

Minutes of Sweetser Town Council
February 27, 2020

I. The meeting was called to order by President Dave Fox at 7:00 pm; the roll was called as follows:

Rich Gamble—present
Matt Stewart—present
Travis LeMaster—present
Dave Fox—present
Chuck Briede-present

The roll was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer offered by Chuck Briede

II. Minutes

Dave Fox made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2020 meeting. Travis LeMaster seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Rich Gamble-Aye
Matt Stewart-Aye
Travis LeMaster-Aye
Dave Fox-Aye
Chuck Briede-Aye

III. Bills

After discussion, Travis LeMaster made a motion to approve the paying of the bills as written. Dave Fox seconded the motion.

Rich Gamble-Aye
Matt Stewart-Aye
Travis LeMaster-Aye
Dave Fox-Aye
Chuck Briede-Aye

IV. Public Forum

No comments.

V. Department Reports

Police Dept.—Marshall Ryan Hornback not present at the meeting.

- Dave reported:
 - Ryan is in training this week
 - Ryan is still working on getting the security camera system operational
 - He reviewed with Ryan the provisions of the dog ordinance

Maintenance Dept.—Superintendent Devin Cole not present at the meeting.

- Dave reported that Devin had received a quote for the Eagle Lift station work from CIC; the quote was approximately \$6,000 less than the quote from American Pump. Devin will seek clarifications to ascertain that the quotes are equivalent in scope prior to making a recommendation to proceed.

Parks Dept.—Steve Kelley was not present at the meeting.

- Travis reported that Steve is pursuing a grant for funds to purchase and install ornamental street lights along Main Street.

VI. Continuing Business

- Town counsel Michael Hotz was not present at the meeting; we are waiting on the final result of the title search on the Church Street property.

VII. New Business

- Mitch Hansel of Fleis & Vandenbrink:
 - Discussed with the council the preferred timing for soliciting bids for the Main Street and State Road 18 sidewalk projects; December 2020 is the target.
 - Suggested the town in July could apply to have Main Street milled and repaved in 2021.
 - Presented an amended PSA (“Professional Services Agreement”) for the 2018 Main Street Sidewalks project. The amendment reflects an increase in the contract cost to \$72,939 from \$52,600: the increase is attributable to the redesign of the railroad crossing.

Chuck Briede made a motion to approve the amendment to the PSA with Fleis & Vandenbrink for the 2018 Main Street Sidewalks project to reflect the increase in the contract cost to \$72,939 from \$52,600, which is attributable to the redesign of the railroad crossing. Travis LeMaster seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Rich Gamble-Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye

Travis LeMaster-Aye

Dave Fox-Aye

Chuck Briede-Aye

- Chuck introduced a memo from the Area Plan Commission dated February 4, 2020. The memo forwards to the town council four proposed text amendments to Code Section 36-7-4-600, commonly known as the Areawide Zoning Ordinance, with a favorable recommendation for action from the Commission. The amendments are to:
 - Section 153.074 – regarding action by Are Plan Commission (intent is to make county code consistent with the organization bylaws)
 - Section 153.099 – regarding action by the Board of Zoning Appeals (intent is to make the county code consistent with the organization bylaws)
 - Section 94.20 (6)(7) – changing definitions of Abandoned vehicles to include verbiage requiring vehicles visible from public property for more than 20 days to either have a current and valid license plate or an Affidavit of Non-Use (State Form 56164) for a maximum of five vehicles per property
 - Section 153.127 – makes language concerning height for swimming pools (currently stated a five feet) to change to state that fences and walls will be “. . . consistent with and to the requirements of the Indiana Building Codes.” The State requires a minimum of four feet.

Chuck Briede made a motion to adopt General Ordinance 1-2020, “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND GRANT COUNTY CODE SECTION 36-7-4-600, SUB-SECTION 153.074” as recommended by the Area Plan Commission. Dave Fox seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Rich Gamble-Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye

Travis LeMaster-Aye

Dave Fox-Aye

Chuck Briede-Aye

Chuck Briede made a motion to adopt General Ordinance 2-2020, "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND GRANT COUNTY CODE SECTION 36-7-4-600, SUB-SECTION 153.999" as recommended by the Area Plan Commission. Dave Fox seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Rich Gamble-Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye

Travis LeMaster-Aye

Dave Fox-Aye

Chuck Briede-Aye

Chuck Briede made a motion to adopt General Ordinance 3-2020, "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND GRANT COUNTY CODE SECTION 36-7-4-600, SUB-SECTION 94.20 (6)(7)" as recommended by the Area Plan Commission. Dave Fox seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Rich Gamble-Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye

Travis LeMaster-Aye

Dave Fox-Aye

Chuck Briede-Aye

Chuck Briede made a motion to adopt General Ordinance 4-2020, "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND GRANT COUNTY CODE SECTION 36-7-4-600, SUB-SECTION 153.127" as recommended by the Area Plan Commission. Dave Fox seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Rich Gamble-Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye

Travis LeMaster-Aye

Dave Fox-Aye

Chuck Briede-Aye

VIII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Chuck Briede to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Dave Fox and passed by voice acclimation. The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
John Potter