introduction into the City of Sweetwater, including the isolation of groups of individuals greater than ten (10); now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the April 6, 2020 meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Sweetwater, Tennessee, shall be conducted by the electronic means of a telephone conference call to 423-205-3006 in accordance with the published notice of this meeting.

Commissioner Richeson moved to approve the Resolution, with Commissioner West seconding the motion. Upon Roll Call Voting, the Ayes were as follows:

Commissioners Hughes, Moser, Richeson, West, and Stockton. Nays being none. The motion was carried.

Commissioner West moved to approve the minutes for the meeting of March 2, 2020. Commissioner Stockton seconded the motion. Upon Roll Call Voting, the Ayes were as follows: Commissioners Hughes, Moser, Richeson, West, and Stockton. Nays being none. The motion was carried.

After the Recorder's report, Commissioner Richeson moved to approve the distributions for the month of February, 2020. Commissioner West seconded the motion. Upon Roll Call Voting, the Ayes were as follows: Commissioners Hughes, Moser, Richeson, West, and Stockton. Nays being none. The motion was carried.

After the Recorder's report, Commissioner Moser moved to approve the distributions for the month of March, 2020. Commissioner West seconded the motion. Upon Roll Call Voting, the Ayes were as follows: Commissioners Hughes, Moser, Richeson, West, and Stockton. Nays being none. The motion was carried.

A public hearing was opened to take comment on the following items:

Ordinance No. 976 to zone recently annexed properties

Ordinance No. 978 to amend budget to include BOE budget

Ordinance No. 979 to adopt an updated zoning map for the City of Sweetwater

No written or oral comments were given. The public hearing was closed at 5:05 p.m.

In Old Business, Commissioner Hughes moved to approve Ordinance No. 976 to zone recently annexed properties on second and final reading. Commissioner Moser seconded the motion. Upon Roll Call Voting, the Ayes were as follows: Commissioners Hughes, Moser, Richeson, West, and Stockton. Nays being none. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Richeson moved to approve Ordinance No. 978 to amend budget to include BOE budget on second and final reading. Commissioner Stockton seconded the motion. Upon Roll Call Voting, the Ayes were as follows: Commissioners Hughes, Moser, Richeson, West, and Stockton. Nays being none. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Moser moved to approve Ordinance No. 979 to adopt an updated zoning map for the City of Sweetwater on second and final reading. Commissioner Hughes seconded the motion. Upon Roll Call Voting, the Ayes were as follows: Commissioners Hughes, Moser, Richeson, West, and Stockton. Nays being none. The motion was carried.

In New Business, Commissioner Richeson moved to approve the Resolution to approve the Capital Improvement Plan for the fiscal years ending 2021-2025. Commissioner Moser seconded the motion. Upon Roll Call Voting, the Ayes were as follows: Commissioners Hughes, Moser, Richeson, West, and Stockton. Nays being none. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Hughes moved to promote Jordan Moore as a full-time patrol officer, with Commissioner Stockton seconding the motion. Upon Roll Call Voting, the Ayes

were as follows: Commissioners Hughes, Moser, Richeson, West, and Stockton. Nays being none. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Richeson moved to promote Christian Gonzalez as a full-time firefighter. Commissioner Moser seconded the motion. Upon Roll Call Voting, the Ayes were as follows: Commissioners Hughes, Moser, Richeson, West, and Stockton. Nays being none. The motion was carried.

Mayor Lowe advised the selection committee had reviewed four applications from qualified firms for TDOT PIN 129801 for the STP project to pave and stripe Hawkins and Linwood. Commissioner West moved to approve the selection committee's recommendation to approve Cannon & Cannon of Knoxville for the consultant on this project. Commissioner Richeson seconded the motion. Upon Roll Call Voting, the Ayes were as follows: Commissioners Hughes, Moser, Richeson, West, and Stockton. Nays being none. The motion was carried.

Commissioner West moved to authorize Mayor Lowe to execute a contract with Cannon & Cannon for TDOT PIN 129801. Commissioner Hughes seconded the motion. Upon Roll Call Voting, the Ayes were as follows: Commissioners Hughes, Moser, Richeson, West, and Stockton. Nays being none. The motion was carried.

Mayor Lowe thanked the board for their participation in the meeting and noted he was thankful for the people of Sweetwater during this time, stating we would get through this together. He adjourned the regular meeting and reconvened as Sweetwater Beer Board to review an off-premises application for Maruti 5432 Corporation DBA Sweetwater #2 to be located at 404 S. Main Street, Sweetwater. Chief Byrum advised the background check was clear. Commissioner Stockton moved to approve the application, with Commissioner Hughes seconding the motion. Upon Roll Call Voting, the Ayes were as follows: Commissioners Hughes, Moser, Richeson, West, and Stockton. Nays being none. The motion was carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 5: p.m.
This the 6th day of April, 2020.

DOYLE LOWE, Mayor

ATTEST:

JESSICA MORGAN, City Recorder