

## Meeting Minutes

June 4, 2018

The Mayor and Board of Commissioners met in their regular monthly meeting on Monday, June 4, 2018 at 5 pm at City Hall.

Mayor Lowe opened the meeting with an invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Chief Eddie Byrum. Mayor Lowe called the meeting to order with Commissioners present being Lamar Hughes, Edward Lee, Sam Moser, and Billy G. West. Commissioner Bill W. Stockton was absent due to a medical procedure, with the Mayor declaring the absence excused.

Commissioner Hughes moved to approve the minutes for the meeting of May 7, 2018 and the workshop of May 29, 2018. Commissioner Moser seconded the motion. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

After the Recorder's report, Commissioner Hughes moved to approve the distributions for the month of May, 2018. Commissioner Moser seconded the motion. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

A public hearing was opened to take comment on Ordinance No. 964 entitled An ordinance to amend the zoning map of the City of Sweetwater by rezoning parcel 4.00 of Monroe County tax map 023C from C-3 to R-1. No written or oral comments were given. The public hearing was closed at 5:04 p.m.

In Old Business, Mayor Lowe presented the final draft of the budget. He opened the floor for discussion. The final reading and public hearing will be held on June 25, 2018.

Commissioner Moser moved to approve Ordinance No. 964 entitled An Ordinance to amend the zoning map of the City of Sweetwater by rezoning parcel 4.00 of Monroe County tax map 023C from C-3 to R-1 on second and final reading. Commissioner Lee seconded the motion. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

In New business, Director of Schools Rodney Boruff presented the Sweetwater City Schools budget for 2018-19. He noted the Average Daily Attendance rate decreased, which cut the BEP funding by \$135,000. He quoted average attendance at 1,562 and he was pleased to announce a 3% teacher raise for the coming year. The technology one to one initiative enable all children in the system to have a device, with everyone 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades having a chromebook. He mentioned the potential funds to be received by the county bond issue. Mayor Lowe requested the board of education consider using some bond funding when received to add parking and traffic solutions at Sweetwater Elementary School. Commissioner West moved to approve the budget, with Commissioner Hughes seconded the motion. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Hughes moved to approve Ordinance No. 965 entitled An Ordinance to amend the zoning map of the City of Sweetwater by rezoning parcel 43.22 of Monroe County tax map 023 from R-2 to C-3 on first reading. Commissioner Moser seconded the motion. All voted in favor, with none opposed. Upon Roll Call Voting, the Ayes were as follows: Commissioners Hughes, Moser, Lee and West. Nays being none. The motion was carried.

The Recorder advised an insurance committee had reviewed the proposals for property insurance coverage. Three proposals were received: State Auto through Valley Insurance; TN Municipal League through Athens Insurance; and Auto-Owners through Paramount Insurance. The recommendation was to purchase the TML policy, as it included flood and earthquake coverage and higher coverage values on employee theft, fine arts, etc which were better suited to the city's needs. Their proposal was \$31,144 after the member dividend, compared to \$28,262 with paid in full discount with Auto-Owner with no flood or earthquake coverage; and \$31,946 with State Auto not including flood coverage. Commissioner Moser voted to approve the property coverage through TML with Athens Insurance, with Commissioner Hughes seconding the motion. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Mayor Lowe announced plans to name the Exit 60 Interstate overpass "Clinton Riddle Bridge". The city would pass a resolution and submit it to the state for their vote. The next session would be in January.

Mayor Lowe presented a Proclamation to Dr. Thomas Evans of Sweetwater Hospital, recognizing his efforts both in the medical profession and as a contributing citizen and member of Sweetwater Library Board, which named June 4, 2018 "Dr. Thomas Evans Day" in Sweetwater. A reception followed the meeting.

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

This the 4<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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RECORDER