

Meeting Minutes

September 5, 2023

The Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the City of Sweetwater met in their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. A quorum was present with Commissioners present being: Lamar Hugues, Sam Moser, Alan Richeson, Joanna Jinks, and James H. Stutts. City Attorney John Cleveland was present.

Mayor Doyle F. Lowe called the meeting to order and led the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Stutts moved to approve the minutes from the meetings of August 7, 2023 and August 28, 2023. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

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

No one was present to make a public comment. In Old Business, Commissioner Moser moved to approve Ordinance No. 1025 to amend Title 14, Zoning regarding Signs and Billboards 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. 1026 to amend the Budget Ordinance being Ordinance No. 1020 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 on first reading. The motion was seconded. Voting in favor were Commissioners Hughes, Moser, Richeson, and Jinks. Commissioner Stutts abstained from voting. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Richeson moved to approve accepting the light off the southbound ramp of Exit 62 for city maintenance and ownership. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Moser moved to approve the Password policy. Due to its nature, the policy is not included in the minutes. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

The review of extending the one-way portion of Wright Street was tabled to the workshop for further review.

The dump truck whose bid was opened in the previous workshop held on August 28, 2023, was not satisfactory upon physical inspection. The bid was rejected.

Commissioner Richeson moved to fill the vacancy in the fire department by hiring Brian Hodge. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Mayor Lowe invited everyone to the East Tennessee Development District's annual banquet, which would feature Sweetwater's housing grant project.

Commissioner Hughes requested the board considering allowing him to hire the replacement for Toby Bellamy, who would be retiring in January but would begin taking his days soon. The item was placed on the workshop to discuss adding it to the budget amendment.

No further action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

This the 5th day of September, 2023.

Mayor

Attest: _____

RECORDER