

January 2, 2024

Meeting Minutes

The Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the City of Sweetwater Tennessee met in a regular monthly meeting on Monday, January 2, 2024 at 5 p.m. at City Hall. Mayor Doyle F. Lowe called the meeting to order with Commissioners present being: Lamar Hughes, Sam Moser, Alan Richeson, JoAnna Jinks, and James H. Stutts. City Attorney John W. Cleveland was present. Mayor Lowe opened the meeting with an invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Fire Chief John Anderson.

Commissioner Stutts moved to approve the minutes from the meeting of December 4, 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 October, 2023 and November 2023. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

There were no visitors or anyone to make a public comment. A public hearing was opened to take comment on Ordinance No 1033 to close part of Industrial Park Road. No written or oral comments were given. The public hearing was closed at 5:10 p.m.

In Old Business, Commissioner Moser moved to approve Ordinance No 1033 to close part of Industrial Park Road on second and final 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.

In New Business, Commissioner Stutts moved to authorize the Mayor to execute a new contract for police services with Red Stag Fulfillment, LLC with them reimbursing the city monthly. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Stutts moved to authorize the Mayor to execute the contract for the Downtown Improvement Grant totaling \$150,000. The motion was seconded. Commissioner Moser recused himself, as his business downtown would apply for a portion of the grant funding. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Hughes moved to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of acceptance to select Main Street Studios of Sweetwater for the community center project and corresponding Community Development Block Grant application. Commissioner Moser recused himself, disclosing his ownership interest in Main Street Studios. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

City Recorder Jessica Morgan reviewed a grant through MTAS for training in which Sweetwater was selected to be a participant.

Commissioner Richeson moved to approve hiring three part-time firefighters: Joseph Roberts, Karl Schleitwiler, and Mikey Smallen. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Richeson commended the fire and police departments for their teamwork and excellence in fighting a house fire this weekend on Edgewood Drive, and rescuing a man in the home.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

This the 2nd day of January, 2024.

Doyle F. Lowe

Attest: _____

Recorder