

Meeting Minutes
September 24, 2018

The Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the City of Sweetwater met in their regular monthly workshop session on Monday, September 24, 2018 at 5 p.m. at City Hall. Mayor Lowe called the workshop to order with Commissioners present being Lamar Hughes, Edward Lee, and Billy G. West. City Attorney John Cleveland was present.

The workshop discussion began with Ordinance No. 969 to levy a privilege tax upon lodging on second and final reading. Mayor Lowe waited for the hotel owners to arrive to start a discussion on the proposed levy, passed on first reading at 5 %. Neil Mistry, owner of the Quality Inn, was designated as the spokesperson for the hotel owners. He requested the city board table action on this item to give the hotel owners time to speak with the county about an alternate solution, saying they were on the next county meeting agenda. Neil passed out the tourism study from the county's grant last year given to the board in their last packet and highlighted their concerns. The highlighted items included taking public input before adopting lodging taxes and considering the distance from areas with no lodging taxes. Mayor Lowe suggested moving the item to November 5th for action. The hotel owners agreed to move their request to speak to the board to the November 5th meeting. Commissioner West noted the board could move to table the item on the October agenda.

No action was taken.

The workshop was adjourned at 5:11 p.m.

This the 24th day of September, 2019.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

RECORDER