

SWEETSER TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2018

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 7:00pm on April 12, 2018 at the Sweetser Town Hall by Council President Rich Gamble.

Roll Call:

Dave Fox-Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye

Chuck Briede – Aye

Rich Gamble – Aye

Steve Kelley-Aye

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Rich Gamble. Prayer was given by Matt Stewart.

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

Chuck Briede made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2018 meeting and Steve Kelley seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Dave Fox-Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye

Chuck Briede-Aye

Rich Gamble-Aye

Steve Kelley-Aye

Matt Stewart made a motion to accept the bills as written and Chuck Briede seconded the motion.

Dave Fox-Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye

Chuck Briede-Aye

Rich Gamble-Aye

Steve Kelley-Aye

III. Public Forum –

- Tina Cole discussed new Marion property maintenance ordinance and opined that the Town should be diligent in ordinance enforcement.
- A citizen has been parking a school bus in her driveway. Ted Abdon asked if there is an ordinance limiting the number of vehicles that can consistently present on a property? Chuck Briede asked if there is an ordinance limiting the size of vehicles parked on a property? Council will review.
- Rebecca Nelson asked if leaf burning is permitted in Town limits. It is not.

IV. Roger Spaulding's yard at 221 E. Sherron St.

- Per Devin, Brent from Dollar General has assured him that Dollar General will repair the lawn that is damaged; repairs and/or improvements to the fence will be Mr. Spaulding's responsibility.

V. Town Attorney

- Town attorney Kim Rogers reported that the ordinance concerning weeds, high grass, and brush piles will be published again.
- He is conducting research to determine if there is a time limit to Triad's responsibility for mold remediation at the wastewater plant.
- Kim reported that the proposed letter to Ignite fuel is on hold. Devin and Jay Berry of Ignite Fuel have had constructive dialogue regarding a possible solution to the excessive discharge from Jay's property into the lift station.

VI. Department Reports

- Town Marshall
 - Marshall Bill Freet asked that when anyone becomes aware of an ordinance violation to contact him and let him know.
 - Bill mentioned that his vehicle will need new tires by this summer.

- Town Maintenance
 - Devin reported that Triad was developing estimates for burying the water lines but not the return lines
 - He reported that there may be a gravity sewer line that Ignite Fuel could possibly tie in to which could alleviate the discharge into the lift station. We will be using our camera to try and locate that line and two buried manholes.
 - Devin said he needs to use some of the set-aside funds in the CCI for patching and seal cracking.
 - Next year, he hopes to more paving and stormwater system upgrades. Some ditches need dipped and culverts installed under some driveways. Of particular concern is the Winger addition. Devin said he wants to talk with Mitch of F&V about running an 18" tile to the county ditch to take some overflow from the Winger addition pond instead of it all going east to the creek.
 - Town clean-up is scheduled for June 2.

VII. TRIAD

- Received response from Mr. Soper today. Council will take it under advisement and coordinate a response.

VIII. Continuing Business

- Steve Brock has not started but plans to have an update to us by next Council meeting.
- Council discussed contingency items that should be included in rate study, i.e. PILOT, repair & maintenance reserve, salary and benefit changes
- Tori Tripp presented her report. Tori had reviewed the report submitted by DesignAire.
- New software packages were discussed but no action taken at this time.

IX. New Business

- Ken's unused cell phone – Dustin said he would rather use his own. Clerk will request that it be deactivated.
- Clerk will request new quotes for cell phone service.
- Rich is working on updating the Town's employee handbook.
- Steve Kelley attended the recent LEO dinner meeting. The next one will be August 4 and will be at the Sweetser Café.
- Resident Jean Kern submitted a request to waive the late fee assessed on her March sewer bill. Brock has not started but plans to have an update to us by next Council meeting.

Dave Fox made a motion to waive the late fee for Jean Kern and Matt Stewart seconded the motion.

- Dave Fox-Aye
- Matt Stewart-Aye
- Chuck Briede-Aye
- Rich Gamble-Aye
- Steve Kelley-Aye

Meeting Adjourned at 8:19 pm.

Meeting Minutes taken by:
John Potter / Clerk Treasurer





