

SWEETSER TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

October 11, 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 October 11, 2018 at the Sweetser Town Hall by Chuck Briede.

Roll Call:

Dave Fox-Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye

Chuck Briede – Aye

Rich Gamble – Absent

Travis LeMaster-Aye

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

Dave Fox made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 27, 2018 meeting and Matt Stewart seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Dave Fox-Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye

Chuck Briede-Aye

Rich Gamble-Absent

Travis LeMaster-Aye

Chuck Briede made a motion to accept the bills as written pending the correction of the fund allocation of the John Deere Financial invoice from Parks Non-Reverting to Parks. Travis LeMaster seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Dave Fox-Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye

Chuck Briede-Aye

Rich Gamble-Absent

Travis LeMaster-Aye

III. Open Public Forum

- No questions from the public.

IV. Department Reports

- Police Department
 - No report.
- Waste Water plant and town maintenance

- Rich met with Jim Sopher of Triad to receive an update on the status of the remediation of the treatment plant issues. Discussed were the lights, water lines, and truss treatments. Rich will provide an update at the next meeting.
- Rich met with Mitch of Fleis & Vandenbrink to work on updating the project worksheet that Rich has been developing. Rich will provide an update at the next meeting.
- Council decided Halloween trick-or-treat will take place on Wednesday, October 31, 2018, from 6 pm to 9pm. Notice will be posted on the town's web site.

V. Public Hearing on 2019 Budget

- Chuck Briede introduced and read the budget proposed 2019 budget. There were no public comments and the hearing was closed. The adoption meeting will take place Thursday, October 25, 2017, at 7:00 pm.

Travis LeMaster made a motion to accept the introduction and pass on the first reading the 2019 Budget for the Town of Sweetser. Matt Stewart seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

Travis LeMaster made a motion to accept the and pass on the second reading the 2019 Budget for the Town of Sweetser. Matt Stewart seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

VI. Continuing Business

- New Administrative Software
 - Clerk provided update on new software implementation. On schedule to run next billing on October 29, 2018 for the November 1 bills.
- Letter to Ignite Fuel
 - Jay Berry, owner of Ignite Fuel, attended this portion of the meeting. Jay submitted that at one point the town had had asked the line and manhole covers in question be installed with an eye toward future development. Therefore, Jay suggested the he and the town split the needed repairs 50/50. Chuck Briede said that since the line in question is a private line that it would be inappropriate for the town to have any out-of-pocket costs towards the repairs. As an alternative Chuck offered the use of Town equipment and assistance from Devin towards the repairs. Jay said in that event he would pay for the materials.
- MVH missing Funding from roads not being recognized by INDOT

- At the prior council meeting, 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. Town Counsel Kim Rogers researched and reported that Grant County is unable to locate ordinances incorporating those areas into the town. Kim and Devin will coordinate with Mitch and INDOT to determine how to resolve this issue.
- Status on replacement of dead tree on Main Street
 - Dave Fox reported that the tree will be replaced in the spring.
- What's-Up 24/7
 - Chuck reminded the council that John Dockery had asked for a decision within two weeks. After discussion, it was agreed that the Town web-site needs an update. However, the council questioned the necessity of the new application and decided that no decision on subscribing to What's-Up 24/7 will be made at this time.

VII. New Business

- The Sweetser Sesquicentennial Committee planning meeting will be October 17, 2018.
- The Parks line-of-credit was discussed. The current balance is approximately \$6,900 with interest of approximately \$30 billed and paid each month

Matt Stewart made a motion to pay off the Parks line-of-credit by the end of 2018 subject to sufficient cash being available in the fund. Dave Fox seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

- Chuck reported on his attendance at the Parks board meeting of October 8, 2018.

VIII. Next Meeting

- Next Council Meeting is October 25, 2018, 7:00 pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:46 pm.

Meeting Minutes taken by:
 John Potter / Clerk Treasurer
