

Meeting Minutes

September 23, 2024

The Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the City of Sweetwater met in their regular monthly workshop on Monday, September 23, 2024 at 5 p.m. at City Hall. Mayor Doyle F. Lowe called the meeting to order with Commissioners present being: Sam Moser, Alan Richeson, JoAnna Jinks, and James H. Stutts. Absent was Commissioner Lamar Hughes due to a recent surgery. City Attorney John W. Cleveland was not present.

No one was present to make a public comment.

In workshop discussion, Commissioner Moser advised he would like to revisit the framing on the Biggs Home before bidding the masonry work.

To update the board on the high school after meeting with the school board's attorney, Jon Campbell advised the city school board would need to meet and establish an executive committee to meet with the county board to enter into formal discussions about the acquisition of Sweetwater High School.

John Cleveland had submitted an update on the tax suit filed on the TMG property.

Mayor Lowe asked the board to meet him at the Ball Property next Monday at 6:30 p.m.

The parks department noted their interest in the A street property's brick building to relocate their office and equipment.

City Administrator Jessica Morgan updated the board on several items, including the Hyper-Reach system. Russ Bell called in to the meeting to review changes to the contract to prevent overages. She also advised the board that she would begin placing the revenue line for repairing utility cuts into State Street Aid, since that is where the expenditures were posted. She reviewed the short film project and the local business contributions totaling over \$24,000 for the production. She noted if there were no objections, the city would contribute \$6,000 from the tourism budget to the project and forward the county's contribution, which was pending a vote the following day. She reviewed the museum tour day this past Saturday and noted a good crowd attended and the museum would be open Saturdays and Sundays from 2-4 pm through October. She provided the final drawing on the Circle Park project. She advised the board that the third tennis court had been converted by Parks and Recreation into a multiuse court for tennis and pickleball. She also advised a child had received an injury on the Homecoming bridge and the board may need to consider closing the bridge for maintenance and repairs. The board discussed the safety aspects and agreed the bridge should be closed and a structural engineer consulted.

Each department head provided updates to the board.

Mayor Lowe reviewed the upcoming agenda for October.

No action was taken.

The workshop was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

This the 23rd day of September, 2024.

Mayor

Attest: _____
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