

Meeting Minutes

June 2, 2025

The Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the City of Sweetwater met in their regular monthly meeting on Monday, June 2, 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. City Recorder Sonya Crush was absent due to illness, with City Administrator Jessica Morgan acting as Recorder in her absence.

Commissioner Stutts moved to approve the minutes from the regular monthly meeting of May 5, 2025 and the workshop of May 27, 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 April 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.

A public hearing was opened to take comment on the following items:

Ordinance No. 1049

Ordinance No. 1050

Ordinance No. 1051

No written or oral comments were given. Commissioner Hughes confirmed that Ordinance No. 1050 did not include a tax increase. The public hearing was closed at 5:13 p.m.

In Old Business, Commissioner Hughes moved to approve Ordinance No. 1049 to zone recently annexed parcel on Edgewood Drive on second and final 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 Richeson moved to approve the budget of Sweetwater Public Library as included in Ordinance No. 1050. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Hughes moved to approve the Sweetwater Board of Education budget as included in Ordinance No. 1050. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Richeson moved to approve the Budget Ordinance No. 1050 for the year ending June 30, 2026 and to levy a property tax rate on second and final 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 Ordinance No. 1051 to close public Right-of-Way between Parcels 44.00 and 45.00 on Map 024I Group B of Rose Lane on second and final 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.

In New Business, Commissioner Moser moved to approve Ordinance no. 1052 to amend the budget for the year ending June 30, 2025 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 Stutts moved to approve the Resolution to adopt the 2025 Monroe County Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. The motion was seconded. All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

Commissioner Jinks moved to approve Schedule of Fees. The motion was seconded. The board discussed the costs for extra brush and demolition pickup at \$75 but indicated contractors should not be able to utilize this service. The board amended the schedule to the following:

Schedule of Fees (adopted 6/2/2025)

Garbage fee: \$11 per month to be billed by SUB

Garbage penalty fee: \$5.00 for each month past due

Copies: 25 cents per page (8 ½ x 11) Larger sizes- 50 cents OR \$1 per page

Color copies: 50 cents

Faxes- 25 cents per page

Request for public records:

1st request during fiscal year: Fee may be waived by Recorder

After 50 pages and additional requests: 15 cents per page plus \$5.00 request fee.

No charge for inspections.

Research fee: hourly wage of laborer used in research above one hour.

Police Reports: \$5 per report

Electronic records saved to disk or Flash Drive: \$15 per disk/drive

Returned check fee: \$20 per item

For city residents:

Brush pick-up: per month- 1st load free

Each additional load- \$75 per truck load.

Demolition pick-up: per month- 1st load free

Each additional load-\$75 per truck load.

For contractors, a dumpster vendor should be utilized. If the city does pick up work by contractors, it shall be at the actual cost of pickup and disposal costs.

Mulch & wood chips-

For pickup at the landfill site- Free for personal use

For delivery at a minimum over 100 Dump Truck loads per year- Free

Court fees- As scheduled by Court Clerk, City Judge and/or TCA- not to exceed \$50 fine plus \$90 court costs.

Planning & Development Fee schedule: varies based on cost of construction

See attached schedule for fees including:

Building Permit fee (Including sign permit fee)

Plan Review fee

Administrative Hearing Fees and fines:

Varies based on violation and AHO's determination

Not to exceed \$500 per violation on residential properties or \$500 per day per violation on non-residential properties.

Wrecker service through dispatch- as per SPD policy, currently \$150 basis for non-winch wreck.

Main Street Market rental rate- \$10 per day/ \$20 per day with power or \$200 per month per space, excluding special event dates.

Fire Department Call fees

Non-emergency call response

Excessive (above 4 times per month): \$250 per call

Professional Healthcare facility: \$500 per call

Use of City Buildings:

\$25 for evening meeting (IF employee is required to lock up)

\$50 for all day

Additional charges:

Security: Actual cost incurred

Cleaning fee: \$50

Engleman Park Power fees (use of inflatables or sound systems)

\$25 for up to 6 hours

\$50 for all day

All voted in favor, with none opposed. The motion was carried.

No further action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

This the 2nd day of June, 2025.

Mayor

Attest: _____

Recorder