

Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2020

The Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the City of Sweetwater met in their regular monthly meeting on Monday, March 2, 2020. A quorum was present with Commissioners present being: Commissioners Hughes, Moser, Richeson, West, and Stockton. City Attorney John Cleveland was present.

The minutes for the meeting of February 3, 2020 and the workshop of February 24, 2020 were in the Commissioner's packets. Commissioner Richeson moved to approve the minutes, with Commissioner Moser seconding the motion. All voted in favor to approve the minutes, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

The February distributions report was tabled to the March meeting for approval.

A public hearing was opened to take comment on Ordinance NO. 977 to amend Title 14. No written or oral comments were given.

A public hearing was opened to take comment on the Resolution No. 03022020 to annex two parcels off Murray's Chapel Road. No written or oral comments were given. The public hearing was closed at 5:03 p.m.

In Old Business, Commissioner Moser moved to approve Ordinance No. 977 to amend Title 14, Section 14-409. Signs, Billboard, and Other Advertising Structures to allow Electronic Message Center Signs in certain areas on second and final reading. Commissioner Hughes seconded the motion. Upon Roll Call Voting, the Ayes were as follows: Commissioners Hughes, Moser, Richeson, West, and Stockton. Nays being none. The motion was carried.

In New Business, The Capital Improvement Plan was reviewed with no changes. The Library Annual report was tabled to the March workshop.

Commissioner West moved to adopt the TDOT Consultant Selection Process for TDOT projects from this point forward. Commissioner Richeson seconded the motion. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner West moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with TDOT for the Surface Transportation Project to resurface and stripe Hawkins Road and Linwood Drive, PIN 129801.00. Commissioner Hughes seconded the motion. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Hughes moved to approve the Resolution 03022020 to annex two parcels off Murray's Chapel Road, approximately 20.91 acres on Murrays Chapel Road, Sweetwater TN, Tax Map 022, parcels 003.02 and 003.03 and provide a plan of services for said annexation. Commissioner Stockton seconded the motion. Upon Roll

Call Voting, the Ayes were as follows: Commissioners Hughes, Moser, Richeson, West, and Stockton. Nays being none. The motion was carried.

Resolution No. 03-02-2020

A RESOLUTION to Annex Certain Territory Upon Written Consent of the Owners and to Incorporate the Same within the Boundaries of the City of Sweetwater, Tennessee, *to-wit:*

Approximately 20.91 acres on Murrays Chapel Road, Sweetwater, TN
(Tax Map 022, Parcels 003.02 and 003.03).

WHEREAS, the City of Sweetwater, Tennessee, having been petitioned by interested persons, proposes the extension of its corporate limits by the annexation of certain territory into the city limits; and

WHEREAS, the owners of all property within the territory proposed for annexation have given their written consent by notarized petition so that a referendum is not required; and

WHEREAS, a copy of this resolution, describing the territory proposed for annexation, was promptly sent by the City of Sweetwater to the last known address listed in the office of the property assessor for each property owner of record within the territory proposed for annexation, with such being sent by first class mail and mailed no later than fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the scheduled date of the hearing on the proposed annexation by owner consent; and

WHEREAS, this resolution was also published by posting copies of it in at least three (3) public places in the territory proposed for annexation and in a like number of public places in the City of Sweetwater, and by publishing notice of the resolution at or about the same time in the Advocate and Democrat, a newspaper of general circulation in such territory and the City of Sweetwater; and

WHEREAS, a plan of services for the area proposed for annexation is attached as Exhibit A hereto, which plan of services addresses the same services and timing of services as required in Tennessee Code Annotated § 6-51-102; and

WHEREAS, the proposed annexation and plan of services were submitted to the Sweetwater Regional Planning Commission for study, and it has recommended the same; and

WHEREAS, notice of the time, place and purpose of a public hearing on the proposed annexation and the plan of services was published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Sweetwater, not less than fifteen (15) days before the hearing, which notice included the locations of a minimum of three (3) copies of the plan of services for public inspection during all business hours from the date of notice until the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on the proposed annexation and plan of services was held by the governing body on March 2, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Sweetwater, Tennessee as follows:

A. That the following territory, as shown on Exhibits B and C, is hereby annexed and incorporated into boundaries of the City of Sweetwater, Tennessee, to be effective as of March 2, 2020, *to-wit*:

