

Meeting Minutes
June 1, 2020

The Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the City of Sweetwater met in their regular monthly meeting on Monday, June 1, 2020 at 5 p.m. at City Hall. Mayor Doyle F. Lowe called the meeting to order with Commissioners present in person being Lamar Hughes, Sam Moser, Alan Richeson, Billy G. West, and Bill W. Stockton. A quorum was present.

Mayor Lowe opened the meeting with The Lord's Prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Chief Doug Watson.

Commissioner Stockton moved to approve the minutes from the meeting of May 4, 2020, with Commissioner Moser seconding the motion. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

The distributions for the month of May were not all posted by the meeting time, so the action was tabled to the next meeting.

There was no Old Business. In New Business, Richard Hill of Mitchell, Emert, and Hill Auditing firm was present to review the audit for the year ending June 30, 2019. He noted there were no findings, for several years in a row. His firm was able to provide a clean, or unmodified opinion on the financial statements. He also noted that all funds showed more revenues than expenditures in each fund, and fund balance had increased over 50%. He advised the audit report had been accepted by the Comptroller's Office, with several notes on changes for the presentation in future audits.

Director of School Rodney Boruff was present to review the proposed budget for the Sweetwater Board of Education. He began by thanking the city board for their support, especially in the increased funding for the SJHS gymnasium debt and the one-to-one initiative for technology. In the proposed budget, a significant cost was for new ELA curriculum and technology, as well as improvements like HVAC. Commissioner Hughes moved to approve the proposed budget for the year ending June 30, 2021, with Commissioner Stockton seconding the motion. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Sweetwater Public Library Director Tania Rich was present to give the annual Library Report. Her report provided statistics on library use for 2019, including 36,409 visitors and 152,884 visits. She reviewed several programs, including community outreach and the computer lab. Commissioner Hughes moved to approve the library budget, with Commissioner Stockton seconding the motion. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Mayor Lowe noted several upcoming appointments would be needed for nominations in July and advised each commissioner to review the appointments in their packet.

Mayor Lowe reviewed the Budget Ordinance No. 980 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. No changes were requested.

Mayor Lowe invited everyone to stay for refreshments and a short ceremony honoring Chief Doug Watson, who retired from the fire department.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

This the 1st day of June, 2020.

Mayor

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