

Meeting Minutes

December 4, 2017

The Mayor and Board of Commissioner met in their regular monthly meeting on Monday, December 4, 2017 at 5 pm at City Hall.

Mayor Lowe called the meeting to order, with Commissioner West leading the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Chief Eddie Byrum. Commissioners present included Lamar Hughes, Sam Moser, Edward Lee, Billy G. West, and Bill W. Stockton.

Commissioner Moser moved to approve the minutes from the meeting on Monday, November 6 and Monday, November 27. Commissioner Hughes seconded the motion. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

After the Recorder's report, Commissioner Lee moved to approve the distributions for the month of November, 2017. Commissioner West seconded the motion. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

A public hearing was opened to take comment on Ordinance No. 954 to amend Title 14 of the Sweetwater Municipal Code. No written or oral comments were given. The public hearing was closed at 5:05 p.m.

In Old Business, the single item for action was Ordinance NO. 954 entitled An Ordinance to amend Title 14 of the Sweetwater Municipal Code on second and final reading. Commissioner Moser moved to approve Ordinance NO 954. Commissioner Hughes seconded the motion. Upon Roll Call Voting the Ayes were as follows: Commissioners Hughes, Moser, Lee, West, and Stockton. Nays being none. The motion was carried.

In New Business, Commissioner Moser moved to approve Ordinance No. 955 entitled An Ordinance to amend Title 14 of the Sweetwater Municipal code regarding TND zoning on first reading. Commissioner Stockton seconded the motion. Upon Roll Call Voting the Ayes were as follows: Commissioners Hughes, Moser, Lee, West, and Stockton. Nays being none. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Lee moved to approve Ordinance NO. 956 entitled An Ordinance to amend Title 16 of the Sweetwater Municipal Code on first reading. Commissioner West seconded the motion. City Attorney John Cleveland added that this ordinance was in response to a letter received by First Liberty who questioned the constitutionality of requiring a permit from individuals and small groups. He noted that he requested any suggestions from First Liberty, but none were received. Upon Roll Call Voting the Ayes were as follows: Commissioners Hughes, Moser, Lee, West, and Stockton. Nays being none. The motion was carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. The Board reconvened as the Sweetwater Municipal Beer Board to review three applications.

First, Mr. Heath Hawkins DBA Eclipse Bar and Grill requested an extension on his permit approved May 1, 2017, as his business was not in operation yet. Commissioner Stockton moved to approve the extension until May 1, 2018. Commissioner Moser seconded the motion. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Stockton moved to approve an off-premises application for Dhara & Priyank Patel DBA Sweetwater Food Mart at 750 New Hwy 68, Sweetwater. Commissioner Hughes seconded the motion. Chief Byrum reported clear background checks. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Stockton moved to approve an off-premises application for Shara Yosie Hernandez DBA Vittorino's Italian Cucina at 111 N. Main Street, Suite B, Sweetwater. Commissioner Hughes seconded the motion. Chief Byrum reported clear background checks. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Mayor Lowe thanked everyone for their work in the Christmas Parade, saying it was the largest and most wonderful parade to date. City Planner Scott Wilson announced that Rural King is planning a soft opening mid-February with Grand Opening Scheduled for March 1, 2018. Mayor Lowe also praised Ms. Rebecca "Pidge" Collette for her work with the Street Department on the Christmas lights and decorations.

The December workshop was cancelled and the next meeting date was set for Tuesday, January 2, 2018.

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

This the 4th day of December, 2017.