

Meeting Minutes
March 7, 2022

The Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the City of Sweetwater met in their regular monthly meeting on Monday, March 7, 2022, at 5 p.m. at City Hall. Mayor Doyle F. Lowe called the meeting to order with Commissioners present being: Lamar Hughes, Sam Moser, Alan Richeson, Billy G. West, and Bill W. Stockton. City Attorney John Cleveland was present.

Mayor Lowe opened the meeting with the Lord's Prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Commissioner Moser.

Commissioner Richeson moved to approve the minutes of the regular monthly meeting of February 7, 2022 and the workshop and called meeting of February 28, 2022. A second was given. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

After the Recorder's report, Commissioner Stockton moved to approve the distributions for the month of January, 2022. A second was given. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

A public hearing was opened to take comment on Ordinance No. 996 to amend the zoning map and Ordinance No. 997 to amend the zoning map. No written or oral comments were given. The public hearing was closed.

Visitor David Black was present to thank the board for allowing Knoxville Track Club to host the marathon in Sweetwater in 2021. He read participant comments to the board and noted runners from 20 states came to Sweetwater for the race. He also requested that KTC and Sweetwater Kiwanis Club be allowed to co-host a half-marathon and 5k on October 1 in Sweetwater. Commissioner Hughes moved to approve the request. A second was given. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Moser moved to approve Ordinance No. 996 to amend the zoning map by rezoning Tax Map 023C Group F Parcels 34.00 and 36.00 from C-4 to R-3 on second and final reading. A second was given. Upon Roll Call Voting, the Ayes were as follows: Commissioner Hughes, Moser, Richeson, West, and Stockton. Nays being none. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Hughes moved to approve Ordinance No. 997 to amend the zoning map by rezoning a part of Tax Map 015 Parcel 12.00 from C-3 to C-5; and a part of Tax Map 15 Parcel 12.00 from C-3 to M-2; and a part of Tax Map 015 Parcel 13.00 from R-1 to C-5; and a part of Tax Map 015 Parcel 13.00 from R-1 to M-2; and a part of Tax Map 015 Parcel 13.02 from R-1 to C-5; and a part of Tax Map 015 Parcel 13.02 from R-1 to M2 on second and final reading. A second was given. Upon Roll Call Voting, the Ayes were as follows: Commissioner Hughes, Moser, Richeson, West, and Stockton. Nays being none. The motion was carried.

Commissioner West moved to approve the Resolution to adopt the Monroe County Hazard Mitigation Plan. A second was given. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

A Resolution to Adopt the Monroe County Hazard Mitigation Plan

WHEREAS, hazard mitigation has gained increased national attention due to the large number of natural disasters that have occurred throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, unified command of such incidents is recognized as the management model to maximize the public safety response; and

WHEREAS, the 2017 updated Monroe County Hazard Mitigation Plan was created to act as a well thought-out guide to be used by and for the people of Monroe County; and

WHEREAS, federal code title 44 CFR 201, states that an updated hazard mitigation plan is required to be submitted to both TEMA (State) and FEMA (Federal) for review every five years to be reapproved; and

WHEREAS, it has been noted that communities who successfully complete and maintain a mitigation plan receive larger amounts of Federal and State funding to be used on mitigation projects and receive those funds faster than communities who do not have a plan; now, therefore:

Be it resolved by the City of Sweetwater, Tennessee Mayor and Board of Commissioners that the City of Sweetwater adopts the Monroe County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Duly passed and approved this 7th day of March, 2022.

Mayor

Attest: _____
Recorder

Commissioner Stockton moved to approve the Resolution to adopt a Capital Improvement Plan for 2023-2027. A second was given. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City Charter requires adoption of a Capital Improvement Program annually by the Mayor and Board of Commissioners: and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Board of Commissioners has reviewed the capital needs and projected program for fiscal years ending 2023-2027: and,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the City of Sweetwater, in regular meeting assembled, that the attached Review and Summary of the Capital Improvement Program is adopted for the fiscal years ending 2023 through 2027 for budgeting and planning purposes as required by the City Charter.

Resolved this 7th day of March, 2022.

