

Meeting Minutes

July 1, 2025

The Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the City of Sweetwater met in their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 1, 2025 at 12 p.m. at City Hall. Mayor Doyle F. Lowe called the meeting to order with Commissioners present being: Lamar Hughes, Sam Moser, Alan Richeson, and James H. Stutts. Commissioner JoAnna Jinks was absent due to vacation. City Attorney John Cleveland was present. A quorum was present.

Mayor Lowe administered the Oath of Office to Mayor-Elect Angie Arp Kyle.

Mayor Kyle administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected City Commissioners James H. Stutts and Branham L. Lovingood and Board of Education Commissioners Jon Campbell and Jessica Hall.

Commissioner Moser moved to appoint Jessica Morgan as City Administrator. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Stutts moved to appoint Sonya Crush as City Recorder. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Richeson moved to appoint Julie Fitch as City Clerk and CMFO. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Moser moved to appoint Savannah Frank as Court Clerk. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Mayor Kyle administered the Oath of Office to the City Administrator, City Recorder, City Clerk and City Court Clerk.

Mayor Kyle called for a Roll Call. Present were Commissioners Branham L. Lovingood, Sam Moser, Alan Richeson and James H. Stutts.

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

Commissioner Richeson moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of June 2, 2025 and workshop of June 23, 2025. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor with none opposed. The motion was carried.

After the Recorder's report, Commissioner Stutts moved to approve the distributions for the month of May 2025. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

There was no Old Business.

In New Business Commissioner Stutts moved to appoint Peter Alliman as City Judge. The Motion was seconded. All voted in favor with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Richeson moved to appoint John Cleveland as City Attorney and City Tax Attorney. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Moser moved to appoint Reed Dixon as Administrative Law Judge. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Richeson moved to appoint Sam Moser as Vice-Mayor. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Moser moved to appoint Jim Stutts as Police Commissioner, himself as Planning Development and Tourism Commissioner, Alan Richeson as Parks and Recreation Commissioner, JoAnna Jinks as Streets Commissioner, and Branham Lovingood as Fire Commissioner. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor with none opposed. The Motion was carried.

Commissioner Stutts moved to appoint Eddie Byrum as Police Chief, John Anderson as Fire Chief, Jon Campbell as City Planner, Shawn Vestal as Parks and Recreation Director, and David Moses as Street Superintendent. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor with none opposed. The motion was carried.

City Recorder Sonya Crush administered the Oath of Office to the City Judges, Attorney and all department heads.

Commissioner Richeson moved to appoint Jim Stutts to the Sweetwater Utilities Board, himself to the Board of Education, Sam Moser to Planning Commission, JoAnna Jinks to the Library Board, Sam Moser as Personnel Commissioner and Branham Lovingood to the Sweetwater Heritage Museum Board. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Stutts moved to appoint Patrick Gaines, Gail Sensibaugh and Karen Denison to serve on the Sweetwater Library Board with a term expiring 7/1/2028. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Stutts moved to appoint Phil Hall to the Sweetwater Utilities Board with a term expiring 6/30/2029. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Moser moved to appoint Fred Camp to the Sweetwater Tree Board with a term expiring 7/1/2029 and to table the other appointment with a nomination from the Tree Board. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Richeson moved to nominate Marcus Johnson to the Sweetwater Parks and Recreation Commission with a term expiring 6/30/2028 and to table the other two vacancies until the next regular meeting. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Moser moved to appoint Harris Lovingood to the Historic Zoning Commission for a term expiring 6/30/2029 and to table the other vacancy to the next regular meeting. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Moser moved to table the appointment to the Building Codes Board of Review to the next regular meeting.

Commissioner Lovingood moved to table the nominations to the next regular meeting for the Sweetwater Heritage Museum Board.

Commissioner Lovingood moved to designate the following institutions as depositaries for city funds: Old National Bank, Peoples Bank, the State of TN LGIP fund, Volunteer Federal Savings and Loan, and Simmons Bank. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Stutts moved to approve the following signatories on city accounts: Mayor Angie Arp Kyle, Vice-Mayor Sam Moser, City Administrator Jessica Morgan, City Recorder Sonya Crush, City Clerk Julie Fitch and Tourism Director Hayley Isbill for financial transactions. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor with none opposed. The motion was carried.

No further action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:22 p.m.

This the 1st day of July, 2025.

Mayor

Attest:

Recorder