Meeting Minutes January 28, 2019

The Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the City of Sweetwater met in a called meeting and regular monthly workshop on Monday, January 28, 2019 at 5 p.m. at City Hall. Mayor Lowe called the workshop 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.

City Recorder Jessica Morgan gave a quarterly financial report, noting the sales tax city-wide was up 11% this calendar year, largely due to the addition of Rural King. he also noted the downtown district shows sales tax up 36% since 2017. She advised this sales tax trend should enable the city to meet the auditor's minimum fund balance recommendation by the close of this fiscal year. She said year to date expenditures were in line at 50% as of December 31, 2018. She noted three major projects were underway, the Transportation Alternatives Grant for the High & Anderson St paving and High Street sidewalk; the Engelman Park Phase Two through an LPRF grant; and the CDBG Home Grant, which were included in the current grants totaling over \$2,000,000.

The board reviewed the Capital Improvement Plan for the years ending 2020-2024. Mayor Lowe inquired about the anticipated pool repairs to prevent water leakage. It was noted the 2021 year included \$125,000 for a major pool repair. In the meantime, Parks Director Tim Crawford would check with local pool repair contractors about solutions.

Mayor Lowe reviewed the upcoming February agenda, which includes Ordinance NO. 969 to levy a privilege tax upon lodging, which had been previously tabled. City Attorney John Cleveland reviewed the rules of order for taking the item for action and amendment. Mayor Lowe also asked the city board to consider which project the county funding should be used for before June. He noted the Resolution to name the Interstate Bridge after local war veteran Reverend Clinton Riddle had been passed to the state and was proceeding.

No action was taken.

The workshop was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

This the 28th day of January, 2019.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

RECORDER