

# **SWEETSER TOWN COUNCIL**

## **Meeting Minutes**

**August 23, 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 August 23, 2018 at the Sweetser Town Hall by Rich Gamble.

Roll Call:

Dave Fox-Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye

Chuck Briede – Aye

Rich Gamble – Aye

Travis Lemaster-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**

Chuck Briede made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2018 meeting and Matt Stewart seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Dave Fox-Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye

Chuck Briede-Aye

Rich Gamble-Aye

Travis LeMaster-Aye

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

Roll Call:

Dave Fox-Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye

Chuck Briede-Aye

Rich Gamble-Aye

Travis LeMaster-Aye

### **III. Open Public Forum**

- Howard Shick inquired if the Town currently has a Parks Board President. Howard also reported that the downtown shelter men's restroom light is not working.

### **IV. Department Report**

- No report from the Police Department.
- Waste Water plant and town maintenance
  - Rich received an email from Stu of Triad regarding lighting issue; Devin reported new lights were ordered today.

- Devin further related that the wall louvres are not working properly (in contrast with the roof louvres). He said Triad has suggested just leaving them open but in Devin's estimation this is not the proper fix for the issue.
- Devin asked what the councils' intention is as to moving forward with the Community Crossing application: apply now or wait until January.

V. Continuing Business

- Clerk informed council that the new town accounting software installation is scheduled for September 4, 2018.
- Clerk distributed a quote for a new desktop computer from Total Computer Solutions of Marion. Cost is \$849. Clerk said that cost and features were competitive with other computers clerk has recently purchased in clerk's other job.

Travis LeMaster made a motion to accept the bid from Total Computer Solutions. Chuck Briede seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Dave Fox-Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye

Chuck Briede-Aye

Rich Gamble-Aye

Travis LeMaster-Aye

- Rich Gamble said he would update the employee handbook with the recent change to selecting an alternative day for a paid holiday when paid holiday falls on a normal day off. Once updated he will distribute electronic copies to the rest of the council.
- LEO dinner at Sweetser Café is August 30. Reservations are due by August 27. Council hopes the town will have several members present.
- Town counsel Kim Rogers will coordinate drafting the letter to Ignite Fuel regarding the excessive infiltration from same into the Town's lines.
- Matt Stewart reported on the Pumpkin Walk Committee meeting. Chuck Briede said the walk appears to be a go and is to take place on October 27, 2018.

VI. New Business

- Ted Abdon has resigned as Parks Board president. Steve Kelley was in attendance of tonight's meeting and volunteered to serve as Parks Board president. The council appointed Steve as president of the Parks Board. For the time being, Park Board meetings will continue to be on the second Monday of each month.
- Chuck Briede said that resident Steve Cain questioned how early in the day contractors are permitted to commence working in the town. Chuck said he had not located language in any ordinance that addresses the question. Matt Stewart reminded the council that the noise ordinance references 6 a.m.
- At the last council meeting the council voted to repeal General Ordinance 2010-5, AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SWEETSER, INDIANA, FOR PURPOSES OF PROVIDING FOR THE OPERATIONS OF GOLF CARTS ON STREETS, ROADWAYS, INTERSECTIONS, AND ALLEYS. Town counsel Kim Rogers recommended that the repeal be codified by ordinance. The repeal vote served as the first reading of the proposed ordinance.

Matt Stewart made a motion on second reading to adopt General Ordinance 2018-5, AN ORDINANCE REPEALING GENERAL ORDINANCE 2010-5, AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SWEETSER, INDIANA, FOR PURPOSES OF PROVIDING FOR THE OPERATIONS OF GOLF CARTS ON STREETS, ROADWAYS, INTERSECTIONS, AND ALLEYS. Chuck Briede seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

Matt Stewart made a motion on third and final reading to adopt General Ordinance 2018-5, AN ORDINANCE REPEALING GENERAL ORDINANCE 2010-5, AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SWEETSER, INDIANA, FOR PURPOSES OF PROVIDING FOR THE OPERATIONS OF GOLF CARTS ON STREETS, ROADWAYS, INTERSECTIONS, AND ALLEYS. Chuck Briede seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

VII. Next Meeting

- Next Council Meeting is September 13, 2018, 7:00 pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Meeting Minutes taken by:  
John Potter / Clerk Treasurer

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