

SWEETSER TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2018

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

The regular meeting of the Sweetser Town Council was called to order at 7:00pm on February 8, 2018 at the Sweetser Town Hall by Council President Rich Gamble.

Roll Call:

Rich Gamble – Aye

Chuck Briede - Aye

Steve Kelley-Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye

Dave Fox-Absent

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Steve Kelley. Prayer was given by Matt Stewart.

II. Review and Approval of Minutes / Review and Approval of Bill

Steve Kelley made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2018 and Matt Stewart seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Dave Fox-Absent

Matt Stewart-Aye

Rich Gamble-Aye

Chuck Briede-Aye

Steve Kelley-Aye

Steve Kelley made a motion to accept the bills as written and Chuck Briede seconded the motion.

Dave Fox-Absent

Matt Stewart-Aye

Rich Gamble-Aye

Chuck Briede-Aye

Steve Kelley-Aye

III. Public Forum – Ted Abdon reported that with the upcoming closure of State Road 18 for the replacement of the Pipe Creek bridge that it was recommended by INDOT that the main street of Sweetser be closed to truck traffic for the duration of the project as the street was not designed to accommodate large trucks. Chuck asked Kim Rogers if the council had authority to enact such an ordinance and Kim responded that Marion had specified routes and that it would be likely that the council had the authority by no one knew for certain. Steve Kelley said he would contact the State as it was the view of all that we do not want Main Street to be a designated detour route during the project.

A member of the public reported that trash and refuse is accumulating on County Road 700 W in and around the switch trail location. It was noted that Dustin does a trash pick-up every Tuesday, but the receptacles tend to fill rapidly in that area. Chuck and Rich both said that the council will look into the issue.

IV. WWTP Update from Triad representative Stu Savka. Stu distributed a memo to the council. The memo was informational and a review of prior work concerning correcting the mold issue at the plant. Steve Kelley emphasized that the mold issue is top priority and requires immediate attention by Triad: "the ball is in Triad's court". Rich said that employee safety was our primary concern and that we strive to provide a healthy working environment but the situation was becoming toxic and needed a rapid resolution. It was asked whether a ridge vent would alleviate the situation but there was not a definite

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- V. No Police Department report at this time. answer. Steve ask Bill how the cars are performing and Bill reported everything is working well. Bill reported that he and Ryan had received some recent training. Rich discussed the format for future departmental meetings and set the time for the for the next police department meeting for Wednesday, February 14, 2:00 pm.

Devin reported that he had meetings with representatives from Fleis & Vandenbrink, Tripp [sp?] Engineering and IDEM regarding the mold issue at the plant and possible corrective actions.

- Fleis & Vandenbrink had suggested domes to catch the condensation, a system to drain the condensation outside the facility, and the addition of a ventilation system.
- Tripp Engineering said it should have been a steel frame structure instead of wood frame and they recommend taking it down to the ground and rebuilding.
- The IDEM rep indicated that the mold was not a concern for them, there are no treatment issues at this time, and the flow is not a big concern to them. They will provide floats for the plant.

Ted Abdon and Devin reported that "scum" is being reintroduced into the system. It should go to the "digester" from the "clarifier" but that is not happening. So we still have "to waste" every other day. This was an perceived error in construction and was missed by Triad during their inspections. This will have to be rectified.

Mitch of Fleis & Vandenbrink is exploring alternative financing options with the Rural Development Agency. There is a possibility that the current SRF could be rolled into some new financing with better terms and extended over 40 years. Mitch will have some numbers for the next meeting.

Devin has quotes for catwalks for the plant. He also reported that the Town had provided some camera assistance to Oak Hill and Bragg excavating for a problem at the high school and we should be expecting a check from Bragg.

Devin reported that the street signs are complete.

- VI. Continuing Business - Rich Gamble introduced 2018-2 add appointed clerk/treasurer John Potter as a signatory to the Town's accounts.

Chuck Briede made a motion to accept the resolution and Matt Stewart seconded the motion.

Dave Fox-Absent

Matt Stewart-Aye

Rich Gamble-Aye

Chuck Briede-Aye

Steve Kelley-Aye

New resolution Kim Rogers distributed applications for a fiduciary bond for the Redevelopment Commission. Kim will collect the applications and submit to the carrier.

There was discussion of the line-of-credit used for the trail extension. Steve Kelley is authorized to sign the extension of the line and will said he would take care of doing so.

Budget update – Chuck Briede reviewed the situation and reported that the budget doc we submitted was evidently not complete in some manner and so our budget was not approved. So for the time being we are only authorized to spend the same as last year's authorization. This can be remedied by additional appropriations. We will continue to investigate what happened and what should have happened so we can properly file in the future.

Operating System – current provided MEGA Systems is no longer operating and we are uncertain whether we will have any support and if so, for how long. Rich tasked Chuck and the clerk to seek and evaluate alternatives.

2018 Salary Ordinance – this item was tabled pending resolution of budget/appropriations issue.

Annual camera payment is coming up in March; approximately \$11,000

A question was raised as to the possibility of appropriating some funds for salaries out of Stormwater fees? It was recommended that we review all cash balances for levels and accuracy prior to further action in this area.

It was suggested that we need a wastewater budget as Devin is currently "operating blind" when it comes to spending. It was also suggested that we need to prepare a maintenance budget projection for the plant based upon the projected life span of the equipment.

- VII. New Business – A suggestion was made to move the SWB and Redevelopment Commission meetings to May and then have subsequent meetings quarterly: February, May, August, November).

Meeting Adjourned at 8:55pm.

Meeting Minutes taken by:
John Potter / Clerk Treasurer

David P. Arbo
Steve Kelly

Charles Brown
Matthew C Stewart

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