

Meeting Minutes

June 23, 2025

The Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the City of Sweetwater met in their regular monthly workshop and called meeting on Monday, June 23rd, 2025 at 5 p.m. at City Hall. Mayor Doyle F. Lowe called the meeting to order with Commissioners present being: Lamar Hughes, Alan Richeson, JoAnna Jinks, and James H. Stutts. Commissioner Sam Moser was absent. City Attorney John Cleveland was absent as well. A quorum was present.

No one was present to make a public comment on actionable items.

The board took action on a letter from the Sweetwater Board of Education concerning Sweetwater High School. Commissioner Stutts moved to approve the letter which allows a committee from both the Monroe County Board of Education and the Sweetwater City Board of Education to conduct discussions concerning the transfer of Sweetwater High School to the Sweetwater City School Board with the following changes:

1. Amend paragraph one on page two to say January 1, 2026 to conclude all discussions.
2. Add a paragraph to ensure all parties understand this is not a firm offer, just a commitment to negotiate.
3. A commissioner from the City Board be included on the committee.

The motion was seconded. Upon Roll Call Voting, the Ayes were as follows: Commissioners Hughes, Richeson, Jinks, and Stutts. Nays being none. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Jinks moved to promote temporary employee Danielle Dunn to full time position in the street department. The regular animal control employee is currently off on worker's compensation leave. Danielle will fill in until he is able to return and then move to the litter control position which is still vacant. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Mayor Lowe opened bids for erosion control material. The two bids were from Technology International, Inc. for 23 rolls with U-anchors at \$46,115.00 for material only. The second bid from Jen Hill was for 23 rolls, anchors and joints in the amount of \$46,022.66 which includes on site services of an engineer. Commissioner Jinks moved to approve the Jen Hill bid. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

The City Administrator gave the board an update on several items. She advised the board that the Tennessee Department of Revenue had granted annexation relief on the former Dinner Bell Restaurant beginning with the May collection.

The board agreed to hold a July 7th meeting at 5 p.m. to discuss options for the community center and pool projects. They also agreed to hold the July 28th workshop at 5 p.m.

She also reminded everyone of the bridge dedication ceremony at 11 a.m. on June 25th.

The City Administrator reminded the board of the new traffic light protocol that begins July 1st. We have a contract with Stansell Electric with a guaranteed two- hour response time. City employees David Moses, Officer Noah Bowen and Landon Purdy will receive training for limited maintenance of the lights.

In agenda review, the City Administrator advised the board of several appointments that need to be made to various boards.

Mayor Lowe introduced Mayor-Elect Angie Kyle and Commissioner-Elect Branham Lovingood.

No further action was taken.

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

This the 23rd day of June, 2025.

Mayor

Attest:

Recorder