

Meeting Minutes
July 6, 2021

The Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the City of Sweetwater met in their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 6, 2021 at 5 p.m. at City Hall. Mayor Doyle F. Lowe called the meeting to order with Commissioners present being: Alan Richeson, Billy G. West, and Bill W. Stockton. Absent were Lamar Hughes, who was out of town, and Sam Moser, who was at work. A quorum was present.

Mayor Lowe opened the meeting with an invocation of The Lord's Prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Media Representative Tulli Cole.

Commissioner Stockton moved to approve the minutes from the meeting of June 7, 2021 and the workshop of June 28, 2021. A second was given. 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 May 2021. A second was given. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

In New Business, Ashley Myers updated the board on the grant award for \$25,000 from the Randy Boyd Foundation and PetSmart in the Dog Park Dash grant. There is no match and the location proposed is near the softball complex.

Ashley Myers also advised the city's application to Tennessee's Department of Economic and Community Development to be a Certified Local Government has been approved.

Mayor Lowe opened a discussion on the restoration of the antique fire truck. The Fire Department had located a restoration company, but the cost was significant and the closest specialist was located in Pennsylvania. Mayor Lowe requested that he be allowed to have city staff work on the truck and stated he would take responsibility for checking into repairs. Commissioner West reiterated the importance of the truck and that he wished for us to keep and maintain the truck. Commissioner Richeson noted he felt the truck was valuable to the city and wanted to see it used safely.

City Recorder Jessica Morgan reviewed the following to reserve at year end and roll to the new budget year: 1) All donations 2) All library funds 3) Police Building funds 4) Main Street marketplace vendor fees. She would make the appropriate entries for year-end. Commissioner Stockton approved the recommendation, and a second was given. Upon Roll Call Voting, the

Ayes were as follows: Commissioners Richeson, West, and Stockton. Nays being none. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Richeson moved to approve Ordinance No. 991 to amend the budget for the year ending June 30, 2021, being Ordinance No. 980 on first reading. The motion was seconded. Upon Roll Call Voting, the Ayes were as follows: Commissioners Richeson, West, and Stockton. Nays being none. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Richeson moved to approve a Resolution to name a portion of Highway 68 the "Clinton Riddle Memorial Bridge". A second was given. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Resolution to name a portion of Highway 68 "Clinton Riddle Memorial Bridge"

WHEREAS, the City of Sweetwater has seen fit to honor certain individuals whose efforts made Sweetwater a better place to live; and

WHEREAS, Clinton Riddle, generously gave of himself throughout his life for the betterment and prosperity of the citizens of the City of Sweetwater and the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Clinton Riddle served in Italy, France, Africa in Company B324th Glider Infantry of the 82nd Airborne Division during WWII, surviving the Battle of the Bulge, to return to honor his fallen comrades at the WWII Memorial in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Clinton Riddle survived crashing behind enemy lines in Normandy, and his heroic career in military service was followed by a lifetime of service to his family, community, and church; and

WHEREAS, Clinton Riddle has been established as a Hometown Hero, serving many times as a parade marshall, speaker, community leader, mentor, and friend; ensuring the legacy of those who protected our freedoms; and

WHEREAS, the leaders and citizens of Sweetwater are grateful to Mr. Riddle for his many selfless contributions to our nation and wish to recognize his achievements; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Clinton Riddle passed away on December 3, 2019 and the City of Sweetwater wishes to honor his legacy; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SWEETWATER, TENNESSEE, on the 6th day of July, 2021,

That the section of State Highway 68 from the intersection of Murray’s Chapel Road to the intersection of Telford Drive, which is the overpass of Interstate 75 at Exit 60, is hereby designated “Clinton Riddle Memorial Bridge” in honor of his service to the City of Sweetwater, State of Tennessee, and the United States of America.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Tennessee House of Representatives and Tennessee Senate.

Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Recorder

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

This the 6th day of July, 2021.

Mayor