

Meeting Minutes
March 6, 2023

The Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the City of Sweetwater met in their regular monthly meeting on Monday, March 6, 2023 at 5 p.m. at City Hall. Mayor Lowe opened the meeting with Commissioners present being: Lamar Hughes, Sam Moser, Alan Richeson, and Jim Stutts. City Attorney John Cleveland was present.

After the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance, Commissioner Richeson moved to approve the minutes from the meetings of February 6, 2023 and February 27, 2023. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

After the Recorder's report on distributions for the month of January, 2023, Commissioner Moser moved to approve the distributions. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

A public hearing was opened to take comment on Ordinance No. 1009 and Ordinance No. 1015. No written or oral comments were given. The public hearing was closed at 5:05 p.m.

In Old Business, Commissioner Stutts moved to approve an amendment to Ordinance No. 1009 to section f on page 8-30. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. Commissioner Stutts moved to approve Ordinance No. 1009 as amended on second and final reading. The motion was seconded. Upon Roll Call Voting, the Ayes were as follows: Commissioners Hughes, Moser, Richeson, and Stutts. Nays being none. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Moser moved to approve Ordinance No. 1015 to accept title to the Biggs house on second and final reading. The motion was seconded. Upon Roll Call Voting, the Ayes were as follows: Commissioners Hughes, Moser, Richeson, and Stutts. Nays being none. The motion was carried.

In New Business, Commissioner Richeson moved to approve the Resolution to apply for a CDBG Grant with matching funds. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A 2023 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION TO FUND COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION

WHEREAS, the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program as administered by the State of Tennessee offers grants to local jurisdiction to fund public infrastructure facilities, and

WHEREAS, Counties and municipalities within the State of Tennessee may apply annually for such CDBG funding; and

WHEREAS, the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program also offers a deduction in the percentage match for three-star communities, and

WHEREAS, the Three Star incentive makes the 2023 CDBG match for Sweetwater \$120,000.00 based on a \$630,000.00 grant limit, and;

WHEREAS, Sweetwater will apply for the CDBG grant to fund a community revitalization project; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sweetwater City Council hereby requests the Mayor or his representatives to prepare and submit a 2023 Community Development Block Grant application for funding up to the maximum amount of \$630,000.00 (CDBG) funds with a local match of \$120,000.00 for a total project cost of \$750,000.00.

Resolved this ____ day of _____, 2023

MAYOR

ATTEST: _____

RECORDER

The city did not receive any bids for the TDOT Grant for railroad improvements. The item was tabled to the April meeting.

Ordinance No. 1016 to amend the zoning map was withdrawn by the request of the property owner.

Commissioner Moser moved to approve Ordinance No. 1017 to amend Title 18, Water & Sewer Chapter 2 on first reading. The motion was seconded. Upon Roll Call Voting, the Ayes were as follows: Commissioners Hughes, Moser, Richeson, and Stutts. Nays being none. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Moser moved to approve Ordinance No. 1018 to amend the zoning map on first reading. The motion was seconded. Upon Roll Call Voting, the Ayes were as follows: Commissioners Hughes, Moser, Richeson, and Stutts. Nays being none. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Moser asked that the Resolution to adopt a Capital Improvement Plan for fiscal years ending 2024-2028 be moved to the April meeting.

Commissioner Moser advised Street Superintendent Richard Jenkins and the Street Department that all members of the city board were available to represent any needs the department had until a new commissioner was elected. He added that if a specific contact for the Street Department was desired, the board could appoint someone.

Mayor Lowe thanked the departments for their work during the storm incident last week. There was a discussion about the delay experienced when using Hyper-Reach

The meeting was adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

This the 6th day of March, 2023.

MAYOR

ATTEST: _____