

# SWEETSER TOWN COUNCIL

## Meeting Minutes

January 24, 2019

### I. Call to Order/Roll Call of Council Members Present/Pledge of Allegiance/Prayer

The regular meeting of the Sweetser Town Council was called to order at 7:00 pm on January 24, 2019 at the Sweetser Town Hall by Dave Fox.

Roll Call:

Rich Gamble-Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye

Chuck Briede – Aye

Dave Fox – Aye

Travis LeMaster-Aye

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dave Fox. Prayer was given by Matt Stewart.

### II. Review and Approval of Minutes / Review and Approval of Bills

Chuck Briede made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2019 meeting as written. Matt Stewart seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Rich Gamble-Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye

Chuck Briede-Aye

Dave Fox-Aye

Travis LeMaster-Aye

Travis LeMaster made a motion to accept the bills as written. Rich Gamble seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Rich Gamble-Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye

Chuck Briede-Aye

Dave Fox-Aye

Travis LeMaster-Aye

### III. Open Public Forum

- No comments or questions from the public

### IV. Department Reports

- Police Department
  - Matt reported that Marshal Bill has indicated his intention to retire as of June 15, 2019. Rich said the current employment agreement ends March 27, 2019 and recommended that the town execute a new agreement for the period March 28, 2019 to the last day of Bill's service.
- Waste Water plant and town maintenance
  - No report.

### V. Continuing Business

- Travis reported that he and Matt met with town attorney candidate Michael Hotz last week. Both members recommended that the council extend a contact offer to Mr. Hotz for the position of town attorney.

Matt Stewart made a motion to extend a contract offer to Michael Hotz to fill the position of town attorney with the same terms as the most recent contract of former town council Kim Rogers: \$9,100 per annum with an agreed upon rate for work performed for the town outside of the scope of the contract. Travis LeMaster seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Rich Gamble-Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye

Chuck Briede-Aye

Dave Fox-Aye  
Travis LeMaster-Aye

- Further discussion of the leaf vac issue ensued. Dave said there was not any new information at this time. After additional comments, matter was tabled.
- At the January 10, 2019 meeting Travis had suggested the council consider establishing a non-reverting fund to accept contributions for the town Sesquicentennial. After discussion, matter was tabled. Rich said the next meeting of the Sesquicentennial Committee will likely be sometime the first week of March.
- Matt asked for an update on the Ignite Fuel situation. Dave said he would follow-up with Devin.
- Clerk provided update on progress toward compliance with State Board of Accounts data upload request and on progress of software migration.

VI. New Business

- Stu Savka of Triad was in attendance and provided an update from Triad's perspective on the plant remediation efforts to-date. Dave informed him that we still have a condensation issue. Stu acknowledged the issue and also commented the plant collection issue would need to be tackled. It will require a new project which means securing funds to do so. Stu suggested the council look into SRF grant funds for this purpose to cover any shortfall in wastewater fund resources.
- Scott Reeder of Insurance Management Group was in attendance and presented a review of the town's commercial and workers compensation insurance policy renewals. During the discussion it was noted by Travis and Chuck that the covered list of town assets need to be updated. Scott also requested an opportunity for his firm to provide a quote for the town's employee benefits coverage, excluding the retirement plan.
- Chuck reported that the town is listed as an additional defendant in a foreclosure action by Grant County State Bank against Erika Knight. We will need to contact an attorney to file a response in the required timeline. Matt said he will initiate that action.
- Chuck suggested it is time we took action to install security cameras to help discourage vandalism on the trail shelter by town hall. Travis reminded the council we have some equipment that was purchased by the prior town marshal that we may be able to redeploy for that purpose. Chuck said we should also add cameras at the treatment plant. He thinks we should make it a goal for this year and that an "off-the-shelf" system from Lowes or Sam's Club would be sufficient for our needs. Chuck said he would investigate options and pricing.
- Travis inquired about the snow plowing of the streets and the status of our salt supply. Dave reported that both Devin and Patrick had been plowing. Chuck said the salt supply was adequate.

Next Meeting

- Next Council Meeting is February 14, 2019 7:00 pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Meeting Minutes taken by:  
John Potter / Clerk Treasurer

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