

Meeting Minutes

June 3, 2024

The Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the City of Sweetwater Tennessee met in a regular monthly meeting on Monday, June 3, 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.

Commissioner Moser moved to approve the minutes from the meeting of May 6, 2024 and the workshop of May 20, 2024, and the special called meeting on May 28, 2024. 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 April, 2024. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

No one was present to make public comment.

A public hearing was opened to take comment on Ordinance No. 1035 to adopt a budget and tax levy and Ordinance No. 1037 to close an alley off Dode Street. The public hearing was closed at 5:07 p.m.

In Old Business, Commissioner Stutts moved to approve the Library Fund budget for the year ending June 30, 2025. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Richeson moved to approve the Board of Education budget for the year ending June 30, 2025. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Moser moved to approve Ordinance No. 1035 the budget for the year ending June 30, 2025 and tax levy on second and final reading. The motion was seconded. On Roll Call Voting, the Ayes were as follows: Commissioners Hughes, Moser, Richeson, Jinks, and Stutts. Nays being none. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Jinks moved to approve Ordinance No. 1037 to close an alley off Dode Street on second and final reading. The motion was seconded. On 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 Hughes moved to remove uncollectible taxes totaling \$3,531.50. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Richeson moved to appoint Zack Perry as a part-time firefighter. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

The Mayor presented a proposal from Jerry Lynch of Moon Water Brewing to improve and occupy one of the building on A street recently acquired by the city. He requested the board review the proposal and discuss in the June workshop.

The board adjourned and reconvened as the Sweetwater Beer Board to review an on-premises application for Welbur Enterprises, LLC DBA Sweetwater Market at the Mill to be located at 800 N. Main Street, Sweetwater TN 37874. The board requested information from owner, Angela Welch, who was present. She noted the food was all pre-packaged and she is working with the health department concerning the build out and procedures. She also confirmed that as a limited-service restaurant classification she would be able to run reports through her POS to show the percentage of food sales versus alcohol sales. Jon Campbell confirmed that under the current plan provided by Ms. Welch which stated that no commercial kitchen equipment was being installed, the codes and zoning requirements had been met. Chief Byrum advised the background check on Ms. Welch was clear. Ms. Welch mentioned that she had hired a manager. The manager was not disclosed on the application and no background check had been ran. City Attorney John Cleveland advised that the board could approve on the contingency that a bond and clear background check were completed. Commissioner Moser moved to approve the beer permit contingent upon a completed and clear background check on the manager and completed bond. The motion was seconded. Four Commissioners voted in favor, with one opposed. The motion was carried.

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

This the 3rd day of June, 2024

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

Mayor

Recorder

