

## Meeting Minutes

October 7, 2019

The Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the City of Sweetwater met in their regular monthly meeting on Monday, October 7, 2019 at 5 p.m. Commissioners present being: Lamar Hughes, Sam Moser, Alan Richeson, and Billy G. West. Commissioner Bill W. Stockton was out of town. City Attorney John Cleveland was present. The meeting was opened with The Lord's Prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by.

Commissioner Moser moved to approve the minutes from the meeting of September 2, 2019 and the called meetings of September 16, 2019 and September 30, 2019. Commissioner Richeson seconded the motion. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

After the Recorder's report, Commissioner Hughes moved to approve the distributions for the month of September, 2019. Commissioner Richeson seconded the motion. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

A public hearing was opened to take comment on the amendment to the Employee Handbook concerning Harassment. No written or oral comments were given. The public hearing was closed at 5:07 p.m.

Visitors from the Rhea-Craig Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution were present to give an award for Community Service from their National Organization to Ms. Rebecca Collette. Mayor Lowe thanked the group for applying for the award and congratulated Ms. Collette, noting the many hours she donates each year for Christmas lights and seasonal decorations in town.

In New Business, Ms. Jane Coleman-Cottone from the State Historic Preservation Office was here to encourage the Mayor and Board of Commissioners to pursue the Certified Local Government program. She noted there was no fee and the benefits included additional points on grant applications. Commissioner Hughes moved to approve the city planning department to work on the Certified Local Government application and draft a Resolution of support for the Mayor and Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Moser seconded the motion. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Moser moved to approve Ordinance No. 975 to amend Title 4, Municipal Personnel, Chapter 6, Sexual Harassment on first reading. Commissioner Richeson seconded the motion. Upon Roll Call Voting, the Ayes were as follows: Commissioners Hughes, Moser, Richeson, and West. Nays being none. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Richeson moved to amend the Employee Handbook regarding discrimination and harassment. Commissioner Moser seconded the motion. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner West moved to approve the single proposal received for the TN Placemakers Grant from JSH Web Designs for business development and website development services to business owners. Commissioner Hughes seconded the motion. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner West moved to approve the Resolution to approve the grant application to TDOT Multimodal grant for a multi-use path along Highway 11 South, Phase One and the required match of 5%. Commissioner Moser seconded the motion. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Richeson moved to promote Dustin Sharp to full-time status due to the current medical leaves of two firefighters. Commissioner Moser seconded the motion. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Richeson moved to appoint Jacob Cranfield and Josh Steppe as volunteer firefighters. Commissioner Moser seconded the motion. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

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

This the 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2019.

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MAYOR

AUTHENTICATED:

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City Recorder