

## Meeting Minutes

August 7, 2023

The Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the City of Sweetwater met in a regular monthly meeting on Monday, August 7, 2023 at 5 p.m. at City Hall. Mayor Doyle F. Lowe called the meeting to order with Commissioners present being: Commissioners Lamar Hughes, Sam Moser, Alan Richeson, JoAnna Jinks, and James H. Stutts. City Attorney John Cleveland was present.

Mayor Lowe opened the meeting with an invocation of the Lord's Prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. No person had notified the city to speak during the public comment period.

Commissioner Stutts moved to approve the minutes from the meetings of July 1, 2023 and July 31, 2023. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

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

Mayor Lowe recognized the 9 & 10-year old Dixie Youth World Series Championship Team and the 11 & 12-year old Dixie Youth World Series Championship Team and provided gift cards to each player and coach.

Local running Club RunSweet Elite Coaches Jaclyn Cleveland and Shannon Davidson requested to hold 5k races during the 2024 May and November festivals. The city board approved the request.

Mike Dotson of Fresh Start Ministries was present to request permission to use the bandstand on October 7<sup>th</sup> for a charity concert with vendors. On the condition their non-profit paperwork and insurance are provided, the board approved the request.

There was no old business on the agenda. In New Business, Commissioner Richeson moved to approve Budget Ordinance No. 1023 to amend the budget for the year ending June 30, 2023 on first reading. The motion was seconded. Upon Roll Call Voting, the Ayes were as follows: Commissioners Hughes, Moser, Richeson, Jinks, and Stutts. Nays being none. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Jinks asked the board to consider another commissioner to serve on the Sweetwater Library Board, as she was already serving on the Library Foundation Board, which their attorney advised may be a conflict of interest.

Commissioner Jinks moved to approve the updated Street Laborer job description. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Jinks and Commissioner Hughes jointly agreed to have the now vacant litter control position changed to the street department and no objections were voiced. Commissioner Jinks moved to hire John Alexander for the litter control position at a starting rate of \$18 per hour. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Moser moved to approve the survey for the proposed downtown properties and the library. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Moser moved to approve the Main Street Board's request to amend the Main Street District with the addition of the building on Oak Street, formerly the Devine dentist office, now Casey Camp's retail consignment shop. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

No further action was taken. The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

This the 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2023.

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Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

RECORDER