

SWEETSER TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

July 12, 2018, 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 July 28, 2018 at the Sweetser Town Hall by Chuck Briede.

Roll Call:

Dave Fox-Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye

Chuck Briede – Aye

Rich Gamble – Absent

Vacancy

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chuck Briede. Prayer was given by Matt Stewart.

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

Chuck Briede made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected of the June 28, 2018 meeting and Dave Fox seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Dave Fox-Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye

Chuck Briede-Aye

Rich Gamble-Absent

Vacancy

Dave Fox made a motion to accept the bills as written. Chuck Briede seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Dave Fox-Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye

Chuck Briede-Aye

Rich Gamble-Absent

Vacancy

III. Public Forum

- Ted Abdon said he will apply to fill the vacant council seat.
- Ted said that he and Devin Cole had attended a meeting with representatives from the USDA. According to Ted, there may be grant money and low interest loans available to towns such as Sweetser through one or more USDA programs.
- Ted said he would be willing, at his own expense, to attend a grant writing workshop that is conducted by the IU Kelley School of Business at IWU.

IV. Department Reports

- Town Marshall
 - The crossing guard position is still open.

- Wastewater Plant
 - Triad has been performing some of the agreed upon remedial work. Ted said it would be useful if he and Devin had a list of the agreed upon items so they could better track progress of the project.
- Parks Department
 - As president of the Parts Department, Ted asked if there was a position description and, if not, could one be developed?

V. Wastewater Utility Fee Increase Ordinance

- Public notices were published July 12, 2018 in The Marion Chronicle Tribune and the Oak Hill Times.
- Public meeting will be July 26, 2018, at 7 pm at Sweetser Town Hall.
- The rate study and full draft of the ordinance is available to the public at Town Hall.

VI. New Accounting, Billing & Payroll Software

- Town attorney Kim Rogers reviewed the proposed contract from GASI and presented his recommendations to the council. The clerk will forward a copy of Kim's letter and recommendations to GASI for their review.

VII. New Business

- Council Vice President Steve Kelley resigned as of June 30, 2018.

Dave Fox nominated Chuck Briede as Sweetser Town Council Vice President. Matt Stewart seconded the nomination. Chuck accepted the nomination.

Roll Call:

Dave Fox-Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye

Chuck Briede-Aye

Rich Gamble-Absent

Vacancy

- Council plans to accept applications for the vacancy through August 6, 2018, with interviews and a possible decision at the next council meeting on August 9, 2018.
- The Town has received from the Pleasant Township Volunteer Fire Department the proposed 2019 fire protection contract for the town. Item tabled to a future meeting.

VIII. Next Meeting

- Next Council Meeting is July 26, 2018, 7:00 pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Meeting Minutes taken by:

John Potter / Clerk Treasurer
