

Meeting Minutes

February 2, 2026

The Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the City of Sweetwater met in their regular monthly meeting on Monday February 2, 2026 at 5 p.m. at City Hall. Mayor Angie Arp Kyle called the meeting to order with Commissioners present being: Branham L. Lovingood, Mike Martin, Sam Moser, Alan Richeson, and James H. Stutts. City Attorney John Cleveland was present. A quorum was present.

Mayor Kyle administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Commissioner Mike Martin.

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

Commissioner Richeson moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of January 5, 2026 and the called meeting and workshop of January 26, 2026. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor with none opposed. The motion was carried.

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

In New Business Commissioner Richeson moved to appoint Commissioner Martin to the Sweetwater Street Department. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor with none opposed. The motion was carried.

The Library Director gave an annual report to the board.

Mayor Kyle asked for a motion to approve a Special Occasion Permit application to serve beer and wine at the Mayor's Hog Ball. Commissioner Stutts stated that per the City's Beer Ordinance the Main Street Board must approve the area to be used for serving and consuming the alcohol. He also stated that it must be treated as any beer permit and advertised for 14 days and be voted on by the Beer Board. The City Administrator advised the Main Street Board meets before the next City Workshop and they will have the opportunity to approve it at that time. She advised she would place it on the February City Workshop agenda to update the board on that vote. The ad could then be placed and the item would be added to the March City Board meeting for the Beer Board's approval.

Commissioner Stutts moved to approve a Resolution Recommending Acquisition of Sweetwater High School. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Resolution

RECOMMENDING ACQUISITION OF SWEETWATER HIGH SCHOOL

WHEREAS, acquisition of Sweetwater High School by the Sweetwater Board of Education from the Monroe County Board of Education has been a subject of public interest for many decades, and the prospect the acquisition has been studied extensively by both education systems throughout the past year; and

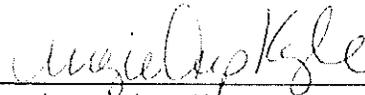
WHEREAS, the Monroe County Board of Education has signed a proposed contract for acquisition following commendable intensive research and investigation of compliance with state and federal education law, continuity of Sweetwater area students, and transition policies to protect the interests of all interested parties, including exemplary concern for the current faculty and staff of Sweetwater High School and their future prospects; and

WHEREAS, the Sweetwater Board of Commissioners have applauded the Herculean effort of the school board, but voiced concern for the age and structural integrity of the school buildings and the need for an independent professional engineering inspection and written report of the condition of the school buildings; and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive visual inspection has been conducted by Robert H. Houser of Bender & Associates Structural Engineers, LLC, a licensed Tennessee architect and engineer, and his written report finds that "no

conditions were observed that would indicate widespread structural concerns," and "overall, the facility appears to be in generally good structural condition for a building of its age and complexity; now

THEREFORE, Be It Resolved this 2nd day of February, 2026, that the Mayor and the Board of Commissioners of the City of Sweetwater, Tennessee, hereby recommends acceptance and execution of the CONTRACT FOR ACQUISITION AND/OR PURCHASE OF SWEETWATER HIGH SCHOOL FROM MONROE COUNTY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION BY THE SWEETWATER CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION signed by the Monroe County Schools Board of Education on December 23, 2025.



ANGIE ARP KYLE, *Mayor*

ATTEST:



SONYA CRUSH, *City Recorder*

The Board adjourned and reconvened as the Sweetwater Beer Board. Commissioner Richeson moved to approve an on-premises beer application for Arturo Mota Gallardo DBA Arturo Mota to be located at 501 N Main Street, Sweetwater, TN. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor. The motion was carried.

No further action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

This the 2nd day of February, 2026.

Mayor

Attest: _____
Recorder