

Meeting Minutes
November 6, 2023

The Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the City of Sweetwater met in a regular monthly meeting on Monday, November 6, 2023 at 5 p.m. at City Hall. Mayor Lowe called the meeting to order and led an invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by the runners from the Sweetwater school cross country elementary, middle, junior high and high school teams and coaches, who all qualified for the state tournament. The Mayor recognized the athletes with the following proclamation, approved by the City Board:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Sweetwater wishes to recognize individuals and teams in Sweetwater who achieve significant accomplishments in athletics; and

WHEREAS, Sweetwater has a long history of student athletes and coaches who commit themselves to excellence in many different sports; and

WHEREAS, the Sweetwater Elementary School, Brown Intermediate School, and Sweetwater Junior High School have in recent years established programs for cross-country athletics; and

WHEREAS, Sweetwater High School's cross country team will benefit from the feeder programs established at the lower grades, accelerating their excellent program; and

WHEREAS, the city fully supports the cooperation between our local school systems; and

WHEREAS, all of the Sweetwater cross country teams have qualified to run in the State Tournament; and

WHEREAS, the coaches and athletes deserve to be recognized for their achievements in the 2023 season;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the City of Sweetwater Tennessee,

That the Sweetwater Cross Country Athletes and Coaches be honored for their accomplishments

This 6th day of November, 2023

Signed by the Mayor of Sweetwater TN

Doyle F. Lowe

Attest: _____

Recorder

Upon Roll Call, the following commissioners were present: Commissioners Lamar Hughes, Sam Moser, Alan Richeson, JoAnna Jinks, and James H. Stutts. City Attorney John Cleveland was present.

Commissioner Hughes moved to approve the minutes from the meeting of October 2, 2023 and the workshop and called meeting of October 23, 2023. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

After the Recorder's report, Commissioner Moser moved to approve the distributions for the month of September 2023. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

No visitors were present to make public comment.

A public hearing was opened to take comment on Ordinance No. 1027 to accept Ridgeland Farms Streets and Other Streets previously approved. No written or oral comments were made. A public hearing was opened to take comment on Ordinance No. 1029 to acquire certain property from Sweetwater Utilities Board. No written or oral comments were made. The public hearing was closed at 5:16 p.m.

In Old Business, Commissioner Moser moved to approve Ordinance No. 1027 to accept Ridgeland Farms Streets and Other Streets previously approved on second and final reading. The motion was seconded. Upon Roll Call Voting, the Ayes were as follows: Commissioners Hughes, Moser, Richeson, Jinks, and Stutts. Nays being none. The motion was carried.

Ordinance No. 1029 to acquire certain property from Sweetwater Utilities Board was tabled.

The appointment to the Library board was tabled.

In New Business, Commissioner Moser moved to approve Ordinance No. 1028 to amend Title 1, General Administration, Chapter 2, Mayor and Board of Commissioners, 1-202 Order of Business to add 1-204, Order of Debate and Public Comment on first reading. The motion was seconded. Upon Roll Call Voting, the Ayes were as follows: Commissioners Hughes, Moser, Richeson, Jinks, and Stutts. Nays being none. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Hughes moved to approve Ordinance No. 1030 to amend Title 11, Municipal Offenses, Chapter 7, Misc 11-706, Use of City Property on first reading. The motion was seconded. During discussion, John Cleveland clarified this ordinance was primarily procedural to provide due process. Upon Roll Call Voting, the Ayes were as follows: Commissioners Hughes, Moser, Richeson, Jinks, and Stutts. Nays being none. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Moser moved to approve Commissioner Ordinance No. 1031 to rezone Map 015 N Group A Parcel 5.00 on Highway 11 from R-1 to R-3 on first reading. The motion was seconded. Upon Roll Call Voting, the Ayes were as follows: Commissioners Hughes, Moser, Richeson, Jinks, and Stutts. Nays being none. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Jinks moved to approve Ordinance No. 1032 to adopt River Park Lane as a city street on first reading. The motion was seconded. During the discussion, the board was advised there was no bond, as the road was built to city requirements already. Upon Roll Call Voting, the Ayes were as

follows: Commissioners Hughes, Moser, Richeson, Jinks, and Stutts. Nays being none. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Stutts moved to approve the payment of in-service to police and fire in November. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Hughes moved to approve the hiring of Scott Walker in the parks department. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Mayor Lowe invited everyone to the Main Street Fundraiser this weekend and the Veteran's Day Parade on Saturday. He reminded the board about the called meeting next Monday.

No further action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

This the 6th day of November, 2023.

Doyle F. Lowe

Attest: _____

Recorder