

Meeting Minutes
May 4, 2020

The Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the City of Sweetwater met in their regular monthly meeting on Monday, May 4, 2020 at 5 p.m. as an Electronic meeting. Mayor Doyle F. Lowe called the meeting to order with Commissioners present in person being Lamar Hughes, Sam Moser, Alan Richeson, and Billy G. West. Commissioners present via electronic means being Bill W. Stockton. A quorum was present.

City Attorney John Cleveland read the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION REGARDING THE NEED TO MEET BY ELECTRONIC MEANS.

WHEREAS, a novel coronavirus, designated COVID-19, is a worldwide pandemic with numerous cases in Tennessee and 20 cases in Monroe County, and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2020, Governor Bill Lee signed Executive Order No. 16, which suspends the requirements of the Tennessee Open Meetings Act to the extent necessary to allow any governing body subject to the requirements of the Act, including municipal governing bodies, to meet and conduct essential business by electronic means if the body determines meeting electronically is necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of Tennesseans in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

WHEREAS, on March 22, 2020, Governor Bill Lee signed Executive Order 17 which orders that persons in the State of Tennessee shall not participate in gatherings of ten (10) or more people;

WHEREAS, the coronavirus constitutes an immediate and significant danger to the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Sweetwater, and

WHEREAS, extraordinary measures must be taken to contain COVID-19 and prevent its introduction into the City of Sweetwater, including the isolation of groups of individuals greater than ten (10); now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the May 4, 2020 meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the City of Sweetwater, Tennessee, shall be conducted by the electronic means of a telephone conference call to 423-205-3006 in accordance with the published notice of this meeting.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Commissioner Moser moved to approve the Resolution, with Commissioner Richeson seconding the motion. Upon Roll Call Voting, the Ayes were as follows: Commissioners Hughes, Moser, Richeson, West, and Stockton. Nays being none. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Hughes moved to approve the minutes for the meeting of March 2, 2020. Commissioner West seconded the motion. Upon Roll Call Voting, the Ayes were as follows: Commissioners Hughes, Moser, Richeson, West, and Stockton. Nays being none. The motion was carried.

After the Recorder's report, Commissioner Richeson moved to approve the distributions for the month of April, 2020. Commissioner Moser seconded the motion. Upon Roll Call Voting, the Ayes were as follows: Commissioners Hughes, Moser, Richeson, West, and Stockton. Nays being none. The motion was carried.

There was no old business. In New Business, Mayor Lowe presented the only bid received for the CDBG Façade Grant for Project on the Woodrow McCoy Building. The bid received was from VWCA Construction, for a total price of \$99,755.15 for all steps. The bidder provided incremental pricing as well. Commissioner Richeson moved to approve the bid, with Commissioner Hughes seconding the motion. Commissioner Sam Moser abstained from the vote, due to his personal interest in the property affected. All remaining Commissioners voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Two bids were received for the CDBG façade Grant for Project on the Scruggs Building. The first bid from Pinnacle Home Improvements included pricing on 6 windows at \$8,430 and pricing for 17 windows at \$23,885. The second bid was from Hiwassee Windows & Doors for 6 windows for \$20,407.14. Commissioner West moved to approve the bid from Pinnacle Home Improvements at \$23,885. Commissioner Richeson seconded the motion. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Mayor Lowe reviewed the bids received for asphalt paving as follows:

A & A Asphalt for a lump sum price of \$210,499.
Harrison (APAC) for a lump sum price of \$164,300.
Duracap for a lump sum price of \$153,500.
PRI Pavement for a lump sum price of \$169,080.
Rogers Group for a lump sum price of \$135,000.

Commissioner West recommended awarded the bid to the low bidder, Rogers Group for all projects totaling \$135,000. Commissioner Hughes seconded the motion. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Stockton moved to approve Ordinance No. 980 to adopt the Budget for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2021 on first reading. Commissioner Moser seconded

the motion. Upon Roll Call Voting, the Ayes were as follows: Commissioners Hughes, Moser, Richeson, West, and Stockton. Nays being none. The motion was carried.

No further action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

This the 4th day of May, 2020.

Mayor

ATTEST:
