

Meeting Minutes
May 28, 2019

The Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the City of Sweetwater met in their regular workshop session on Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 5 p.m. at City Hall. Mayor Lowe called the workshop to order with Commissioners present being: Lamar Hughes, Sam Moser, Billy G. West, and Bill W. Stockton. Commissioner Edward Lee was absent due to sickness. City Attorney John Cleveland was present.

Mayor Lowe opened the workshop discussion on Ordinance No. 972 to adopt the budget and tax rate for the year ending June 30, 2020. Director of Schools Rodney Boruff was present to review the proposed budget for the Sweetwater Board of Education for the upcoming year. He reviewed staff raises at 2.5%, an additional travel stipend for teachers who travel between schools, the addition of the middle school football league, resealing and striping of a parking lot at SPS, a new server, and adding secretaries working one day per week through the summer. He thanked the city board for their support and especially for the new funding this year in addition to continuing the debt and technology funding to the schools. He did note that student enrollment was down for the year. City Recorder Jessica Morgan reviewed the health insurance proposal, which was down 3% this year for the same plan after leveraging the proposals from other markets. Agent Jason McConkey was also present to answer questions. Commissioner West advised his department was very pleased with the health insurance. No changes to the budget were made.

Mayor Lowe reviewed the June 3, 2019 agenda.

Mayor Lowe introduced Ms. Nancy Williams, Tennessee State Main Street Director, was present to congratulate Sweetwater on their work on the Main Street Entrepreneurship Grant and announce that Sweetwater's project would be listed on the state's website as a Best Practices. She also congratulated Sweetwater on a \$70,000 Placemakers grant to support business development and façade improvements.

Mayor Lowe announced that Sweetwater made the short list to host the 2020 Rural Tourism Conference. A team would travel to Murfreesboro this month to pitch Sweetwater to a selection board versus two other TN cities. Mayor Lowe congratulated the team who worked on the proposal and noted how important this conference could be to our area and in line with our tourism goals.

The workshop was adjourned at 5:33 p.m.
This the 28th day of May, 2019

MAYOR

ATTEST:

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