

Meeting Minutes

February 3, 2025

The Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the City of Sweetwater met in a regular monthly meeting on Monday, February 3, 2025 at 5 p.m. at City Hall. Mayor Doyle F. Lowe called the meeting to order with the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance, with Commissioners present being: Lamar Hughes, Joanna Jinks, and James H. Stutts. Commissioners Moser and Richeson were absent. City Attorney John Cleveland was present.

Commissioner Hughes moved to approve the minutes from the regular monthly meeting of January 6, 2025 and the workshop of January 27, 2025. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

After the Recorder's report, Commissioner Jinks moved to approve the distributions for the month of December 2024. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

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

In Old Business, Commissioner Hughes moved to approve the placement of Directional Signage at Old Athens Pike & Hwy 68. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Jinks moved to approve Virginia Griffin to Sweetwater Tree Board for a term expiring 7/1/28. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Stutts moved to approve the design of the Multimodal project along Highway 11. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Jinks voiced concerns over the Green Space design. Commissioner Stutts moved to table the item for further review. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Stutts moved to approve a contract for \$4,000 with MBI for a detailed Homecoming Bridge assessment. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Hughes moved to approve a contract with Jason Graves for \$32,000 for masonry work on the Biggs House. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

In New Business, Commissioner Stutts moved to approve a Resolution regarding the opening bid at tax sale for ad valorem taxes only. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Resolution

REGARDING TAX SALE OPENING BID FOR AD VALOREM TAXES ONLY.

Whereas, the Clerk & Master's tax sale for delinquent 2013-2020 City of Sweetwater *ad valorem* taxes and special assessments is scheduled for February 26, 2025; and

Whereas, the delinquent *ad valorem* taxes plus the special assessments levied against Tax Map 23J, Group D, Parcel 003.00, which is subject to sale for special assessments, so far exceed the anticipated bids that said properties are not expected to attract any bids if the bidding is opened for the sum of the *ad valorem* taxes plus special assessments; now

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the City of Sweetwater that the Clerk & Master open the bidding on Tax Map 23J, Group D, Parcel 003.00, for the amount of the *ad valorem* taxes only (including interest and other statutory costs and fees), not including special assessments, but preserving Sweetwater's special assessment claim if the final bid exceeds the opening bid.

Adopted this ___th day of _____, 2025.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

CITY RECORDER

MAYOR

Commissioner Stutts moved to approve a Resolution to submit a Cyber Security Grant application. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the safety and well being of the employees of the City of Sweetwater is of the greatest importance; and

WHEREAS, all efforts shall be made to provide a safe and hazard- free workplace for the City of Sweetwater employees; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sweetwater now seeks to participate in this important program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SWEETWATER, TENNESSEE THE FOLLOWING:

SECTION 1: That the City of Sweetwater is hereby authorized to submit application for a "Cyber Security" Grant through Public Entity Partners.

SECTION 2: That the City of Sweetwater is further authorized to provide a matching sum to serve as a match for any monies provided by this grant.

Resolved this 3rd day of February 2025.

ATTEST: _____
CITY ADMINISTRATOR

No further action was taken. The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

This the 3rd Day of February, 2025

Mayor

Attest: _____
Recorder