

Meeting Minutes
June 5, 2023

The Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the City of Sweetwater met in a regular monthly meeting on Monday, June 5, 2023 at 5 p.m. Mayor Doyle F. Lowe called the meeting to order with Commissioners present being: Sam Moser, Alan Richeson, and James H. Stutts. Commissioner Lamar Hughes was out of town. City Attorney John Cleveland was present.

Commissioner Stutts moved to approve the minutes from the regular monthly meeting of May 1, 2023 and workshop of May 22, 2023. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed.

Commissioner Richeson approved the Recorder's report of distributions for the month of April, 2023. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed.

A public hearing was opened to take comment on the following items:

Budget Ordinance No. 1020

Ordinance No. 1022 to amend Title 8

No written or oral comments were given. The public hearing was closed at 5:05 p.m.

There was no Old Business. In New Business, Commissioner Moser moved to approve use the ECD budget in the General Fund to make improvements at the Main Street Marketplace. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Stutts moved to write off uncollected taxes totaling \$9,248 as dismissed by the Chancellor. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Moser moved to approve the budget from the Sweetwater City Board of Education. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Richeson moved to approve the budget from the Sweetwater Library Board. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

The Budget Ordinance No. 1020 was tabled for the June called meeting in order to give more time for the state to provide a certified tax rate.

Commissioner Moser moved to approve Ordinance No. 1022 to amend Title 8, Alcoholic Beverages, Chapter 2, Beer, Section 8-206 on second and final reading. The motion was seconded. Upon Roll Call Voting, the Ayes were as follows: Commissioners Moser, Richeson, and Stutts. Nays being none. The motion was carried.

The Downtown Planning Grant Presentation was rescheduled for the June called meeting, as TDOT has not approved the final draft yet.

Mayor Lowe noted the upcoming appointments for July. He asked the board if everyone could be present on July 1 for a swearing in ceremony at noon. It was agreed to address the regular monthly business in that same meeting.

Mayor Lowe also recognized the Sweetwater Main Street program under the leadership of Hayley Isbill and Josh Issac for winning First Place in the National Main Street Neighborhood Champion Program for our Small Business Saturday and Small Town Christmas events. He also congratulated Sweetwater Police Department for their largest grant award in agency history at \$1.14 million from the TN Governor's Violent Crime Prevention Collaborative Grant and include collaboration with Tellico Plains Police Department to create a Crime Suppression Unit. He also congratulated Chief Eddie Byrum for being voted First Place by the Advocate's Reader's Choice contest for Law Enforcement Official.

No further action was taken.

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

This the 5th day of June, 2023.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Recorder