

Meeting Minutes
April 24, 2023

The Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the City of Sweetwater met in a monthly workshop session on Monday, April 24, 2023 at 5 p.m. at City Hall. Mayor Lowe opened the meeting with Commissioners present being: Lamar Hughes, Sam Moser, Alan Richeson, and Jim Stutts. City Attorney John Cleveland was present.

The Recorder provided the Quarterly report. The Board discussed the upcoming budget ordinance draft. The TCRS actuary rate is 2.99%, and the board agreed to leave the rate at 5.00% to drive down unfunded pension liability. The health insurance rate would increase 0.5% and a truck was added for parks and recreation and funding for Westview and the West End cemeteries. The board also discussed using \$1,800 from the planning budget for architectural and engineering fees to have a structural engineer look at the Biggs House.

Mayor Lowe reviewed the May 1, 2023 meeting agenda. The board discussed applying for a high mast lighting grant for Exit 62. Each department head provided a brief report. Commissioner Hughes voiced concerns over vandalism at Engleman Park. Chief Byrum advised that during this meeting, his officers had located and identified the suspects and would be investigating. Commissioner Hughes noted cameras would be going in on the west end of the park soon.

Mayor Lowe invited everyone to the Traincar dedication on May 5th and the Blooms, Bluegrass, & BBQ festival on May 5-6, 2023.

No further action was taken.

The workshop was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

This the 24th day of April, 2023.