

Meeting Minutes  
June 6, 2022

The Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the City of Sweetwater met in a regular monthly meeting on Monday, June 6, 2022 at 5 p.m. at City Hall. Mayor Lower opened the meeting with Commissioners present being: Lamar Hughes, Sam Moser, Alan Richeson, Billy G. West, and Bill W. Stockton. City Attorney John Cleveland was present. A quorum was present.

Mayor Lowe opened the meeting with an invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Assistant City Recorder Sonya Crush.

Commissioner Richeson moved to approve the minutes for the meetings of May 2, 2022 and the called meeting of May 23, 2022. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

After the Recorder's report, Commissioner Stockton moved to approve the distributions for the month of April, 2022. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

A public hearing was opened to take comment on the following items:

Ordinance No. 998 No other written or oral comments were given.

Ordinance No. 1000 No other written or oral comments were given.

Ordinance No. 1001 No other written or oral comments were given.

Ordinance No. 1002

Ms. Cherye Elliot stood and commented that she had once owned this property and wondered if the Army Corp of Engineers had been contacted. Commissioner Moser noted that no records concerning the army Corp had been submitted or located for this property, but that could be a requirement at a later stage by TDEC or TDOT. Ms. Elliot suggested the city have the Corp look at the property prior to rezoning. Mr. Jason Brown, potential developer on the property stood and commented that the rezoning was requested first and then they would proceed with all permitting and environmental clearance. Ms. Elliot noted that many years ago, Kmart corporation wanted to build on that property and what would our downtown look like if that had been allowed? No further comments were made.

Ordinance No. 1003 No other written or oral comments were given.

Ordinance No. 1004 No other written or oral comments were given.

No other written or oral comments were given. The public hearing was closed at 5:17 p.m.

In Old Business, Mitch Loomis with East TN Development District was present to review the CDBG Home grant project.

Commissioner Richeson moved to award the bid for the CDBG Home Grant to Monroe County Mobile Homes for \$132,100. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Stockton moved to approve the Resolution to approve funding for the CDBG Home Grant. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Hughes moved to approve the budget for the Sweetwater Board of Education. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Moser moved to approve Ordinance No. 998 to update building codes 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.

Commissioner Richeson moved to approve Ordinance No. 1000 to adopt the Budget and Tax Levy Ordinance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 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.

Commissioner Stockton moved to approve Ordinance No. 1001 to zone recently annexed parcel, Monroe County Tax Map 022, parcel 11.00 on Telford Road to R-4 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.

Commissioner Hughes moved to approve Ordinance No. 1002 to rezone Monroe County Tax Map 023 F Group E Parcel 17.00 from M-1 to C-3, with remainder of parcel in C-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.

Commissioner West moved to approve Ordinance No. 1003 to rezone 720 New Hwy 68, Monroe County Tax Map 023 parcel 056.05 from C-3 to M-1 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.

Commissioner Hughes moved to approve Ordinance No. 1004 to rezone Monroe County Tax Map 022, Parcel 43.00 from C-3 to R-1 and 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, Mayor Lowe opened two bids on the Engleman Park Project. Bid 1 was from Carolina Recreation and Design in Nashville, TN for \$78,219 for Option 1

and from \$116,433.10 for Option 2. Bid 2 was from Great Southern Recreation for \$144,840 including the sidewalk, which may be done internally. After a recess to review the bids, Commissioner Hughes moved to approve the bid from Great Southern Recreation due to previous projects and local staff. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

After reviewing the recommendation to approve from the liquor committee, Commissioner Hughes moved to approve the Package Liquor Store Application for ASK 15, LLC to replace the package store license at Quality Liquor Store, located at

Commissioner Stockton moved to promote part-time police officer Eli Arwood to full-time patrol officer to fill the vacancy that opened when Captain Gary Newman moved to the new additional SRO position. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Moser moved to approve Ordinance No. 1005 to amend the budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022 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.

Mayor Lowe reviewed the bid opened in the workshop for a police truck. Commissioner Stockton moved to award the bid from Jacky Jones Ford Lincoln totaling \$43,156. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Mayor Lowe adjourned the meeting and reconvened as Sweetwater Beer Board.

Commissioner Richeson moved to approve the on and off-premises permit for David Montross DBA Carpool Garage to be located at 508 N. Main St. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

This the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2022.

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Mayor

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ATTEST:

City Recorder