

Meeting Minutes

May 27, 2025

The Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the City of Sweetwater met in their regular monthly workshop on Tuesday, May 27th, 2025 at 5 p.m. at City Hall. Mayor Doyle F. Lowe called the meeting to order with Commissioners present being: Lamar Hughes, Sam Moser, Alan Richeson, JoAnna Jinks, and James H. Stutts. City Attorney John Cleveland was present. A quorum was present.

Sweetwater City Schools Director Rodney Boruff presented the 25/26 school budget. He advised that the next Board of Education meeting scheduled for June 9th at 6:00 pm would include discussion of the proposed acquisition of Sweetwater High School.

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

The board discussed solutions for the Homecoming Bridge including having the street department replace the rot and repair cabling as a short- term solution until we could apply for a RTP Grant in the summer of 2027 using Commissioner Moser's plans and making the bridge ADA compliant. Commissioner Moser advised that although the end goal is to have a flat pedestrian bridge, we could do a step design from the top tier to eliminate the issue of slipping on the high arch. Commissioner Jinks advised that the temporary repair should last at least five years until the permanent bridge can be built.

The City Administrator gave a grant update including the community center and the pool. Commissioner Moser gave an overview of the pool site plan.

The City Administrator advised that the budget hearing will be in the June 2nd meeting. She advised that the BOE and SUB budgets would be included. She advised the board that a decision needed to be made regarding the playground resurfacing. She advised that money would have to be added to the budget to repair with pour in place surfacing. The board indicated that was the preferred method. Another item request to be added to the budget was \$55,000 from Commissioner Jinks to make permanent erosion repairs to High Street. She advised she would also like to purchase extra material for other erosion repairs. The item will be put in the State Street Aid budget draft to be voted on June 2nd.

The City Administrator noted that early voting for the City Election to be held on June 12th is currently being held in the basement of city hall through June 7th.

The City Administrator also advised that the street department had requested a change in the schedule of fees charged for brush and demolition to more accurately reflect the cost to the city. The item will be added to the June 2nd agenda.

The board agreed to hold the July meeting on Tuesday, July 1st at noon and the workshop on July 28th at noon.

Mayor Lowe reviewed the agenda for the June 2nd meeting which includes three Ordinances on final reading. Also included on that agenda is a Resolution to adopt the 2025 Monroe County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. Commissioner Stutts asked for a copy of the plan to review prior to the meeting. The City Administrator advised she would have a copy to everyone before June 2nd.

Mayor Lowe requested verbal reports from each Department Head.

No further action was taken. The meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

This the 27th day of May, 2025.

Mayor

Attest: _____

Recorder