

Meeting Minutes
November 26, 2018

The Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the City of Sweetwater met in a called meeting and regular monthly workshop on Monday, November 26, 2018 at 5 p.m. at City Hall. Mayor Lowe called the workshop to order with Commissioners present being: Lamar Hughes, Sam Moser, Edward Lee, Billy G. West, and Bill W. Stockton. City Attorney John Cleveland was present.

Visitor Tim Elliot was present to bring several items to the board. First, he discussed the importance of keeping social media and comments positive in order to continue the business growth in Sweetwater. Secondly, he mentioned the number of young people vandalizing his building downtown and said we needed something to keep youth occupied. He also noted the grant programs required matching funds from property owners, which some could not afford so he asked if fundraiser through Main Street might be an option. He also noted that a finance committee for additional oversight might be a good idea for the city. Mayor Lowe responded saying he felt a Family Recreation Center indoors might be a good solution. He stated that he felt the financial rules and regulations of the city were being met. He added Mr. Elliot had some good points and the city would continue to work for new grants.

Mayor Lowe opened the called meeting with two items on the agenda. First, a single bid was received for the truck in parks and recreation from Jacky Jones Ford for a 2019 Ford F-150 with 4-wheel drive totaling \$24,114. Commissioner Hughes moved to approve the bid with Commissioner Stockton seconding the motion. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

On the called meeting agenda, a Fire Committee had opened and reviewed sealed bids for equipment through the FEMA Grant. The following bids were received:

Nafeco-\$37,509

Emergency Vehicle Specialists- \$35,200

Mid-South Emergency Equipment- \$39,896

Municipal Emergency Services- \$36,933

The Fire Committee recommended purchases from Nafeco totaling \$10,949.60 and Emergency Vehicle Services totaling \$22,860, for a total of \$33,809.60.

Commissioner Lee moved to purchase as per the recommendation, with Commissioner Hughes seconding the motion. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried. Commissioner Lee and Mayor Lowe commended the committee for their work and also congratulated Firefighter Tripp Hall for writing the FEMA grant.

In workshop discussion, Mayor Lowe advised the lease with Norfolk Southern railroad would automatically renew January 1, 2019 unless the city board placed the item on the next agenda for action to provide a notice of termination. City Recorder Jessica Morgan reviewed the first year of the Main Street Marketplace on the property, noting 25 different vendors, generating \$5,863 in vendor fees and received a \$6,500 grant from the East TN Foundation for entrepreneurship development. A total of \$12,363 was in the account for the Marketplace, with the 2019 lease cost set at \$8,750. No Commissioner requested the item be placed on the agenda to terminate.

Mayor Lowe reviewed the agenda for December 3, 2019. Ordinance No. 970 was reviewed by City Attorney John Cleveland.

Mayor Lowe invited everyone to attend the annual Christmas parade on November 30, 2018 and invited the board and employees to attend a lunch provided by Sweetwater First Baptist on December 10, 2018.

No further action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

This the 26th day of November, 2018.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

RECORDER