

Meeting Minutes
February 7, 2022

The Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the City of Sweetwater met in their regular monthly meeting on Monday, February 7, 2022, at 5 p.m. at City Hall. Mayor Doyle F. Lowe called the meeting to order with Commissioners present being: Lamar Hughes, Sam Moser, Alan Richeson, 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 Chief Eddie Byrum.

Commissioner Stockton moved to approve the minutes for the regular monthly meeting of January 3, 2022 and the called meeting and workshop of January 24, 2022. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

After the Recorder's report, Commissioner Richeson moved to approve the distributions for the month of December, 2021. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor with none opposed. The motion was carried.

A public hearing was opened to take comment on Ordinance No. 995. No written or oral comments were given. The public hearing was closed at 5:04 p.m.

In Old Business, Commissioner Moser moved to approve Ordinance No. 995 to rezone Parcel 8.03 Group A of Tax Map 033B from R-1 to R-2 on second and final reading. The motion was seconded. Upon Roll Call Voting, the Ayes were as follows: Commissioners Hughes, Moser, Richeson, West, and Stockton. Nays being none. The motion was carried.

In New Business, Commissioner Moser moved to appoint Jason Dacus to the Building Codes Board of Review to fill a vacancy left by the resignation of Randy McCool, whose term expires 6/30/2024. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Richeson moved to approve the Sweetwater Public Library budget for 2022-2023. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Sweetwater Valley Citizens for the Arts Director Tim Rasmussen presented the annual report to the Mayor and Board of Commissioners. He noted the state and federal filings were now current and new fundraising efforts were underway. He reviewed the activities from 2021 and proposed projects and activities in 2022. The board thanked Tim for his work and assured their support moving forward.

Commissioner West moved to write off the balance of \$14,956.50 for 2004 to 2009 uncollectible taxes. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor with none opposed. The motion was carried.

The single bid received on the ADA lift for the Traincar was from Accessibility Professionals and totaled \$16,111. Commissioner Hughes moved to approve the bid. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Richeson moved to approve the disposal of the Pierce Fire Truck via trade in. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Richeson moved to approve an application for the Safer Firefighter grant to hire additional personnel. He added that the next action to hire would not be covered in this grant due to timing. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Richeson moved to promote a part-time firefighter creating an additional position for a full-time floater for day shift work to keep up with inspections and the ISO recommendation. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Moser moved to approve Ordinance No. 996 to amend the zoning map by rezoning Tax Map 023C Group F, parcels 34.00 and 36.00 from C-4 to R-3 on first reading. The motion was seconded. Upon Roll Call Voting, the Ayes were as follows: Commissioners Hughes, Moser, Richeson, West, and Stockton. Nays being none. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Hughes moved to approve Ordinance No 997 to amend the zoning map by rezoning a part of Tax Map 015 Parcel 12.00 from C-3 to C-5; and a part of Tax Map 015 Parcel 12.00 from C-3 to M-2 ; and a part of Tax Map 015 Parcel 13.00 from R-1 to C-5; and a part of Tax Map 015 Parcel 13.00 from R-1 to M-2; and a part of Tax Map 015 Parcel 13.02 from R-1 to C-5; and a part of Tax Map 015 Parcel 13.02 from R-1 to M-2 on first reading. The motion was seconded. Upon Roll Call Voting, the Ayes were as follows: Commissioners Hughes, Moser, Richeson, West, and Stockton. Nays being none. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Richeson moved to approve the Resolution to authorize the Mayor to execute the City Attorney Agreement. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner West moved to approve the Resolution to support restoring the historic revenue sharing relationship between the State of TN and its local government. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Hughes moved to approve the Resolution to approve the Adventure Tourism District and expand the parcels to include Highway 11 and the Main Street

District. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Stockton moved to approve the Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Policy. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Mayor Lowe adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.
This the 7th day of February, 2022.

Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Recorder