Mayor

ATTEST: _____
City Recorder

Capital Improvement Program 2023-2027		Year Ending June 30,					
		2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	
FIRE DEPARTMENT							
New aerial (ladder) truck	grant			1,000,000			
Equipment & Air Packs	FEMA grant	25,000	25,000	25,000	125,000	25,000	
Fire hall #2 Roof	Budget				250,000		
Fire hall maintenance	Budget	9,000	9,000	9,000	12,000	12,000	
TOTALS		37,000	37,000	1,037,000	387,000	37,000	1,535,000
POLICE DEPARTMENT							
Replace vehicles	budget/Note	95,000	95,000	95,000	95,000	95,000	
Public safety bldg expansion	budget	50,000					
Upgrade cameras (incl body cams)	Budget/Grant	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	
Computers & equipment	budget/ DF	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	
TOTALS		179,000	129,000	129,000	129,000	129,000	695,000
PARKS/RECREATION							
softball fields	grant/budget	1,500	1,500	1,500	2,000	2,000	
trails/greenways	budget/grant			250,000			
soccer fields	budget	1,500	1,500	1,500	2,000	2,000	
baseball fields	budget	5,000	5,000	1,500	2,000	2,000	
football field	budget	1,500	1,500	15,000	2,000	2,000	
multi-use field	budget	500	500	500	1,000	1,000	
Playground surfacing	budget	5,000		20,000	20,000		
Football field bleachers	grant/budget			500,000			
Engleman Park Playground	grant/budget	150,000					
Splash pad maintenance	budget	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	10,000	
Engleman Park Christmas Light Project		6,000	6,000	6,000			
Resurfacing walking track	grant/budget				50,000		
pool improvements	budget	5,000	350,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	
volleyball court	budget			15,000			
Replace score boards	budget	5,000			5,000		
surveillance	budget	25,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	
tennis/basketball courts surfacing	budget	35,000					
mowers & equipment	budget		12,000	15,000			
Recreation Master Plan (required by LPRF)	budget	1,000					
Fitness Court maintenance	budget/grant					5,000	
trucks	budget	4,000	44,000	4,000	44,000	4,000	
TOTALS		248,500	429,500	842,500	140,500	38,000	1,699,000
STREETS							
landscaping	Budget	6,000	6,000	6,000	7,500	7,500	
general equipment	budget/SSA	25,000	25,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	
SSA Equipment	SSA	250,000	250,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	
Street Sweeper	Bond/ Debt Service	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	
Sidewalk extensions & additions	budget/SSA	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	
Repairing walks & curbs	SSA	3,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	
Engineering fee for STP project	SSA/budget	25,000	25,000	25,000			
STP project Hawkins/Linwood	STP/SSA	200,000	100,000				
Multimodal sidewalk on Main Street	SSA/ Grant	450,000	450,000	250,000			
TAP Grant	SSA/Grant		500,000	500,000	400,000		
paving	budget/SSA	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	
street signs	budget	3,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	
TOTALS		1,080,000	1,491,000	1,006,000	632,500	232,500	4,442,000
Planning, Dev, & Tourism							
vehicle upgrade	budget	40,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	
Prop Maint assessments	budget	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	
Prof./Engineering Services	budget	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500	4,500	
Computer upgrades	budget		5,000			5,000	
Main Street grants for downtown	Grants	25,000	25,000	25,000	100,000	25,000	
Main Street Program	budget/grants	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	
		74,500	215,500	35,500	185,500	40,500	551,500
GENERAL GOVERNMENT							
Fund Balance Growth	budget	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	
Grant matching funds	budget	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	
Public wifi	budget/grant	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	
Building Improvement Projects	budget	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	
parking	budget				35,000		
Industrial dev.	loan/grant	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	
Decorations & Christmas Lights	budget/donations	10,000	10,000	10,000	5,000	5,000	
Mural Grant	Tourism Fund	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	
Community Center Design	budget/grant	50,000	50,000				
Community Center Capital	budget/debt		100,000	2,000,000	500,000	250,000	
Recycling program	budget/grant					25,000	
Computer upgrades	budget	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	
Radio & Repeater expansions	Grant	15,000	200,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	
I-75 infrastructure	Budget/grant	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	
School capital projects	budget	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	
School technology upgrades	budget	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	
ADA upgrades	budget/grant	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	
ADA Duck Park Homecoming bridge	budget/grant		25,000	75,000			
Access Road I-75 exits	Grants				6,000,000		
TOTALS		252,000	566,000	2,271,000	6,727,000	467,000	10,283,000
SUMMARY							
Fire		37,000	37,000	1,037,000	387,000	37,000	
Police		179,000	129,000	129,000	129,000	129,000	
Parks/Rec		248,500	429,500	842,500	140,500	38,000	
Streets		1,080,000	1,491,000	1,006,000	632,500	232,500	
Planning, Dev, Tourism		74,500	215,500	35,500	185,500	40,500	
Gen Govt.		252,000	566,000	2,271,000	6,727,000	467,000	
TOTALS		1,871,000	2,868,000	5,321,000	8,201,500	944,000	19,205,500

Commissioner Richeson moved to promote Rob Wilson from part time to full time firefighter. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor with none opposed. The motion was carried.

City Recorder Jessica Morgan presented the sole bid received on the final home build for the CDBG Home Grant from S&J Design and Construction LLC for \$142,980 for construction and \$9,000 for demolition for a total of \$151,980. The bid was over the remaining budget for the home grant. Therefore, the board tabled this item to the called meeting on March 28 for action.

City Recorder Jessica Morgan reviewed information from the Middle East TN Tourism Council Legislative Luncheon on tourism growth in our area. She also noted Monroe County took home an award for their Passport publication and Monroe County and The City of Sweetwater won the 2021 Tourism Trailblazer Award for the AL MS TN Rural Tourism Conference in October.

No further action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

This the 7th day of March, 2022.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Recorder