

SWEETSER TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2016

I. Call to Order/Roll Call of Board Members Present/Pledge of Allegiance/Prayer

The regular meeting of the Sweetser Town Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on January 14, 2016, at the Sweetser Town Hall by Council President Travis LeMaster.

Rich Gamble(Delayed) Chuck Drain (Absent) Chuck Briede , Travis LeMaster, Steve Kelley

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Travis LeMaster. Prayer was given by Chuck Briede

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

Chuck Briede made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 17, 2015, Regular Meeting. Steve Kelley seconded the motion.

Roll call:

Rich Gamble – Absent(Delayed)

Chuck Draine - Absent

Chuck Briede – Aye

Travis LeMaster – Aye

Steve Kelley – Aye

Steve Kelley made a motion to approve the special meeting minutes on December 19, 2015. Chuck Briede seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Rich Gamble –Absent(Delayed)

Chuck Draine – Absent

Chuck Briede –Aye

Travis LeMaster-Aye

Steve Kelley - Aye

Steve Kelley made a motion to accept and approve the bills as submitted. Chuck Briede seconded the motion.

Roll call:

Rich Gamble – Absent(Delayed)

Chuck Draine - Absent

Chuck Briede – Aye

Travis LeMaster – Aye

Steve Kelley – Aye

Council authorized and signed the paper work for Tina and Jami to be listed on the Blight Elimination account at the Grant County State Bank to receive and deposit funds in to this account, Council President Travis LeMaster signed the authorization paper.

Chuck Briede made a motion to authorize Tina Cole and Jami Briede to be signatories to the Blight Elimination project. Travis LeMaster seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Rich Gamble –Absent(Delayed)

Chuck Draine-Absent

Chuck Briede- Aye

Travis LeMaster-Aye

Steve Kelley – Aye

Travis stated we have a letter from Mickey Cornett at 311 Meridian St. that she didn't receive her bill on Dec. 1st and, was asking the board to remove her late fee. The board authorized Tina (clerk) to

remove the late fee as she's never been late according to her account activity. Chuck Briede made a motion for the clerk to waive the late fee from Mickey Cornett's account. Steve Kelley seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Rich Gamble – Aye
Chuck Draine-Absent
Chuck Briede-Aye
Travis LeMaster –Aye
Steve Kelley-Aye

Tina advised the board that Steve Brock sent email requesting the Dun & Bradstreet number for the Blue River Technologies bill in order to submit to SRF for payment. Steve Brock failed to attach the disbursement form to the email, once we receive the disbursement form the Blue River Technologies bill will be sent to the SRF for payment. Chuck Briede wondered if the 3 days of labor on the bill (\$1500.00) would be questioned and possibly not covered. It was decided to submit the entire bill to the SRF for payment.

Steve Kelley made a motion to submit the Blue River Technologies bill to the SRF for payment. Chuck Briede seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Rich Gamble-Aye
Chuck Draine-Absent
Chuck Briede-Aye
Travis LeMaster-Aye
Steve Kelley-Aye

III. Special Town Business: Newly elected 2016-19 officials

Kim Rogers gave the oath to the Town Council and Clerk/Treasurer swearing them in for the 2016 to 2019 year. Kim stated he would forward on Chuck Draine's oath of office. He will file the originals with the Grant Circuit Court and provide the Council and Clerk/Treasurer with copies.

Travis LeMaster opened the floor for nominations for Council President. Travis LeMaster nominated Chuck Briede for President, and Chuck Briede accepted. Travis LeMaster also nominated Steve Kelley as Vice-President and Steve Kelley accepted.

Chuck Briede advised that Chuck Draine is our representative for the Grant County Area Plan commission that meets the 1st Monday of each month. Chuck Briede is going to make contact with Chuck Draine to see if he'll be back in time to full fill this position, decision was made to table this until he talks with Chuck Draine.

Chuck Briede decided to table the decision on the Sweetser Parks Board President, he wants to speak with Terry Renbarger that is currently holding this position. This will be discussed at a later meeting in the spring. Steve Kelley said Terry will probably remain active.

Chuck Briede decided he would make a decision on three members for the Sweetser Stormwater Board at the next meeting.

Chuck Briede also decided he would table the decision on two members for the Sweetser Redevelopment Commission. They meet the 3rd Thursday of each month.

