

Meeting Minutes

October 7, 2024

The Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the City of Sweetwater met in their regular monthly meeting on Monday, October 7, 2024 at 5:00 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: Sam Moser, Alan Richeson, JoAnna Jinks, and James H. Stutts. Commissioner Lamar Hughes was absent due to a recent surgery. City Attorney John W. Cleveland was present.

Commissioner Richeson moved to approve the minutes from the meetings of September 3, 2024 and September 23, 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 of August, 2024. 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, the appointment to Sweetwater Tree Board was postponed, as was the Hyper-Reach contract until a draft was submitted.

In New Business, Commissioner Richeson moved to approve the bid from TN Fire Equipment for \$29,855 for the FEMA Equipment Grant for fire hoses. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Stutts moved to approve the Resolution to commit matching funds for the Community Connectivity Broadband Grant through ECD. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Stutts moved to approve the contract with Main Street Studios, LLC for the LPRF Grant. The motion was seconded. Commissioner Moser recused himself from the vote, stating his majority interest in Main Street Studios, LLC. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Richeson moved to promote part time employee Zachary Perry to full time firefighter to fill a vacancy. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

The board reviewed the WCI garbage contract and called a meeting during their workshop on October 28 to review bids and consider the contract.

Mayor Lowe requested the board appoint Jim Stutts temporarily to the Sweetwater Board of Education to fill in for Commissioner Hughes while he is out. Commissioner Moser moved to approve the appointment. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Mayor Lowe announced that Rex Ball had withdrawn his proposal for selling his land to the city.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

This the 7th day of October, 2024.