

Meeting Minutes
May 22, 2023

The Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the City of Sweetwater met in a called meeting and workshop session on Monday, May 22, 2023 at 5 p.m. Mayor Lowe called the meeting to order with Commissioners present being: Lamar Hughes, Sam Moser, Alan Richeson, and James H. Stutts.

Commissioner Stutts moved to authorize Mayor Lowe to sign the contract with TDEC for a water infrastructure grant contract for Sweetwater Utilities Board. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Director of Schools Rodney Boruff presented the budget for the Board of Education. He noted a 5% raise for full-time employees with bonus options and reviewed the new TISA funding formula. He did express concerns about unanswered questions with the new formula and the teacher hiring challenges. He noted their health insurance increased 6% and the chromebook program would cost around \$66,000 annually. He mentioned there was a discussion surrounding the acquisition of Sweetwater High School into the city school system and the current step was to obtain an appraisal so a cost could be discussed.

Library Director Tania Rich presented the budget for Sweetwater Public Library. She advised that the funding requested from the city would be used for salary increases.

The board reviewed the Budget Ordinance. The health insurance increase would total 0.5% and the draft included funds for the library and board of education. She proposed a project for the current budget from the Economic Development department to make improvements to the Main Street Marketplace area, which the board placed on the June 5th agenda for action.

Mayor Lowe reviewed the upcoming June 5th agenda.

No further action was taken.

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

This the 22nd day of May, 2023.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Recorder

