

Meeting Minutes  
March 27, 2023

The Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the City of Sweetwater met in a monthly workshop session on Monday, March 27, 2023 at 5 p.m. at City Hall. Mayor Lowe opened the meeting with Commissioners present being: Lamar Hughes, Sam Moser, Alan Richeson, and Jim Stutts. City Attorney John Cleveland was present.

The Mayor opened the workshop with an item for discussion from the Tree Board. Jill Alliman, current chair of the Tree Board, commented that the Tree Board had recently discovered that M-1 and M-2 zoning were exempt from certain parts of the landscaping ordinance. She noted that while Red Stag had been very forthcoming with their landscaping plans and the Tree Board was very pleased, the concern is that new businesses in the future would be building expansive parking lots with no trees. She asked that the Board reconsider the exemption as there is an environmental impact and contribution to storm and wastewater runoff. Commissioner Moser asked if they had considered more spacing flexibility than the current spacing called for in the Ordinance for the other zones. The Mayor stated he didn't think Tree Board should be involved in parking lots in M-1 and M-2 at the interstate. He asked who would govern adherence to the Ordinance. Commissioner Moser stated it would be the Codes office with site plan approval of the planning commission. Ms. Alliman told the Mayor that the Tree Board initiated the Landscaping Ordinance and trees in parking lots were under their purvey. Commissioner Moser offered to do some research to determine how other municipalities handled landscaping in these zones. Ms. Alliman stated the Tree Board would listen to the board's recommendation in the May meeting.

The Mayor reviewed items for the April meeting including Minutes and Distributions. Ordinances 1017 and 1018 as well as the Capital Improvement plan for fiscal years ending 2024-2028. No further comment was made regarding the Capital Improvement Plan. Other items reviewed for the April meeting were Ordinances 1019, 1020 and 1021.

After a report by the department heads the meeting was adjourned.

The workshop was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.  
This the 27<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023.

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MAYOR

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ASST. CITY RECORDER