

Meeting Minutes
December 3, 2018

The Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the City of Sweetwater met in their regular monthly meeting on Monday, December 3, 2018 at 5 p.m. at City Hall. Mayor Lowe called the meeting to order with Commissioners present being Lamar Hughes, Sam Moser, Edward Lee, 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 Assistant City Recorder Sonya Crush.

Commissioner Stockton moved to approve the minutes from the monthly meeting of November 5, 2018, the called meeting of November 13, 2018, the workshop and called meeting of November 26, 2018, and the called meeting of November 29, 2018. Commissioner Moser seconded the motion. 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 November, 2018. Commissioner West seconded the motion. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

There was no old business to take action on, so Mayor Lowe moved on to New Business.

Commissioner Moser moved to approve Ord. 970 to amend Title 1, General Administration, Chapter 3, Mayor and Board of Commissioners, Section 202, Order of Business on first reading, with Commissioner Hughes seconding 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 Stockton moved to approve a Resolution to hold an election, with Commissioner Lee seconding the motion. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

RESOLUTION

MAYOR AND BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

CITY OF SWEETWATER, TENNESSEE

WHEREAS, the City Charter of the City of Sweetwater, Tennessee, requires the election of the Mayor and Board of Commissioners and school board members on two-year election cycles for four-year terms; and,

WHEREAS, in the year 2019 the terms of office for three City Commissioners and three Sweetwater City School Board members will expire such that the City is in need of holding an election in 2019, and,

WHEREAS, the City has historically used the services of the Monroe County Election Commission for the purpose of holding City elections. The City will pay for the cost of the election as budgeted and authorizes the Monroe County Election Commission to bill the city for associated costs.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the City of Sweetwater, Tennessee, in regular meeting assembled, that the City of Sweetwater requests the Monroe County Election Commission to hold an election in the City of Sweetwater on the second Thursday in the month of June, 2019, in keeping with State law, the City Charter, and the Municipal Code, for the purpose of electing three City Commissioners and three members of the Sweetwater City Board of Education.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon adoption the City Recorder forward a copy of this Resolution to the Monroe County Election Commissioner and that upon holding of such election, the cost of such election be paid from the general fund budget of the City by the Recorder.

Done, this 3rd day of December, 2018.

MAYOR

Attest:

City Recorder

Main Street Board Chairman and former Sweetwater Mayor James H. Stutts gave the annual main street report to the city board. He thanked the Mayor and Board for their support of the program. He noted Sweetwater has developed a reputation for being open and supportive of new businesses and had received \$225,000 in grand funding since the program started, with private investment of three times that amount. He reviewed the incentives offered to new businesses, like sign and awning grants, thanking the city for their initial grant funding and saying the Main Street Board had voted to continue that program using Main Street funds. He also reviewed the Entrepreneurship Grant, which resulted in around 25 new jobs and 5 new businesses. He thanked the city board and especially Commissioner West for their investment in downtown in the new parking, sidewalks, and landscaping. He updated the board on several new grant opportunities Main Street planned to pursue and invited anyone to attend the meetings. Mayor Lowe thanked Mayor Stutts and the Main Street board and noted he was proud the City Recorder had spoken about Main Street at the 2018 Governor's Conference.

Commissioner Hughes moved to approve the recommendation by the Main Street board to amend the Main Street district boundary to include the property recently purchased by Cody & Stephanie Phillips, formerly the Seiler Brothers Lumber Company. Commissioner Moser seconded the motion. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

The Recorder reviewed the applications received from business owners for a portion of the 2018 Placemakers Grant through the TN Department of Economic and Community Development. She asked the board to consider the city paying the \$2,500 matching funds for a \$25,000 training and support component, which would be available to all businesses in the area. Commissioner West moved to authorize the Recorder to submit a TN Placemakers grant application, with the city funding the \$2,500 match for the support and training component and authorizing the Main Street committee to select which projects to submit for the Build and Sustain component. Commissioner Moser seconded the motion. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Mayor Lowe explained CDBG Home grant committee, which includes city personnel and the East Tennessee Development District consultant, reviewed the bids for a double-wide manufactured home for the Home grant on Blair Avenue. Three bids were received- Clayton Homes in Sweetwater at \$69,500, Clayton Homes in Harriman at \$70,623, and Woods Mobile Homes in Sweetwater for \$58,449. Woods Mobile Homes submitted the lowest bid and City Planner Chuck Whited completed a walk-through and met with Mr. Woods, who has done several home grants in East TN before. The committee recommends we accept the low bid of \$58,449 for the first home in the project. Commissioner Hughes moved to accept the low bid of \$58,449 from Woods Mobile Homes, with Commissioner Moser seconding the motion. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Mayor Lowe thanked the Sweetwater Kiwanis Club for organizing the annual Christmas parade and reminded the board about upcoming invitations from various organizations. He noted there would not be a December workshop due to the holiday.

The city board adjourned and reconvened as the Sweetwater Beer Board to review an off-premises application for Miteshkumar Patel DBA Shell at 725 N. Main Street, Sweetwater. Chief Byrum reported a clear background check and recommended approval. Commissioner Stockton moved to approve the application, with Commissioner West seconding the motion. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:34 p.m.
This the 3rd day of December, 2018

MAYOR

ATTEST:

RECORDER