

Meeting Minutes

December 7, 2020

The Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the City of Sweetwater met in their regular monthly meeting on Monday, December 7, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall. Mayor Lowe called the meeting to order with Commissioners present being: Lamar Hughes, Sam Moser, Alan Richeson, Billy G. West and Bill W. Stockton. A quorum was present. Mayor Lowe led The Lord's Prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by City Planner Chuck Whited .

Commissioner Stockton moved to approve the minutes from the meetings of October 5, 2020 and the workshop of October 26, 2020. A second was given. All voted with none opposed. The motion was carried.

After the Recorder's report, Commissioner West moved to approve the distributions for the month of October, 2020. A second was given. All voted with none opposed. The motion was carried.

The distributions for the month of November were tabled.

A public hearing was opened to take comment on the following ordinances:

Ordinance No. 983 amending Title 14 Zoning and Land Use

Ordinance No. 984 amending Title 14 to amend the zoning districts

Ordinance No .985 amending Title 14 regarding supplementary provisions

Ordinance No. 986 amending Title 14 regarding height limits

No written or oral comments were given. The public hearing was closed at 5:08 p.m.

Visitor Tim Rasmussen representing Sweetwater Valley Citizens for the Arts was present to request funding from the city to re-establish programming in the schools and the community. He noted that in 2020 the board created a programming plan and a budget which was in the Commissioner's packets. He also noted they have unspent funds to put some of the programming in place in the coming months. Mayor Lowe invited Tim back when the city begins budget meetings in February.

In Old Business, Commissioner Hughes moved to approve Ordinance No. 983 amending Title 14 Zoning and Land Use on second a 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. 984 amending Title 14 to amend the zoning districts 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 West moved to approve Ordinance No .985 amending Title 14 regarding supplementary provisions 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 Hughes moved to approve Ordinance No. 986 amending Title 14 regarding height limits 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.

In New Business, Commissioner Moser moved to approve the Resolution to hold an Election in June 2021. A second was given. All voted with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Hughes moved to hire Randy Miller to fill a vacancy left by a transfer to the Fire Department. A second was given. All voted with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Richeson moved to hire three part-time firefighters: Clay Beasley, Derrick Ingram, Rob Wilson. A second was given. All voted with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Richeson brought up the issue concerning poor response times from the Monroe County Ambulance Service again. He stated since mentioning the problems in the October meeting, Chief Anderson had met with county representatives to discuss the problems, noting no solutions had been offered. Commissioner Richeson advised that the department would be looking into alternatives and bring those for discussion in a future meeting.

The December workshop would be cancelled unless an urgent item came up.

The city board meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

The board reconvened as Sweetwater Beer Board. Mayor Lowe opened a hearing on the beer permit for Ricardo De Oliviera DBA Ricky's Sports Bar and Grill, located at 1421 Murray's Chapel Road, Sweetwater.

Based on a false application and no evidence presented by Mr. De Oliviera, John Cleveland recommended the city board revoke the permit. Commissioner Stockton moved to revoke the permit. The motion was seconded. Mayor Lowe requested a Roll Call Vote. Upon Roll Call Vote, the Ayes were as follows: Commissioners Moser, Richeson, West, and Stockton. Nays being Commissioner Hughes. The motion was carried. Mr. De Oliviera was told by John Cleveland that it would be unlawful for him to operate without a permit. Both John Cleveland and Mayor Lowe told Mr. De Oliviera he should surrender his original permit to City Hall the following day. Commissioner Stockton then moved to require when Mr. De Oliviera was allowed to submit applications again, he would be required to submit a complete application be

in front of the Recorder as a witness. The motion was seconded. After some discussion on revising the surety form to require a notary or a formal corporate bond for all applicants, Commissioner Stockton withdrew his motion. A second was given to the withdrawal. City Attorney John Cleveland advised he and the Recorder would review the existing surety form and make a recommendation to the board about witnessed signatures or insurance company surety bonds for applications moving forward.

No further action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

This the 7th day of December, 2020.

Mayor

Attest:

Recorder