

Minutes of Sweetser Town Council

July 9, 2020

- I. The meeting was called to order Chuck Briede at 7:00 pm; the roll was called as follows:
- Rich Gamble—Absent
 - Matt Stewart—present
 - Travis LeMaster—present
 - Dave Fox—Absent
 - Chuck Briede-present

The roll was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer offered by Matt Stewart

Note: June 25th meeting was cancelled due to lack of a quorum.

II. Minutes

Chuck Briede made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2020 meeting. Travis LeMaster seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

III. Bills

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

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

IV. Public Forum

- No comments

V. Department Reports

Maintenance Dept.—Superintendent Devin Cole was not in attendance.

- Mitch Hansel of Fleis & Vandenbrink said the paving prep work had been done on Meridian, Craven, and Broadway. Final paving should be performed tomorrow.
- Mitch presented two contracts from INDOT for signatures: the Main Street Paving Project and the State Road 18 Sidewalks project.
- Mitch assisted the council in completing the INDOT Engineering scoring sheets.
- Mitch said an issue has arisen with the 2021 State Road 18 Project. The town is to construct ADA ramps at the intersection of SR 18 and Main Street. That will require each corner to have a pedestrian push button control, or four pedestrian push button controls in total. Presently there are only two pedestrian push button controls at the intersection: at the northwest and southwest corners. Mitch said that INDOT is coming in in 2022 to upgrade the traffic signal at that intersection and would install ADA ramps and pedestrian push button controls. A discussion ensued regarding the placement of ADA ramps and crosswalks. Mitch suggested that the town could have the sidewalks stopped short on the southeast and northeast corners of the intersection. Council discussed installing the two ramps and an east-and-west

crosswalk at across Washington Street at Main. This would not affect the project budget. Mitch and the council will revisit in the future prior to the commencement of construction.

- Mitch said the CCMG grant application window has been pushed back at least two months. The earliest they will now accept applications is September and it may be delayed until as late as January 2021. He said this will actually give us more time for Devin to jet and camera all of the storm sewers under Main street to see if there are any repairs that need to be done prior to paving. Chuck asked if this would affect the project bid and Mitch responded it would not.
- Chuck asked what they found when replacing a large section of the storm sewer on Davis street. Mitch said it was rather full of debris. He said Devin should be able to get everything cleaned out on Davis up to Main. Devin is going to speak with Mitch Cook about installing two inlets (with manhole covers): one in the middle of Davis heading east and one out past Osborne. This would allow him to get everything cleaned out up to the town limits. Then he will need to talk with Mr. Cates about cleaning the line on his property that runs to the creek discharge area.
- Several flags and support brackets were damaged during the recent storms. A discussion ensued regarding what kind of flags and supports to acquire as replacements.
- Chuck said that we need to make sure that all of our stop signs are visible. He also said the temporary stop sign at Eagle and Main needs to be replaced with a permanent sign. Town counsel Michael Hotz said Marion has an ordinance that permits the city to clear obstacles in the right-of-way. Chuck thinks the town does have one addressing this issue. Michael will check on it and, if not, recommends that the town adopt one.

Police Department Dept.—Marshal Ryan Hornback was not present at the meeting.

- Matt said the Charger has been traded in and the new Tahoe is being commissioned and then will go to All Things Custom for the installation of the decals.
- Matt initiated a discussion of body cameras for our police department. There was a discussion of cost, camera resolution, storage capacity, and policies.
- Matt said Ryan reported that things continue to be quiet and that he is still working on obtaining stop sticks for the department.
- Chuck initiated a discussion of the deputy hours and costs compared to budget. Clerk provided an analysis to Travis and he will share it with the rest of the council. Council will review.

Parks Department—President Steve Kelley was not in attendance.

- No report.

VI. Continuing Business – town counsel Michael Hotz was present at the meeting

- Travis reported that Dave is still working on the getting with AEP to add a power pole at Pawadise Dog Park.
- Travis reported that the Harmony Music Festival is still on for this fall.
- Chuck said we continue to receive complaints about trash not being picked up and trash receptacles going missing. He said he is attempting to get a Republic Services representative to attend the next council meeting.

VII. New Business

- Chuck said we need to get new answering machines that we can access remotely. Clerk said we also need new phones. Clerk will initiate a search for new equipment.
- Chuck said the Pleasant Township Volunteer Fire Department had submitted their 2021 Fire Protection contract proposal in the amount of \$9,003. Clerk reported 2020 contract was for \$8,740.

After discussion, Travis LeMaster made a motion to accept the 2021 Pleasant Township Volunteer Fire Department 2021 Fire Protection contract proposal in the amount of \$9,003. Matt Stewart seconded the motion.

Rich Gamble-Absent
Matt Stewart-Aye
Travis LeMaster-Aye

Dave Fox-Absent
Chuck Briede-Aye

- Travis said we need a new set of letters for town mobile sign.

After discussion, Chuck Briede made a motion to authorize the purchase of a new office phone and a new set of letters for the town mobile sign. Travis LeMaster seconded the motion.

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

- Next meeting is 7pm, July 23, 2020.

VIII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Chuck Briede to adjourn the meeting and passed by voice acclamation. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
John Potter
