

Meeting Minutes

June 18, 2026

The Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the City of Sweetwater met in a called meeting on Thursday Jun 18, 2026 at 5 p.m. at City Hall. Mayor Angie Arp Kyle called the meeting to order 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.

A public hearing was opened to take comment on Ordinance No. 1066 to amend Title 14 Zoning and Land Use control. Gary Pettway was present to make comment. He was concerned that the Ordinance was not written to include an environmental review by a licensed engineer. He commented that he felt the review should be at least a level 3. The hearing was closed at 5:09p.m.

In old business Commissioner Richeson moved to approve an amendment to Ordinance No. 1066 to include a level 3 environmental review. 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 Moser moved to amend Ordinance 1066 to include sections J and K. 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 1066 to amend Title 14 Zoning and Land Use control on second and final 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.

The bid summary on the Community Center project included a bid from Evans-Ailey Construction submitted in the amount of \$4,007,000.00 with a completion date of 330 days. George Reagan submitted a bid of \$4,064,479.00 with a completion date of 330 days. The final bid was submitted by Merit Construction in the amount of \$4,166,000.00 with a completion dated of 352 days.

John Werner a municipal financial advisor with Cumberland Securities was present to speak to the board about possible financing options. He recommended going to the competitive bond market for the full \$4.2 million to fund the land purchase for Parks and Recreation and the Community Center project. He stated there were no guarantees until the bond sale date but that in recent years it had been favorable to municipalities.

In board discussion of the Community Center project Commissioner Lovingood stated he wished there could be a more scaled down version. Commissioner Richeson stated that the financial aspect is what concerns him. Commissioner Moser stated that he felt the Community Center would be used by people of all ages. Commissioner Moser moved to award the bid to Evans-Ailey Construction for the full project at \$4,007,000. The motion was seconded. Upon Roll Call Voting Commissioner Lovingood passed and asked the Recorder to come back to him for his vote. The Ayes were Commissioners Moser, Martin and Stutts. Nays being Commissioners Lovingood and Richeson. The motion was carried.

No further action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

This the 18th day of June 2026.

Mayor

Attest: _____
Recorder