IV: Open Forum No public comments.

V: Department Reports

Devin reported that on December 27th there was the same problem with Mr. Rick Ahrens home with the backup he's having coming from his basement bathroom. On January 4th Devin indicated they took out

about 25 loads of sludge from the Kelley lift station. One of the pumps at this lift station was pulled so they put in a new pump that was previously repaired. They pumped it all the way down, the 2nd pump they left in there was pulled and it had a bath towel wrapped around it. It locked the motor up in there and they thought it might have burnt the shaft, this is why it could have been draining slow. One pump is running currently and handling the flow, same horsepower but a new design. Devin ordered a new pump that should be here on 1/22 so we'll have a back up. Pumps are running somewhere around \$2300 to \$2700, but we'll have a back up. In the same week January 6th, Garry Sharon the inspector came out because what he did earlier didn't work, while at the Eagle lift station they seen a big hole in the side wall, work needs to be done on this lift station. It's gonna have to have grout injected, they had it all the way down at they could see all the water coming in. Sopher and Jim Frazell is getting Mr. Ahrens set up with someone to put in a grinder station and lift pump at his home to alleviate his situation.

The heater at the garage behind town hall wasn't working, Ken tried to repair the fan motor but it still wouldn't work. Devin said the heater is so old and there's only about 7 in the world, if they could find a fan for the heater it was going to cost about \$350.00 by the time it would be shipped cost was over \$400, so he purchased a new heater for about \$550.00 all together with the pipe and Devin's crew putting it in, it will heat over 2000 square feet.

The sewage plant had their main 2 inch water pipe bust, Zakrich came up and replaced the main pipe, it's all working but Devin is seeking quotes to have it insulated. Devin asks if one of the council can contact Triad over this water pipe burst, Zakrich was at the plant over 12 hours on this repair. Triad is aware of the situation, it was indicated to submit the bill to Triad.

Marshall Bill had a complaint from a residence over loud noises from the Sweetser Lawn Care working on their motors and equipment that they use in the summertime. The residence lives in apartment next to Sweetser Lawn Care but since it's zoned for business there's not much he can do for this residence.

Bill also questioned about our dog ordinance due to a situation with a resident that had 9 dogs, since the owner of these nine dogs was out of town Marshall Bill had to have the Grant County Humane society come and get the dogs as there was no one to properly care for them. The resident has returned home and she can obtain her dogs from the Humane Society if she pays to get them back.

Chuck Briede has had some comments over the State Road 18 Bridge closing, he indicated that some of the traffic being detoured around has been coming through town and not obeying the speed limit through town.

VI. Other Business

Continuing Business:

No continuing business. Other than the sidewalk up by the gas station, Kim Rogers hasn't done anything yet, we need to get the number of footage and the sidewalk over by the old bank.

New Business: Kim is waiting on the Auditors office on the tax sale deeds for the blighted homes. Kim said he checked with Grant County Abstract to issue a owners title insurance policy we either need a quick claim deed from the owner's which is not possible, so we have to get a Quiet title suit that Kim will get going, it takes a about 90 days. This needs to be in the BEP 29 by 22nd January as a further step. We need to start this right away Kim indicated.

Travis LeMaster makes a motion to authorize Kim Rogers to file 2 Quiet Title Suits for the Shane property and the Voland property, Steve Kelley seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Gamble – Aye
Draine – Absent
Briede – Aye
LeMaster – Aye
Kelley – Aye

Kim Rogers furnished to the clerk/treasurer the town council revised the statute of surety bonds, for town council officers and employees, most on reporting to the SBOA. The SBOA wants to make sure this is clarified, so Kim entered a Resolution for the Surety Bonds for January 2016. Steve Kelley made a motion to confirm and accept Resolution 2016-1 for surety bonds for the Town of Sweetser. Rich Gamble seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Rich Gamble – Aye
Chuck Draine - Absent
Chuck Briede – Aye
Travis LeMaster – Aye
Steve Kelley-Aye

New Business:

Steve Kelley said work will be delayed on part of the Trail until August due to the construction being done on the State Road 18 bridge.

Discussion was held about the easement and property line on the Fenstermaker property on State Road 18, information still needs to be obtained.

Travis LeMaster made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Steve Kelley seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

Minutes submitted by: Tina J.Cole, Clerk/Treasurer








