

Meeting Minutes  
October 2, 2023

The Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the City of Sweetwater met in a regular monthly board meeting on Monday, October 2, 2023 at 5 p.m. at City Hall. Mayor Doyle F. Lowe called the meeting to order with an invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, with Commissioners present being: Lamar Hughes, Sam Moser, Alan Richeson, JoAnna Jinks, and James H. Stutts. City Attorney John W. Cleveland was present.

Commissioner Moser moved to approve the minutes from the meeting of September 5, 2023 and called meeting and workshop of September 25, 2023. A second was given. 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 August, 2023. A second was given. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

No speakers had registered for public comment. A public hearing was opened to take comment on Ordinance No. 1025 and Ordinance No. 1026. No written or oral comments were given. The public hearing was closed at 5:06 p.m.

In Old Business, Commissioner Moser moved to approve Ordinance No. 1025 to amend Title 14, Zoning regarding Signs and Billboards on second and final reading. A second was given. Upon Roll Call Voting, the Ayes were as follows: Commissioners Hughes, Moser, Richeson, Jinks, and Stutts. Nays being none. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Hughes moved to approve Ordinance No. 1026 to amend the Budget Ordinance No. 1020 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 on second and final reading. A second was given. Commissioner Stutts noted that he felt we needed to have a discussion on prioritizing the big-ticket items the city planned on doing. Mayor Lowe noted the discussion could be added to the October workshop. Upon Roll Call Voting, the Ayes were as follows: Commissioners Hughes, Moser, Richeson, and Jinks. Nays being Commissioner Stutts. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Stutts moved to approve the extension of one-way traffic along Wright Street between the hospital and First Baptist Church. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Mayor Lowe noted one bid was received for the Sweetwater Police Department vehicles on the VCIF Grant. As advertised, the bid committee opened the bid at 4 pm and reviewed specifications and recommended the approval of the bid for 2025 models available the following calendar year. The bid was from Jacky Jones Ford in Sweetwater and totaled \$47,701 per vehicle. Commissioner Stutts moved to accept the bid. A second was given. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Mayor Lowe opened the single bid received for a 2021 Ford F-150 XL with 16,116 miles from Jacky Jones Ford in Sweetwater totaling \$32,500. Commissioner Jinks moved to accept the bid. A second was given. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

In New Business, Commissioner Stutts moved to hire Nic Williams as a full-time patrol officer through the Formula Grant and add three part-time officers, Amanda Couch, Kenny Wilkins, and Kaden Duprey. A second was given. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Moser moved to approve Ordinance No. 1027 to accept Ridgeland Farm Streets and other streets previously approved on first reading. The motion was seconded. On Roll Call Voting, the Ayes were as follows: Commissioners Hughes, Moser, Richeson, Jinks, and Stutts. Nays being none. The motion was carried.

No further action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

This the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of October, 2023.

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Mayor Doyle F. Lowe

Attest:

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Recorder