

SWEETSER TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes September 13, 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 September 13, 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 23, 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

Travis LeMaster made a motion to accept the bills as written. Dave Fox seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

III. Open Public Forum

- Clerk relayed question from town resident Mickey Cornett asking when town leaf pick-up would begin this year.

IV. Department Reports

- Police Department
 - There was a stone spill near and north of the tracks on Main Street to Franklin Street. Marshall Bill called Thompson trucking to see if they will remediate the spill. No response as of yet. Bill's opinion is that the spill is not a hazard for most vehicles but could be for motorcycles.
 - Bill reported that EMA is on board for the Pumpkin Walk.
- Waste Water plant and town maintenance
 - Mitch Hansel of Fleis & Vandenbrink reported that 6 sealed bids had been received for the 2018 Sweetser Main Street Paving and Eagle Drive Drainage Project. The bids were opened at the meeting. Bids received:

▪ Bunn Inc.	\$205,000
▪ Diechman	\$316,651
▪ Keith Sullivan Excavating	\$176,171
▪ Brooks Paving	\$190,911
▪ Bragg Excavating	\$170,841
▪ Morphe Construction	\$254,000

All of the bids were in excess of the engineer's estimate. The bids were solicited by RFP. Town counsel Kim Rogers suggested the town rebid the project and publicly advertise an invitation to bid for the project. A discussion ensued about the grant application

for a Community Crossings grant to substantially fund the project. The grant application deadline is in two weeks. The grant award decision will be on December 13. Mitch pointed out that the town cannot enter into a contract for performance of the project unless and until the grant is actually awarded.

If town misses the application deadline, it can reapply in January. Mitch recommended that if the town decides to advertise for bids that it use the \$180,000 for the grant application.

Chuck Briede made a motion to submit a grant application of \$180,000 to INDOT Community Crossings to help fund the 2018 Sweetser Main Street Paving and Eagle Drive Drainage Project. Dave Fox 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 publicly advertise for bids for the 2018 Sweetser Main Street Paving and Eagle Drive Drainage Project. Travis LeMaster seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

Devin suggested that the council consider including in the project repaving of the portion of Eagle Drive that will be affected by the drainage work. Mitch & Devin estimated that would affect approximately the length of one block and add approximately \$20,000 to the cost of the project.

Chuck Briede made a motion to amend the submission of the grant application of \$180,000 to INDOT Community Crossings to help fund the 2018 Sweetser Main Street Paving and Eagle Drive Drainage Project to \$200,000 for the 2018 Sweetser Main Street Paving and Eagle Drive Paving and Drainage Project. Dave Fox seconded the motion

Roll Call:

Dave Fox-Aye
Matt Stewart-Aye
Chuck Briede-Aye
Rich Gamble-Aye
Travis LeMaster-No

- Wastewater Treatment Plant Update – Devin reported that Triad reps had been in this past week measuring for water outlets.
- Resident Thelma Fields informed the council that there is a sinkhole near her property near the intersection of Helm & Main Streets. Devin said he is aware of it and has it demarcated with pylons at the present time. He will work with Byron Cook Excavating to address and remediate. He said they will have to proceed cautiously as the sinkhole is on the same side of the street as the storm water line and other utilities lines as well.
- Town received another invoice from Collins Flags. Devin said he would investigate.
- Chuck said the new roof for one of the shelters needs to be installed. Devin said he would take care of it.
- Devin reported that he and Dustin would be taking down the poles along the switch trail between 400 & 500 as they continue to be vandalized. An electrician will be engaged to cap the electric lines for any of the affected poles that have power to them.
- Chuck asked the council if perhaps the town should also remove the light, pole, or both at the first shelter. He said it is really only used once a year but we had to pay for it throughout the year. No action taken at this time.

- Town counsel Kim Rogers and Devin will coordinate drafting a letter to Ignite Fuel addressing the excessive discharge from the Ignite Fuel facility into the town's system. Kim said the letter should be ready by the next council meeting.
- Clerk provided status update to council regarding new town billing and accounting software.

VI. New Business

- Clerk reported that the town had not received a request for action on the county council's tax increase ordinance.
- Clerk reported that town has received Medical, Dental, and Vision renewal information from AIM Medical Trust. Town must decide by September 19, 2018 what plans to offer town employees for 2019.

Dave Fox made a motion to maintain the AIM Medical Trust plan design for Medical, Dental, and Vision insurance of 2018 for 2019. Travis LeMaster seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

- Parks board president Steve Kelley reported that the Parks meeting as well attended but to-date no one had joined the Parks board.
- The town has a line-of-credit with Grant County State Bank. The line was utilized for completing the switch trail project. Former council member Steve Kelley is the authorized signer on the line. Rich recommended that a current council member should be designated as the authorized signer for the line.

Chuck Briede made a motion to replace Steve Kelley with Rich Gamble as the authorized signer of the town's line-of-credit with Grant County State Bank. Matt Stewart seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

- Rich said he had compiled a list of potential committee personnel for the Sesquicentennial committee and he would reach out them to try and persuade them to be involved.
- Chuck said is the council has received a request to use the train and the fire pit along the trail for a birthday celebration. Council is okay with the request as conditioned on the users have proper supervision and use caution and common sense.
- Chuck said the he hoped he could count on help from council members for the Pumpkin Walk.
- Travis said John Dockery would like to present a proposal to the council at the next meeting about a revamp of the "What-Up" online site. Travis said that would also be a good time to discuss some needed updates to the town's web site.

VII. Next Meeting

- Next Council Meeting is September 27, 2018, 7:00 pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Meeting Minutes taken by:
 John Potter / Clerk Treasurer
