

Meeting Minutes

July 1, 2024

The Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the City of Sweetwater met in their regular monthly meeting on Monday, July 1, 2024 at 5 p.m. at City Hall. Mayor Lowe called the meeting to order with an invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The Roll Call reflected Commissioners present as: Lamar Hughes, Sam Moser, Alan Richeson, and James H. Stutts. Commissioner JoAnna Jinks was absent due to illness. City Attorney John W. Cleveland was present.

Commissioner Stutts moved to approve the minutes from the regular monthly meeting of June 3, 2024 and the workshops of June 24, 2024. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

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

No one was present to make a public comment. In Old Business, Commissioner Hughes moved to table the building lease to the workshop pending further information from MTAS. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The item was tabled.

In New Business, Commissioner Moser moved to approve Ordinance No. 1038 to close an alley off McCaslin Ave on first reading. The motion was seconded. Upon Roll Call Voting, the Ayes were as follows: Commissioners Hughes, Moser, Richeson, and Stutts. Nays being none. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Hughes moved to approve Ordinance No. 1039 to rezone parcel 1.00 of Monroe County Tax Map 015E, Group D to be rezoned from R-2 to R-1 on first reading. The motion was seconded. Upon Roll Call Voting, the Ayes were as follows: Commissioners Hughes, Moser, Richeson, and Stutts. Nays being none. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Moser moved to approve Ordinance No. 1040 to amend the budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 on first reading. The motion was seconded. Upon Roll Call Voting, the Ayes were as follows: Commissioners Hughes, Moser, Richeson, and Stutts. Nays being none. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Hughes moved to table Ordinance No. 1041 to rezone parcel 56.09 of Monroe County Tax Map 023 from C-3 to M-1. Commissioner Moser seconded the motion, clarifying that the item could be placed on the agenda for a called meeting July 22, 2024. The Recorder confirmed she could advertise the workshop as a called meeting and would have time to keep second and final reading on the August meeting if the board desired. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The item was tabled.

The Ordinance No. 1042 to amend Title 1: General Administration to establish a city administrator was tabled by Mayor Lowe.

Commissioner Stutts moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with 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 the approval of the agreement with Canopy Land Design for \$9,900. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Richeson moved to approve promoting the following part-time firefighters to full-time: Joe Roberts, Tyler Bryson, and Carl Schletwieler. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Stutts moved to appoint Riley Turpeinen as full-time patrol officer to fill a vacancy left by the retirement of John Brewster. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Street Superintendent David Moses made a recommendation to hire Jeff Dawson to fill the opening in July for animal control. Commissioner Moser moved to approve the recommendation to hire Jeff Dawson. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Mayor Lowe noted the schedule for July 4th and the Independence Day Celebration. The board agreed to allow day shift departments to determine whether to close on Friday, July 5th with employees using paid leave.

No further action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

This the 1st day of July, 2024.

Mayor

Attest: _____

RECORDER

