

Meeting Minutes

April 27, 2026

The Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the City of Sweetwater met in their monthly workshop session on Monday, April 27, 2026 at 5:00 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.

Scott Skinner, owner of Napa Auto Parts was present to make comment on The TDOT Bridge project.

The board discussed a proposed Ordinance for livestock and animal permits. Commissioners Richeson and Moser asked that certain criteria be met before livestock permits are granted. John Cleveland was asked to make changes to the proposed Ordinance 1063. The item will be added to the June agenda

The board discussed two lots available for lease off Main Street. The City attorney was asked to draft leases.

The board discussed two options for a TDOT road closure during the Hwy 11 Bridge Project. TDOT asked for the board's feedback on which closure would cause the least amount of disruption when the project starts. The item will be added to the May agenda.

The City Administrator gave an update to the board. She advised the Moody's Debt Rating remained the same at Aa3.

Commissioner Moser advised that a pre-bid meeting on the Community Center Project should be on track for May 13th with a bid opening date of May 28th. He advised that the bid specs are for the portion of the project that will see grant funding expiration on 10/31/2026.

The City Administrator advised we are hiring lifeguards and have scheduled lifeguard training in anticipation of opening the pool. Commissioner Moser advised that the earliest the pool could open would be Memorial Day and the latest date should be June 19th.

The City Administrator updated the board on recent State Legislation affecting Municipalities.

The board took a brief recess and reconvened in the budget Workshop.

The board agreed to authorize the City Administrator to draft a Prepayment Letter to refund the 2016 TML Bond that carries a \$456,700 balance and renews in June at a rate of 5.59%. The Comptroller has approved the City's request to refund at an issuance cost of \$1,370. The new rate will be 3.99%.

The City Administrator asked for further discussion on the Capital Improvement Plan for fiscal years ending 2027-2031. She advised it would be added to the May 4th agenda for approval.

The board reviewed the budget draft for year ending June 30, 2027. The City Administrator advised that the board still had time to make changes. She advised that the Budget Ordinance would be on the May 4th agenda for first reading.

Each department head gave a report.

No further action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

This the 27th day of April 2026.

Mayor

Attest: _____
Recorder