

Meeting Minutes  
August 24, 2020

The Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the City of Sweetwater met in a called meeting and workshop session on Monday, August 24, 2020 at 5 p.m. at City Hall. Mayor Lowe called the meeting to order with Commissioners present being: Lamar Hughes, Sam Moser, Alan Richeson, Billy G. West, and Bill W. Stockton. A Quorum was present. Mayor Lowe led the Lord's Prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Chief Eddie Byrum.

Congressman Chuck Fleischmann was present to read a Proclamation which was entered into the Congressional Record honoring the late Clinton Riddle. His family was present to receive the document. Mayor Lowe also announced the City of Sweetwater had established a scholarship in Clinton Riddle's honor to be given to a high school senior each year to honor his legacy.

Grant presentations were made on the FEMA Equipment Grant, which Chief Anderson thanked Firefighter Captain Tripp Hall for his work on the application; a TDOT Multimodal Grant; a TDOT Railroad Grant; and a TN Tourism Enhancement Grant.

Commissioner Stockton moved to promote part-time officer Tyler Blankenship to full-time status. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Three bids were opened by Mayor Lowe for the FEMA Fire equipment grant for self-contained breathing apparatus equipment. The bids were as follows:

<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Received</b>	<b>Total Bid</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Breathing Air Systems	8/17/20 8:30 a.m.	\$41,751.69	Alternate bid: \$39,427.94
Nafeco	8/17/20 9:04 a.m.	49259	
G&W/EVS	8/19/20 10:26 a.m.	44471.36	

After a short recess for the fire committee to review the bids, Commissioner Richeson recommended the purchase of equipment from Breathing Air Systems with a bid of \$41,751.69. Commissioner Hughes moved to approve the bid and purchase. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Moser moved to approve the Tourism Enhancement grant contract with the State of TN Department of Tourism for \$75,000 with matching funds coming from

the tourism fund. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Richeson moved to approve the Resolution to authorize a Capital Outlay Note Series 2020 not to exceed \$500,000 for the purchase of two equipped fire trucks. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Mayor Lowe reviewed the upcoming September meeting agenda and invited the board to attend a ribbon cutting for Tennessee Toffee on September 1 at noon.

No further action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

This the 24<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2020.

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Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Recorder