

SWEETSER TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

May 10, 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 7:00 pm on May 10, 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 Bills

Matt Stewart made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2018 meeting and Chuck Briede Stewart seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Dave Fox-Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye

Chuck Briede-Aye

Rich Gamble-Aye

Steve Kelley-Aye

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

Dave Fox-Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye

Chuck Briede-Aye

Rich Gamble-Aye

Steve Kelley-Aye

III. Public Forum –No comments or questions from the public.

IV. Department Reports

- Town Marshall – no report
- Town Maintenance - no report

V. Wastewater Treatment Plant Update

- Rich reported he has been in contact with Jim Sopher of TRIAD; still a couple of outstanding issues need clarification but Triad is working on it.

VI. Continuing Business

- Erika Knight, owner of the property at 215 South Greenberry St., has requested the town approve for the aforementioned property a change in zoning from Industrial-1 (II)/General Business (GB) to Residential-1 (R1). The Area Plan Commission of Grant County submitted to the Town of Sweetser a Certification of Proposed Zoning Ordinance Map Amendment for said property that received a favorable recommendation from the commission by a vote of 9-0. The vote was held on May 7, 2018 and the Certification was submitted to the Sweetser Town Council on May 9.

Chuck Briede made a motion to adopt on first reading General Ordinance 2018-2, "An Ordinance to Amend Grant County Code Section 153 (Area Wide Zoning Ordinance) and Providing for the Effective Date thereof" providing that the real estate at 215 S. Greenberry Street, Sweetser, Indiana, will be rezoned from Industrial-1/General Business to Residential-1, effective May 10, 2018. Matt Stewart seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Dave Fox-Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye

Chuck Briede-Aye

Rich Gamble-Aye

Steve Kelley-Aye

Chuck Briede made a motion to adopt General Ordinance 2018-2, "An Ordinance to Amend Grant County Code Section 153 (Area Wide Zoning Ordinance) and Providing for the Effective Date thereof" providing that the real estate at 215 S. Greenberry Street, Sweetser, Indiana, will be rezoned from Industrial-1/General Business to Residential-1, effective May 10, 2018, on second reading. Matt Stewart seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Dave Fox-Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye

Chuck Briede-Aye

Rich Gamble-Aye

Steve Kelley-Aye

Chuck Briede made a motion to suspend the rules on the third and final reading of General Ordinance 2018-2, "An Ordinance to Amend Grant County Code Section 153 (Area Wide Zoning Ordinance) and Providing for the Effective Date thereof" providing that the real estate at 215 S. Greenberry Street, Sweetser, Indiana, will be rezoned from Industrial-1/General Business to Residential-1, effective May 10, 2018. Matt Stewart seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Dave Fox-Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye

Chuck Briede-Aye

Rich Gamble-Aye

Steve Kelley-Aye

Chuck Briede made a motion to adopt and pass General Ordinance 2018-2, "An Ordinance to Amend Grant County Code Section 153 (Area Wide Zoning Ordinance) and Providing for the Effective Date thereof" providing that the real estate at 215 S. Greenberry Street, Sweetser, Indiana, will be rezoned

from Industrial-1/General Business to Residential-1, effective May 10, 2018, on the third and final reading. Matt Stewart seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Dave Fox-Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye

Chuck Briede-Aye

Rich Gamble-Aye

Steve Kelley-Aye

- At the April 26, 2018 Council Meeting, Fleis & Vandenbrink (“F & V”) submitted a proposal for design services for a project that would be funded by a 75/25 Community Crossing Matching Grant. The scope of the services is for resurfacing and drainage design along parts of Main Street south to the pond at Winger Estates and two hundred feet east on Eagle Drive. Estimated cost of the design proposal is \$10,860. The proposal was provisionally accepted subject to amendments suggested by Town attorney Kim Rogers. Kim reported that those amendments have been incorporated in the document and that it was his recommendation that the proposal could be signed. Kim distributed copies of the original proposal, the red-line copy with proposed changes, and the amended proposal incorporating the changes. The Council agreed to accept the proposal as amended and Rich signed the proposal on behalf of the Council.
- At the Council Meeting of February 22, 2018, the Council passed a motion to engage Therber & Brock to perform a wastewater rate study for the Town. Steve Brock attended the meeting this evening and presented the preliminary report and recommendations. The Council and the clerk will review the draft study and respond to Steve before the next Council meeting.
- Steve and the Council also discussed:
 - Grant funds that the Town may be eligible for at some point to offset wastewater rates and keep them affordable for the users.
 - Various questions about the use of TIF funds and permissible investment of excess TIF monies received. Discussion was hypothetical as the Town has received less than \$4,000 in TIF funds to-date.

VII. New Business

- The AIM Trust Agreement has been amended and needs to be adopted by the Council. The clerk will obtain a summary of changes for the Council’s review and consideration.
- Our contract for trash pick-up runs from May to April. Each May, the amount the Town pays is increased; such increase is then passed on to the users in an increase to the trash fee. Due to software issues and the impending wastewater rate increase, the Council has decided to delay the trash fee increase. The clerk will contact Republic Services and request a delay in the increase of the fee to the Town.
- Steve Kelley reported:
 - That one of the redbud trees along Main Street had died. The Council okayed replacing it.
 - The Boy Scouts had helped work on the Dog Park.
 - No new information or action on a possible grant for the improving the railroad crossings.
 - That materials for the shelter roofs had been delivered and work had begun.
 - That he was resigning from the Council effective June 30, 2018.

- Representatives from RQAW and DLZ made presentations to the Council. Both firms have expertise in assisting municipalities in project design and financing.

VIII. Next Meeting

- Next Council Meeting is May 24, 2018, 7:00 pm.
- Next SSWB meeting is May 24

Meeting Adjourned at 8:51 pm.

Meeting Minutes taken by:
John Potter / Clerk Treasurer
