

# **SWEETSER TOWN COUNCIL**

## **Meeting Minutes September 27, 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**

Matt Stewart made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2018 meeting and Chuck Briede seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Dave Fox-Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye

Chuck Briede-Aye

Rich Gamble-Aye

Travis LeMaster-Aye

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

Roll Call:

Dave Fox-Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye

Chuck Briede-Aye

Rich Gamble-Aye

Travis LeMaster-Aye

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

- No questions from the public.

### **IV. John Dockery presentation**

- John presented his new product: Whats-Up 24/7. It is a subscription based model for the web that has events, directories, and destinations. The idea is that small towns would utilize the site to promote their local community's amenities and events as well as cross-promote with other communities in the Region to generate interest in and visits to the community. John offered the town a \$1,500 deal to set this up. It would include an upgrade of the town's web site. He would include one year of directory listings to local organizations at no cost. The town would pay a monthly fee for web site

and Whats Up 24/7. The council decided to take the offed under advisement for two weeks.

V. Department Reports

- Police Department
  - No report.
- Waste Water plant and town maintenance
  - Mitch Hansel of Fleis & Vandenbrink reported that he submitted the Community Crossing Grant application for the 2018 Sweetser Main Street Paving and Eagle Drive Drainage Project.
  - Mitch said that part of Eagle Estates (as well as part of areas along Wes Way and Winger Estates) are not in the INDOT database for the town. The areas comprise about 1.8 miles of streets and roads. These must be in the INDOT database in order to qualify for grant eligibility. Mitch described the process to get the areas added to the database and offered to submit a proposal to the town to generate the necessary files. Chuck and Rich suggested that Devin and Kim coordinate a response and corrective action with INDOT.

VI. Continuing Business

- Clerk updated council on software conversion. Town received file of customers and current rates. Clerk's office will analyze for accuracy, calculate new rate, and enter new rates in new billing software. First billing with new rates will be November 1.
- Chuck questioned when we should raise the trash fees and by how much. Council requested analysis from Clerk's office.
- Kim has summary info for Devin sufficient to allow preparation of letter to Ignite Fuel concerning excessive discharge into the town's system.
- Rich distributed a draft of a "Project Worksheet" he prepared in consultation with Mitch Hansel. The purpose is to allow the council to see a snapshot of the town's projects at any given time with start dates, projected costs, costs-to-date, and anticipated finish dates, with the goal of providing perspective and insight to the council when considering new projects in light of budgetary and cash flow constraints.
- Travis has begun researching commercial insurance options for the town to consider. He will report details and options at a later meeting.

VII. New Business

- There was an executive session held on September 18, 2018, to discuss Devin's request to obtain a second job. Result of the session is recommendation that council approve Devin's request.
- It was pointed out that Deputy Ryan also has a second job.

Travis LeMaster made a motion to approve Devin Cole's request to accept secondary employment. 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 approve Ryan Hornback's secondary employment. Dave Fox 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 submitted the following quotes and requests for spending:
  - Bill Monts quotes \$207 to replace damaged electrical wiring and devises at the East Shelter House of the trail.
  - Quote of \$112.04 for a new manual well pump to replace the one that was vandalized.
  - Requested \$40 to purchase rivets to attach signs along the trail.
  - Requested \$159 to purchase security camera for the trail shelter.

Rich Gamble made a motion to approve the Parks Board request except for the security camera. Chuck Briede seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Dave Fox-Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye

Chuck Briede-Aye

Rich Gamble-Aye

Travis LeMaster-Aye

- Rich asked the council their opinion on the merit of periodically changing the combinations and/or the locks at the treatment plant. No action taken at this time.
- Rich said he had received an email from Ted Abdon reporting that a resident was planning on erecting "cattle fencing" in his back yard. Chuck said he had received an inquiry concerning this and referred the questioner to the Area Plan Commission.
- Chuck Briede presented the 2019 Proposed Budget for the Town of Sweetser. Public hearing is scheduled for October 11, 2018, 7:00 pm. Adoption is scheduled for October 25, 2018, at 7 pm. Clerk will post public hearing notice.

VIII. Next Meeting

- Next Council Meeting is October 11, 2018, 7:00 pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:17 pm.

Meeting Minutes taken by:

John Potter / Clerk Treasurer

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