

Meeting Minutes

July 27, 2020

The Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the City of Sweetwater met in a special called meeting and workshop on Monday, July 27, 2020 at 5 p.m. at City Hall. Mayor Doyle F. Lowe called the meeting to order with Commissioners present being: Lamar Hughes, Sam Moser, Alan Richeson, Billy G. West, and Bill W. Stockton. City Attorney John Cleveland was present.

The Recorder reviewed the distributions for the month of June, 2020. Commissioner Hughes moved to approve the report. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

A public hearing was opened to take comments on two items. Ordinance No. 981 to amend the budget for the year ending June 30, 2020 and Ordinance No. 982 to amend Title 9, Business, Peddlers, Solicitors, Etc Chapter 2 to comply with the State changes pertaining to Roadblocks were presented. There were no written or oral comments given. The public hearing was closed.

In Old Business, Commissioner West moved to approve Ordinance No. 981 to amend the budget for the year ending June 30, 2020 on second and final reading. A second was given. Upon Roll Call Voting, the Ayes were as follows: Commissioners Hughes, Moser, Richeson, West, and Stockton. Nays being none. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Richeson moved to approve Ordinance NO. 982 entitled An Ordinance to amend Title 9, Business, Peddlers, Solicitors, ETC Chapter 2 on second and final reading. The motion was seconded. Upon Roll Call Voting, the Ayes were as follows: Commissioners Hughes, Moser, Richeson, West, and Stockton. Nays being none. The motion was carried.

In New Business, Commissioner Moser moved to write-off \$19,020 on three properties sold at the County Tax Sale this spring under the names of Graham, Wolf, and Skipper. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Richeson moved to hire Chase Wright as a full-time firefighter. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

The called meeting was concluded and a workshop opened.

Chief John Anderson reviewed the options for purchasing fire trucks. While he said a total of three trucks were needed to bring the department up to where they need to be, he presented an option to purchase two trucks now, a mini-pumper and a full-size pumper for less than originally planned for in the capital improvement plan over the next two years. City Recorder Jessica Morgan advised that TML Bond fund was offering a good interest rate and she would recommend financing at least part of the purchase on a 7-year 2.26% fixed rate note. The board agreed to review a resolution for borrowing \$500,000 for two trucks and paying cash for the balance using the

COVID- relief state funds. The Recorder advised she would work on the Resolution and required public notices.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 P.M.

This the 27th day of July, 2020

Mayor

Attest: _____
Recorder