SITUATED in the First (1st) Civil District of Monroe County, Tennessee, and lying northwest of U.S. Interstate 75 on the eastern right of way line of Murrays Chapel Road, and being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a wooden fence corner with a Tennessee Grid Coordinate of N: 467288.82E: 2410302.17, thence along the fence line of Elizabeth Spencer property; North 89 degrees 27 minutes East, 229.92 feet to a wooden fence corner; thence North 89 degrees 26 minutes East, 548.93 feet to a wooden fence corner; thence North 89 degrees 38 minutes East, 516.53 feet to a wooden fence corner; thence along the property line of Virginia McKee, South 01 degrees 03 minutes West, 221.95 feet to a concrete monument found; thence South 00 degrees 54 minutes West, 41.14 feet to a concrete monument found; thence along the right of way line of Interstate 75, South 37 degrees 59 minutes West, 1025.10 feet to a ½” iron rebar found with a Tennessee Grid Coordinate of N: 466228.69 E: 2410962.04; thence along the property line of Lambert Holdings LLC, South 88 degrees 58 minutes West, 89.52 feet to a ½” iron rebar found; thence along the property line of Jason and Melissa Brookshire, North 01 degrees 02 minutes West, 373.13 feet to a ½” iron rebar found; thence South 89 degrees 16 minutes West, 556.04 feet to a 1” iron rebar found; thence along the right of way line of Murray Chapel Road, North 00 degrees 37 minutes West, 695.90 feet to a wooden fence corner; at the point of beginning, having an area of 20.91 plus or minus acres. According to a survey by Christian M. Medders, Tennessee RLS #2493, dated 10/28/2019, with a job number 19-496.

Being the same property conveyed to Stephen Briddon and wife, Nicola Briddon by Warranty Deed from Donald L. Callahan recorded in Book 408 Page 531, Register's Office of Monroe County, Tennessee dated November 20, 2020 and recorded November 22, 2019.

B. That the plan of services for this territory which is attached as Exhibit A hereto is approved and the same is hereby adopted.

C. That the Mayor/City Manager/Recorder shall cause a copy of this resolution, as well as the adopted plan of services, to be forwarded to the Mayor of Monroe County, Tennessee.

D. That a copy of this resolution shall be recorded with the Monroe County Register of Deeds, and a copy shall also be sent to the Tennessee Comptroller of the Treasury and the Monroe County Assessor of Property.

E. That a copy of this resolution, as well as the portion of the plan of services related to emergency services and a detailed map of the annexed area, shall be sent to any affected emergency communication district, following certification by the election commission that the annexation was approved.

G. That a revised map of the voting precincts shall be sent to the office of local government and to the office of management information services for the Tennessee General Assembly, following certification by the election commission that the annexation was approved.

H. That the Tennessee Department of Revenue shall be notified, for the purpose of tax administration, that the annexation took place.

WHEREUPON, the Mayor declared the resolution adopted, affixed a signature and the date thereto, and directed that the same be recorded.

EXHIBIT C

Pursuant to the provisions of Tennessee Annotated Code Section 6-51-102, there is hereby adopted the following plan of service;

1. Police – The Sweetwater Police Department will provide patrolling, radio responses to calls, and other routine police services, using present personnel and equipment immediately upon the effective date of annexation.
2. Fire – The Sweetwater Fire Department will provide fire protection using present personnel and equipment immediately upon the effective date of annexation.
3. Water – Public Water is currently available for domestic use along Murrays Chapel Rd along the proposed property. Extension of the service onto the property for domestic use and fire protection would have to be provided by the developer under policies established by the Sweetwater Utilities Board.
4. Sewer – Public Sewer is currently unavailable in the area. Public sewer could be provided to the annexed area at such time as the property is developed and at the expense of the developer. The city has no plans to extend sewer service to the area. When sewer service is provided, it will be governed by policies established by the Sweetwater Utilities Board.
5. Gas – Natural gas service is currently not available to the area. However, at such time as gas service becomes available to the area, said service will be provided under policies established by the Sweetwater Utilities Board.
6. Electric – Electric service is currently available to the area via existing service lines located along Murrays Chapel Rd that can be extended further into the annexed area. Any provision of electric service will continue under policies established by the Sweetwater Utilities Board.
7. Garbage Collection – Garbage Collection will be provided to the area in accordance with policies set by the City of Sweetwater immediately upon the effective date of annexation.

