

Meeting Minutes
January 7, 2019

The Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the City of Sweetwater met in their regular monthly meeting on Monday, January 7, 2019 at 5 pm 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 not present due to a mediation.

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

Commissioner Moser moved to approve the minutes from the meeting of December 3, 2018, with Commissioner Stockton seconding the motion. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

After the Recorder's report, Commissioner West moved to approve the distributions for the month of December, 2018. Commissioner Hughes seconded the motion. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Wayne Anderson from Tennessee Municipal League Pool (now PE Partners) addressed the board to review new benefits in the city's insurance coverage and the name change from TML Risk Management Pool to Public Entity Partners. He noted that since the city moved the property insurance to PE Partners, earthquake and flood insurance was automatically included. He also described the Agility disaster recovery program that was included in the event of a disaster to enable the city to set up temporary offices and communication.

A Public Hearing was opened to take comment on Ord. 970 to amend Title 1, General Administration, Chapter 3, Mayor and Board of Commissioners, Section 202, Order of Business. No written or oral comments were given. The public hearing was closed at 5:13 p.m.

Commissioner Hughes moved to approve Ordinance No. 970 to amend Title 1, General Administration, Chapter 3, Mayor and Board of Commissioners, Section 202, Order of Business on second and final reading. Commissioner Moser seconded the motion. Upon Roll Call Voting, the Ayes were as follows: Commissioner Hughes, Moser, Lee, West, and Stockton. Nays being none. The motion was carried.

In New Business, Mayor Lowe read excerpts letter from US Deputy Marshall Joshua Scarborough, which detailed the apprehension of a fugitive under a case initiated by the Secret Service and transferred to the US Marshalls office. The letter praised the investigative efforts of Detective Kevin Watson and the Sweetwater Police Department. It noted that Chief Byrum's location of the suspect's vehicle and Detective Watson's

work led to the capture of the suspect and her husband, a convicted rapist who had not registered properly as a sex offender. Deputy Scarborough stated Sweetwater was one of the “best departments he had worked with- great officers who are passionate, professional, and motivated.” Mayor Lowe praised Sweetwater Police Department, and Commissioner Stockton noted the department was a great group who protected citizens 365 days a year.

Mayor Lowe adjourned the regular meeting and reconvened as Sweetwater Beer Board to review an on-premises beer permit application for Kokita, located at 501 N. Main Street, Sweetwater. Chief Byrum recommended approval, citing a clean background check. Commissioner Stockton moved to approve the permit, with Commissioner West seconding the motion. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried. Commissioner Stockton inquired as to whether the permits issued were near the ordinance limit, to which the Recorder advised there were still at least 7 permits available under the current ordinance.

Mayor Lowe reminded everyone about upcoming events and announced the city would be receiving an award on February 8th at the East TN Legislative Luncheon, noting the board should let the Recorder know if they wished to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:26 p.m.
This the 7th day of January, 2019.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

RECORDER