

Meeting Minutes
September 27, 2022

The Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the City of Sweetwater met in a regular monthly workshop and called meeting on Monday, September 27, 2022 at 5 p.m. Mayor Doyle F. Lowe called the meeting to order with Commissioners present: Lamar Hughes, Sam Moser, Alan Richeson, Billy G. West, and James H. Stutts. City Attorney John W. Cleveland was present.

The first item on the called agenda was a bid opening on the Traincar Grant for HVAC. The single bid received was from Valley Heating and Air LLC for a York 3-ton unit 15 seer for \$19,000. Commissioner West moved to approve the bid and the motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried. Sam Moser was instructed to follow up with Valley Heating concerning questions about the size of the unit and square footage of the traincar.

The second item on the called agenda was the CDBG home grant bid award. The final home, already awarded to Monroe County Mobile Homes, received a letter from the state authorizing the bid today, so no action was needed.

In the workshop, Mayor Lowe reviewed the agenda for the October meeting. City Attorney John Cleveland reviewed the draft of the Beer Ordinance including adding provisions for craft breweries, microbreweries, and beer vendors for festivals.

Finally, the board reviewed the plans for the community center. Mayor Lowe noted the committee has reviewed Main Street Studio's initial drawing and approved it. Commissioner Moser noted the next steps and timeline for having the bids received and opened in time for an October 2023 construction start date. Commissioner West asked if the location was in the flood plain or would require piers like the depot project next door. Commissioner Moser noted the GIS overlay did not indicate that would be needed but a survey during the engineering process would confirm that. City Recorder Jessica Morgan reviewed possible financing options combining ARPA funds, fund balance, and new debt issuance. Commissioner Stutts asked if any planning had been done for the maintenance and staffing of the center and noted we needed to incorporate that into any plans. He also asked if the ARPA funding still allowed for the communication equipment needed for police and fire departments, to which the Recorder advised that \$300,000 was still allocated for those expenditures. Commissioner Moser advised he would prepare a proposal for full engineering and drawings and present to the board.

City Planner Jon Campbell noted an annexation request off Waymier Road would be coming to the city board in November. City Attorney John Cleveland also updated the board on the status of TMG and the pending tax suits against the property. The street department was commended for their clean up work on the property. Mayor Lowe asked the board to think about if the city would be interested in accepting a donation of the Biggs Home if it was offered by the new owners. Fire Chief John Anderson noted Red Stag Fulfillment has donated the land needed to place a radio tower to the county for all emergency communication agencies.

No further action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

This the 27th day of September, 2022.

Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Recorder

Meeting Minutes
September 6, 2022

The Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the City of Sweetwater met in a regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 6, 2022 at 5 p.m. Mayor Doyle F. Lowe called the meeting to order with an invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The Roll Call reflected Commissioners present: Lamar Hughes, Sam Moser, Alan Richeson, Billy G. West, and James H. Stutts. City Attorney John W. Cleveland was present.

Commissioner Moser moved to approve the minutes from the meetings of August 1, 2022 and August 22, 2022 and August 25, 2022. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

After the Recorder's report, Commissioner West moved to approve the distributions. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

In Old Business, Commissioner Richeson moved to appoint Michelle Hultberg, Jim Fairweather, and Karen Sadikoff to the Sweetwater Library Board with terms expiring 7/1/2025 and Branham Lovingood with a term expiring 7/1/2024. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Hughes moved to appoint Lucinda Wayman, Kim Harvey, and Jason Upton to the Sweetwater Parks and Recreation Board with terms expiring 6/30/2024. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

In New Business, Commissioner Hughes moved to approve the design of the Dog Park. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

City Recorder Jessica Morgan gave the quarterly financial report, the fiscal year-end report for June 30, 2022, and a grant overview. The report included data on tourism, the highest sales tax revenues on record and the highest fund balance on record, with an increase of \$2,279,798.63 in total cash balances. The board discussed the CDBG Home Grant, asking for a called meeting in the workshop to take action if necessary.

The CT-0253 report on Debt Obligation as filed with the Comptroller's Office regarding the Sweetwater Utility Board electrical bond issued in August 2022 was presented to the board for review.

Commissioner Stutts moved to approve the TML Safety Grant application. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Moser moved to approve the hiring of Josh Issac to fill the vacancy for Main Street Director and the promotion of Hayley Isbill as Tourism Director and Clerk. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Moser moved to update the Schedule of Fees which included an increase in brush pickup to \$50. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:54 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Recorder