

Meeting Minutes

February 1, 2021

The Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the City of Sweetwater met in their regular monthly meeting on Monday, February 1, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall. Mayor Lowe called the meeting to order with Commissioners present being: Lamar Hughes, Sam Moser, Alan Richeson, Billy G. West and Bill W. Stockton. A quorum was present. City Attorney John Cleveland was present. Mayor Lowe led The Lord's Prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Craig Brackett.

Commissioner Richeson moved to approve the minutes from the meeting of January 4, 2021 and the workshop of January 25, 2021. A second was given. All voted with none opposed. The motion was carried.

After the Recorder's Report, Commissioner West moved to approve the distributions for the month of December, 2020. A second was given. All voted with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Visitor Craig Brackett was present to request permission to hold a Hero Run 5k on September 11, 2021 for the 20th anniversary. Commissioner Moser moved to approve the race with street closures. A second was given. All voted with none opposed. The motion was carried.

There was no Old Business. In New Business, Tania Rich was present to give the annual library report. Among the new services was curbside pickup, mask making workshops, hotspot checkouts and take-home STEAM kits.

Bids on police vehicles were accepted. One bid was received from Jacky Jones Ford, totaling \$93,407.92 for two 2021 Police SUVs including equipment and \$44,513.39 for a 2021 Ford F-150 Super Cab with equipment. These vehicles would replace two vehicles totaled in not-at-fault wrecks using insurance funds and one for the current year budget. Commissioner Stockton moved to approve the bid. A second was given. All voted with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Hughes moved to hire Angie Borden for part-time litter control. A second was given. All voted with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Richeson moved to promote Derek Ingram from part-time to full-time firefighter. A second was given. All voted with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Stockton moved to hire Jarren Turpenein as a full-time patrol officer. A second was given. All voted with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Hughes moved to approve Ordinance No. 987 to amend the Budget Ordinance No. 980 for the year ending June 30, 2021 on first reading. A second was

given. 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. 988 to rezone parcels located in Monroe County Tax Map 015 containing approximately 10.3 acres and parcel 17.00 of Monroe County Tax Map 014 and parcel 15.12 of Monroe County Tax Map 022 from A-1 to M-1, General Industrial District on first reading. A second was given. Upon Roll Call Voting, the Ayes were as follows: Commissioners Hughes, Moser, Richeson, West, and Stockton. Nays being none. The motion was carried.

The Board reviewed the Capital Improvement Plan for 2022-2026.

A budget workshop date was set for March 17, 2021 starting at 11 a.m.

Commissioner Moser announced he had a client who would be a new business owner in town and he decided between 6 sites. He told Commissioner Moser he selected Sweetwater in large part due to the assistance given by City Planner Chuck Whited and City Recorder Jessica Morgan. He wanted to publicly thank them and all employees for their dedication to making Sweetwater better.

Mayor Lowe announced Sweetwater had been selected as one of two cities for the National Endowment for the Arts and TN Arts Commission grant for a mural downtown.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:37 p.m.
This the 1st day of February, 2021.

Mayor

Attest:

Recorder