

Meeting Minutes

October 26, 2020

The Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the City of Sweetwater met in a called meeting and workshop session on Monday, October 26, 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, and Billy G. West. Commissioner Bill W. Stockton was absent due to a medical appointment.

In the workshop discussion, Mayor Lowe presented the certificate of recognition from the TN Comptroller's Office for submitting a timely and balanced budget, noting the approval by the state.

The Mayor and Board of Commissioners presented Grantee Award checks for the Sweetwater Business Relief Program in partnership with East Tennessee Foundation to four applicants: The Dinner Bell Restaurant, Huddle House Restaurant, Quality Inn hotel, and the Rodeway Inn. Mayor Lowe thanked the business owners for their contributions to tourism and their excellent applications.

Mayor Lowe introduced a project partnering with Sweetwater Utilities Board to install an electric car charging station behind the Depot. SUB would cover the cost of the station, with the city covering the metered charges, which were estimated to be minimal. The city street department was asked to paint a parking space designated for electric vehicles while charging. This enhancement would allow the location to be placed on maps for electric car owners and draw more visitors into Sweetwater. The board agreed by consent to allow the project to be placed on city property. The Recorder would facilitate the project with SUB Manager Eric Hicks.

Mayor Lowe reviewed the upcoming agenda for the November 2, 2020 board meeting. City Planner Chuck Whited reviewed four ordinances that Planning Commissioner had recommended to the city board. The ordinances were a comprehensive review of the current zoning code, with changes ranging from adding and amending definitions to restating district requirements including minimum lot sizes and height limitations, as well as adding more flexibility for in-home business occupations. First reading for the ordinances were place on the November 2, 2020 agenda.

City Recorder Jessica Morgan advised after consulting with MTAS, she would be removing \$1,400 from an accounts receiveable register. Though she was not advised to require board action, as the accounts were no longer legally collectible, she would prefer to have the board's vote and would like to add the item to the November meeting agenda. No objections were voiced.

Mayor Lowe invited everyone to attend the ribbon cutting on Friday at 11:30 for the Michaels Building on Oak Street, which is opening as an air bed and breakfast.

No action was taken.

The workshop was adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

This the 26th day of October, 2020.

Mayor

Attest:

Recorder