

Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2026

The Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the City of Sweetwater met in a regular meeting on Monday, September 8, 2026 at 5 p.m. at Sweetwater City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Angie Arp Kyle with Commissioners present being Branham L. Lovingood, Sam Moser, Alan Richeson, Mike Martin and James H. Stutts. City Attorney John Cleveland was present. City Recorder Sonya Crush was absent due to medical leave. City Administrator Jessica Morgan acted as City Recorder for the meeting. A quorum was present.

No one was present to make a public comment on actionable items.

Commissioner Richeson moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of August 3, 2026 and the called meeting and workshop of August 24, 2026. 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 July. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

A Public Hearing was opened to take comments on Ordinance No. 1071 to amend the zoning map by rezoning Parcel 56.09 of Monroe County Tax Map O23 from M-1 to R-1 including the newly annexed territory. No oral or written comment was given. The Hearing was closed at 5:06 p.m.

In Old Business, the appointments to the Industrial Development Board; one remaining appointment to the Historic Zoning Commission; Health, Education, and Housing Board; Heritage Museum Board; and city commissioner to Sweetwater Public Library board were tabled to the October meeting. Commissioner Lovingood moved to approve the following appointments:

Lucinda Wayman, Kim Harvey, and Jason Upton to the Parks and Recreation Commission with terms expiring 6/30/2028.

Chase Nipper to the Historic Zoning Commission with a term expiring 7/1/2030.

Travis Wade to the Sweetwater Public Library board with a term expiring 6/30/2027.

The Mayor's appointment of Shawn Camp to Sweetwater Planning Commission with a term expiring 6/30/2032.

The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Ordinance No. 1071 to amend the zoning map was tabled to the October meeting.

City Administrator Jessica Morgan updated the board on the presence of a fiber optic easement owned by AT&T and a mobile home on the property the city has under contract to purchase off Highway 68. The contractor quote to remove the mobile home was \$5,000 and Commissioner Moser reviewed some scenarios regarding the site preparation costs that could occur due to the presence of the fiber optic line. Commissioner Richeson moved to amend the contract to reduce the offer to \$1,000,000 to offset the costs that would be associated with working around these issues. The motion was seconded. Mayor

Kyle called for a Roll Call Vote, with Commissioners Voting Aye being Commissioners Lovingood, Moser, Richeson, and Martin. Nays being none. Commissioner Stutts abstained, disclosing his relationship with one of the realtors representing the seller. The motion was carried.

The Comptroller's letter of approval for the budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027 was presented to the board.

The Comptroller's approval of the Report on Debt Obligation for the 2026 General Obligation Bond totaling \$4,200,000 was presented to the board.

The Main Street Grant committed recommended awarding the single bid for the Woodrow-McCoy building windows project totaling \$91,912.80 from Window and Door Concepts of Powell TN. This grant is matched at the property owner's expense. Sam Moser disclosed his interest in ownership of the Woodrow-McCoy building and abstained from voting. Commissioner Richeson moved to approve the bid. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

The board reviewed the Cigna rebate for 2025/2026. The item was placed on the September agenda for discussion.

Commissioner Richeson moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded. The meeting was adjourned. The board reconvened as the Sweetwater Beer Board to review an off-premises beer application from Slaez, LLC to be located at 750 New Hwy 68, Sweetwater TN 37874. Chief Byrum advised the application and background check was in order. Commissioner Moser moved to approve the application. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Moser moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:41 p.m. The motion was seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

This the 8th day of September, 2026.

Mayor

Attest: _____

City Administrator acting as Recorder