

Meeting Minutes  
June 26, 2023

The Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the City of Sweetwater met in a called meeting and workshop session on Monday, June 26, 2023 at 5 p.m. Mayor Doyle Lowe called the meeting to order with Commissioners present being: Lamar Hughes, Sam Moser, Alan Richeson, and James H. Stutts. City Attorney John Cleveland was not present.

Commissioner Richeson moved to approve the Budget Ordinance No. 1020 as amended and tax levy on second and final reading. The motion was seconded. Upon Roll Call Voting, the Ayes were as follows: Commissioners Hughes, Moser, Richeson, and Stutts. Nays being none. The motion was carried.

Kai Zuehlke with HNTB presented the final draft of the TDOT Downtown Mobility Plan to the board. After some discussion, Commissioner Hughes moved to approve the Resolution to adopt the Sweetwater Downtown Mobility Plan. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

RESOLUTION to adopt the Sweetwater Downtown Mobility Plan

**WHEREAS**, the City of Sweetwater TN received an Urban Transportation Planning grant from the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) to conduct a mobility study along Highway 11/Main Street in Sweetwater; and

**WHEREAS**, HNTB has conducted the study, and a public hearing was held on Monday, June 26, 2023 at City Hall; and

**WHEREAS**, the Downtown Planning Committee has reviewed and provided feedback on the plan over the course of several meetings; and the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the City of Sweetwater reviewed the plan in their meeting on Monday, June 26, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sweetwater Downtown Mobility Plan is a tool that, when adopted and applied, can help preserve and enhance the Highway 11 Downtown Corridor, serve as a guide for planning and development by the City of Sweetwater and the Main Street organization, multi-modal accommodations, green space development, and improving the safety and livability of the area; and

**WHEREAS**, Sweetwater's historic downtown and Main Street organization are a keystone to Sweetwater's economic development, charming aesthetics, and future growth plans.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the City of Sweetwater, Tennessee that the Sweetwater Downtown Mobility Plan attached as Exhibit A are hereby adopted.

Duly Passed by the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the City of Sweetwater on this the 26<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

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Commissioner Richeson moved to hire Todd Corbett and Daniel Ray as part-time firefighters. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Stutts moved to hire Chris Francis as full-time Sergeant and Chase Atkins as full-time patrol officer who are both certified. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

In the workshop discussion, the board discussed potential changes to the paid time off policy and CDL requirements, which were tabled for further discussion.

City Recorder Jessica Morgan reviewed the new state legislation requiring agenda posting and adding a section to the agenda for public comments. They also discussed the need to do an open-ended bid for vehicles, as the inventory was low. The Recorder was directed to present a draft policy for review. Mayor Lowe reviewed the July 1<sup>st</sup> agenda and appointments. He requested reports from each department head. Commissioner Moser requested a workshop be held to update and discuss the TMG property. The board agreed to use July's regular workshop as a set time for discussion.

The called meeting and workshop was adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

This the 26<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

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