

## Meeting Minutes

May 5, 2025

The Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the City of Sweetwater met in a regular monthly meeting on Monday, May 5, 2025 at 5:00 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, Sam Moser, Joanna Jinks, Alan Richeson and James H. Stutts. City Attorney John Cleveland was present. A quorum was present.

Commissioner Stutts moved to approve the minutes from the regular monthly meeting of April 7, 2025 and the called meeting and workshop of April 28, 2025. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

After the Recorder's report, Commissioner Stutts moved to approve the distributions for the month of March 2025. 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 installation of a lighted crosswalk at Main and Morris. Commissioner Jinks advised that the crosswalk signal could not be installed before the new budget year. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Jinks moved to approve transferring ownership of the city's traffic lights on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 from SUB to the city as well as authorizing the City Administrator to execute a contract with Stansell Electric for maintenance of the lights. The motion included maintenance of the light on the west side of I-75 which is in the county with reimbursement from the county for maintenance. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Moser moved to approve that state revenue from the City Transportation Modernization Act be restricted to State Street Aid. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

In New Business, Commissioner Moser moved to approve Ordinance No. 1049 to zone recently annexed parcel on Edgewood Drive to R-1, Low Density Residential District on first reading. The motion was seconded. Upon Roll Call Voting, the Ayes were as follows: Commissioners Hughes, Moser, Richeson, Jinks and Stutts. Nays being none. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Moser moved to approve Budget Ordinance 1050 for the year ending June 30, 2026 and to levy a property tax rate on first reading. Commissioner Richeson asked if the board discussed in the workshop in which he was absent the need to add money to the budget for each department for the purchases that have previously been paid for by the employees through gun pay. With no clear amount determined it was decided to leave the budget as is for now and amend later if necessary. The motion was seconded. Upon Roll Call Voting, the Ayes were as follows: Commissioners Hughes, Moser, Richeson, Jinks and Stutts. Nays being none. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Moser moved to approve Ordinance No. 1051 to close public Right-of-Way between Parcels 44.00 and 45.00 on Map O24I Group B of Rose Lane on first reading. The motion was seconded. Upon Roll Call Voting, the Ayes were as follows: Commissioners Hughes, Moser, Richeson, Jinks and Stutts. Nays being none. The motion was carried.

No further action was taken. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

This the 5<sup>h</sup> day of May, 2025.

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Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Recorder