

Meeting Minutes
April 3, 2023

The Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the City of Sweetwater met in their regular monthly meeting on Monday, April 3, 2023 at 5 p.m. at City Hall. Mayor Lowe called the meeting to order with Commissioners present being: Lamar Hughes, Sam Moser, Alan Richeson, James H. Stutts. The meeting was opened with an invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. City Attorney John Cleveland was present.

Commissioner Stutts moved to approve the minutes from meeting of March 6, 2023 and the workshop of March 27, 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 February, 2023. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

A public hearing was opened to take comment on Ordinance No. 1017 and 1018. No written or oral comments were given. The public hearing was closed.

In Old Business, Commissioner Moser moved to approve Ordinance No. 1017 to amend Title 18, Water & Sewer Chapter 2 on second and final reading. The motion was seconded. Upon Roll Call Voting, the ayes were as follows: Commissioners Hughes, Moser, Richeson, and Stutts. Nays being none. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Richeson moved to approve Ordinance No. 1018 to amend the zoning map Parcel 31.00 of McMinn County Tax Map 11 from C-5 to M-1 on second and final reading. The motion was seconded. Commissioner Stutts asked if the map reflected the entire parcel. The board paused to allow City Planner Jon Campbell to double check the tax map and he confirmed that it was the entire parcel shown by the map and the ordinance wording. Upon Roll Call voting, the Ayes were as follows: Commissioners Hughes, Moser, Richeson, and Stutts. Nays being none. The motion was carried.

City Recorder Jessica Morgan advised that the TDOT Railroad Improvement project could now use local contractor Spectrum Electric, who has been added to the TDOT pre-qualified list and we were waiting for a quote. Teresa Hayes with HDR Inc provided three proposals on the non-electrical components of the TDOT Railroad Improvement Grant. The board asked that the item be placed on the May agenda for action.

No changes were requested to the Capital Improvement Plan. No action was taken on this item.

In New Business, Commissioner Moser moved to adopt the updated schedule of fees which added a provision for the delivery of bulk mulch over 100 loads, which does not allow delivery for small loads of mulch which are still available for pickup by citizens. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Richeson moved to approve the issuance of a new certificate of deposit of \$250,000 with Capstar Bank. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Stutts moved to approve Ordinance No. 1019 to accept Furrow lots on first reading. The motion was seconded. Upon Roll Call Voting, the ayes were as follows: Commissioners Hughes, Moser, Richeson, and Stutts. Nays being none. The motion was carried.

Mayor Lowe reviewed the Budget Ordinance, No. 1020 and provided the budget schedule. The budget called for no new fee increases or increases in the property tax rate. No action was taken.

Commissioner Richeson moved to approve Ordinance No. 1021 regarding codification of the Ordinance establishing an office of Administrative Law Judge on first reading. The motion was seconded. Upon Roll Call Voting, the ayes were as follows: Commissioners Hughes, Moser, Richeson, and Stutts. Nays being none. The motion was carried.

Mayor Lowe reviewed the upcoming events in May. The meeting was adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

This the 3rd day of April, 2023.

MAYOR

ATTEST: _____

CITY RECORDER