

Meeting Minutes

October 28, 2024

The Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the City of Sweetwater met in their regular monthly workshop on Monday, September 23, 2024 at 5 p.m. at City Hall. Mayor Doyle F. Lowe called the meeting to order with Commissioners present being: Sam Moser, Alan Richeson, JoAnna Jinks, and James H. Stutts. Absent was Commissioner Lamar Hughes due to a recent surgery. City Attorney John W. Cleveland was not present.

No one was present to make a public comment.

Mayor Lowe opened the single bid received from Superior Sanitation of Athens to provide curbside garbage service. The bid offered a rate of \$10.75 per household with a CPI maximum adjustment of 4% annually. The board discussed options, including staying under the current contract with WCI. No action was taken.

In the workshop discussion, Commissioner Moser advised he would have bid specifications ready for the Biggs House to be advertised around November 14, 2024. The board could award in the November workshop.

John Cleveland reviewed an update requested by Sweetwater Utilities Board to amend provisions to the water and sewer code. The ordinance would be on the November meeting agenda.

City Administrator Jessica Morgan provided the quarterly financial report to the board. She provided updates on grants, trainings, the animal shelter agreement draft, and several city projects. She noted that in the training attended by Sonya last month, we received new legal advice concerning public record requests for video surveillance. From this point forward, the city would no longer consider city building surveillance video a general public record and would no longer release them unless a subpoena was issued or advice from the Tennessee Open Records Counsel recommended otherwise. She requested the board provide consent to and the change in practice be recorded in the minutes. The board agreed by consent. She also recommended the board appoint Sonya Crush as City Recorder in the November meeting.

Mayor Lowe reviewed the agenda for November 4, 2024. He requested reports from each department. He noted that Angie Watson has resigned from Planning Commission and he would appoint Diana Cordell to her position.

No further action was taken. The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

This the 28th day of October, 2024.

Mayor

Attest: _____

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