Meeting Minutes

October 5, 2026

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

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

Commissioner Richeson moved to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of September 8, 2026 and the called meeting and workshop of September 28, 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 August. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Wes Nunley was present to make comment on Flock Cameras. No opposing comments were given.

Senator Tom Hatcher presented a Proclamation recognizing Chief Byrum's 25 years of service to the City of Sweetwater.

Fire Chief John Anderson recognized Dewayne Reynolds retirement with 30 years of service.

Chief Anderson announced a $102,000 grant from the State of Tennessee for fire equipment. He displayed several pieces of equipment purchased with these funds and stated he was going to be able to equip the new fire truck as well.

Commissioner Richeson moved to approve Kelly Moser for the Heritage Museum Board with a term ending 7/1/2029 and Commissioner Martin to the Sweetwater Public Library Board. The motion was seconded. Commissioner Moser recused himself from the vote stating Mrs. Moser is his wife. All voted in favor with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Moser moved to approve Ordinance No. 1067 to amend Title 1 General Administration, Chapter 2 Mayor and Board of Commissioners, Sections 1-202, Order of Business and Section 1-204, Order of Debate and Public Comment on first reading. The motion was seconded. Upon Roll Call Voting the ayes were Commissioners Lovingood, Moser, Richeson, Martin and Stutts. Nays being none the motion was carried.

Commissioner Richeson moved to award the bid to Holston Construction Services in the amount of $1,313,420.00 on the LPRF/CDBG Projects at the recreation complex with a request that the demolition portion of the bid be removed for city forces to perform the work. City Administrator Morgan stated we would need a new contract from Holston reflecting deductions. Commissioner Richeson advised he wanted to be apprised of the new contract amount as well as any change orders on the project that carried cost increases. City Administrator Morgan agreed to email the board with the new contract amount as well as any change orders with cost increases and let the board decide if a vote would be necessary through called meetings. The motion was seconded. Commissioner Moser recused himself

from the vote stating he is the architect on the project. Commissioners Richeson, Lovingood, and Martin voted in favor. Commissioner Stutts voted no saying he felt we should let the contractor do all the work. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Richeson moved to approve a Resolution to approve overage on the CDBG project. The motion was seconded. Commissioner Moser again recused himself from the vote. All others voted in favor with none opposed. The motion was carried.

RESOLUTION NO. [Resolution Number]

A RESOLUTION COMMITTING ADDITIONAL LOCAL FUNDS TO THE CITY OF SWEETWATER RECREATION PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City of Sweetwater was awarded a CDBG Grant from the Tennessee Department of Economic and Community Development for the purpose of making park improvements; and

WHEREAS, the lowest responsive and responsible bid received for the project was submitted by Holston Construction Services, in the amount of **$1,313,420;** and

WHEREAS, this project also has LPRF grant funds awarded and has a current balance of $247,630 that can be applied to the project; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sweetwater's CDBG grant contract amount for construction is $986,800.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF SWEETWATER, TENNESSEE:

1. **Commitment of Funds:** The City of Sweetwater hereby formally commits an additional amount of **$78,990** to cover the additional costs not covered by either the CDBG or LPRF contract.
2. **Authorization to Increase Contract Amount:** The total local commitment for this project shall now be adjusted to reflect this increase, ensuring the project is fully funded through completion.

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of October 2026

APPROVED:

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Recorder

No vote was needed but the board reviewed the CT-Form on the Capital Outlay Note for police vehicles.

Commissioner Moser moved to approve Ordinance No. 1072 to Amend the Budget Ordinance for the Year Ending June 30, 2027, Being Ordinance No. 1062 on first reading. With regard to the state-approved euthanasia building, Commissioner Richeson asked if our euthanasia licensed employee could

use the facilities at the Monroe County Friends of Animals Shelter as we are paying them $6,000 per year. City Administrator Jessica Morgan advised she had asked the shelter director that question in a meeting and was told that was not possible. The motion was seconded. Upon Roll Call Voting the Ayes were Commissioners Lovingood, Moser, Richeson, Martin and Stutts. Nays being none. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Lovingood moved to approve Ordinance No. 1073 to Amend Title 1, General Administration, Chapter 2, Mayor and board of Commissioners, Sections 1-202, Order of Business on first reading. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor. Upon Roll Call Voting the Ayes were Commissioners Lovingood, Moser, Richeson, Martin and Stutts. Nays being none. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Richeson moved to approve a Cigna Rebate distribution of $750.00 per employee. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Mayor Kyle remarked that our employees are the City's greatest asset.

Commissioner Richeson moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 p.m. The motion was seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

This the 5th day of October, 2026.

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Mayor

Attest: _____

City Recorder