

Meeting Minutes
September 5, 2017

The Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the City of Sweetwater met in their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 5, 2017 at 5 p.m. due to the Labor Day Holiday.

Mayor Lowe called the meeting to order with Commissioners present being: Lamar Hughes, Sam Moser, Edward Lee, Billy G. West, and Bill W. Stockton. City Attorney John Cleveland was present. Commissioner Stockton opened the meeting with an invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Chief Eddie Byrum.

Commissioner Lee moved to approve the minutes from the meetings of August 7, 2017 and August 16, 2017 and August 28, 2017, with Commissioner Stockton seconding the motion. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

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Ms. Pidge and Susie Collette were present to request the board authorize use of public property and resources for the 2017 Rocky Top Run on October 22, 2017 from 1:30 to 5 p.m. Commissioner Hughes moved to approve the event, with Commissioner Stockton seconding the motion. All voted in favor with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Mayor Lowe advised the land donation from Exit 60, LLC would remain a tabled item until we had paperwork to take action on. He also advised Mr. Cazana wished to recognize the city employees for their efforts with the Eclipse festival with a lunch on September 12, 2017.

In New Business, the Planning Commission recommended adoption of the streets in the Ridgeland Farms subdivision. Commissioner West moved to adopt the streets, with Commissioner Moser seconding the motion. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

City Planner Scott Wilson reviewed Ordinance No. 952, which rezones the property at the north end of Mayes Ave to R-2. The request was made by the property owner, Jeff Darragh, and recommended by the planning commission. The owner intends to place cottage homes behind the existing home, which is listed on the National Historic Registry. The homes will be used as Air Bed & Breakfast units and will have the same design as the primary structure.

The design will be reviewed by the Historic Zoning Commission. Commissioner Lee asked if this would allow all properties on Mayes to be rezoned. Scott explained that this property was not considered to be spot zoning due to the size of the area, the location, and the intended use of the property within the Historic zoning regulations and the presence on the National registry. Commissioner Moser moved approve Ordinance No 952 entitled AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP REGARDING PARCEL 14.00 OF MONROE COUNTY TAX MAP 023C, GROUP F FROM R-3 TO R-2 on first reading. Commissioner Hughes seconded the motion. Upon Roll Call voting, the Ayes were as follows: Commissioner Hughes, Moser, Lee, West, and Stockton. Nays being none. The motion was carried.

Mayor Lowe reminded everyone of the joint meeting with SUB on September 14 at 6 pm at Springbrook Country Club and the National Muscadine Festival on September 22-23, 2017.

No further action was taken. The meeting was adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

This the 5th day of September, 2017.