8. Street – Murrays Chapel Road currently fronts the area and can be used as the access to this property. This is a county road, maintained not by the City but by the county, and will remain a county road until such time as the property across Murrays Chapel Road is annexed into the City Boundary.

9. Planning and Zoning – The planning and zoning jurisdiction of the city will be extended to the annexed area immediately upon the effective date of annexation. City planning will thereafter encompass the annexed area. A zoning plan will be adopted immediately following the effective date of annexation.

10. Street Lighting – Street Lighting is currently not provided to the area, but at such time that the property is improved or developed, said service will be provided to or into the property, as needed, under policies established by the Sweetwater Street Department.

11. Recreation – Existing recreational facilities, parks, *etc.*, are available immediately upon the effective date of annexation to the population of the annexed area.

Mayor

Attest:

City Recorder

Approved as to Form and Legality this ____ day of _____, 2020.

City Attorney

Commissioner Moser moved to approve Ordinance NO. 976 to zone recently annexed properties (Monroe County Tax Map 022, Parcels 003.02 and 003.03) on first reading.

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

Commissioner Richeson moved to approve Ordinance No. 978 to amend the budget for the year ending June 30, 2020, being Ordinance No. 972 on first reading. Commissioner Moser seconded the motion. Upon Roll Call Voting, the Ayes were as follows: Commissioners Hughes, Moser, Richeson, West, and Stockton. Nays being none. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Hughes moved to approve Ordinance No. 979 to adopt an updated zoning map for the City of Sweetwater on first reading. Commissioner Moser seconded the motion. Upon Roll Call Voting, the Ayes were as follows: Commissioners Hughes, Moser, Richeson, West, and Stockton. Nays being none. The motion was carried.

Mayor Lowe opened the single bid received for a fire department vehicle from Jacky Jones Ford Lincoln in Sweetwater. The bid was for a used 2015 Police Interceptor SUV AWD for \$15,500. Commissioner Richeson moved to approve the bid, with Commissioner Moser seconding the motion. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Hughes moved to appoint Debbie Watson as part-time janitorial staff, with Commissioner Stockton seconding the motion. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Richeson moved to appoint Christian Gonzalez as part-time firefighter. Commissioner West seconded the motion. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Richeson stated he had contacted MTAS concerning an appointment for Fire Chief to fill the vacancy left by Chief Doug Watson's retirement and researched the qualifications for the position. He was nominating John Anderson, previously serving as Assistant Fire Chief for the position and put the nomination in the form of a motion. Commissioner Hughes seconded the motion. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried. Mayor Lowe administered the following Oath of Office to John Anderson:

"I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and of the State of Tennessee, and the Charter and ordinances of the City of Sweetwater, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office to which I have been appointed, and which I am about to assume."

Commissioner Moser moved to approve a rollover of Vacation time in the police and fire departments. This rollover was a one-time approval to allow employees in these departments to roll remaining vacation time to be used no later than June 30, 2021 in

order to prevent additional overtime costs due to vacancies. Commissioner Stockton seconded the motion. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Mayor Lowe adjourned the meeting and reconvened as Sweetwater Beer Board to review an application for Miteshkumar Patel DBA Local Market located at 703 S. Main Street for off-premises consumption. Commissioner Hughes moved to approve the permit, with Commissioner Stockton seconding. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Moser moved to approve the application for an on-premises application for Ruedi Kunto DBA Kokita Restaurant to be located at 501 N. Main Street, Sweetwater, TN 37874. Commissioner West seconded the motion. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Mayor Lowe adjourned the Beer Board meeting.

He recognized Maria Cox as the 2019 Citizen of the Year for her efforts in promoting Sweetwater and her work with the Sweetwater Main Street organization and Sweetwater Merchants and Property Owners Association.

Mayor Lowe recognized Doug Watson as the 2019 Citizen of the Year for his 36 years of public service to our community as police officer, Detective, Fire Chief, County Sheriff, and County Commissioner.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:22 p.m.
This the 2nd day of March, 2020.

DOYLE LOWE, Mayor

ATTEST:

JESSICA MORGAN, City Recorder