

Minutes of Sweetser Town Council
October 22, 2020

- I. The meeting was called to order by Dave Fox at 7:00 pm; the roll was called as follows:
Matt Stewart—Present
Travis LeMaster—Present
Dave Fox—Present
Chuck Briede-Present

The roll was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer offered by Matt Stewart

II. **Minutes**

Matt Stewart made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2020 meeting. Travis LeMaster seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

III. **Bills**

After discussion, Chuck Briede made a motion to approve the paying of the bills as written. Dave Fox seconded the motion.

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

IV. **Public Forum**

- No comments

V. **Department Reports**

Maintenance Dept.—Superintendent Devin Cole was not in attendance.

- Dave said Devin reported that a couple of pieces of equipment at the wastewater plant need repair. He also indicated that new hire Jeff Speicher is doing well.
- Dave said Devin reported that the dump truck had to have some work performed on the brakes and the exhaust system.
- Devin will probably begin leaf pick-up next week.
- In response to Matt's inquiry Dave said that he did not have any new information regarding the selling of mulch by the town nor did he have any new information regarding having some of the excess top soil moved to the dog park area. Dave said he would follow-up with Devin on those matters.

Police Department Dept.—Marshal Ryan Hornback was not in attendance.

- Dave said that Ryan reported that the old Tahoe had to have a tune-up. He also reported that he had two deputies on vacation, but he was able to cover the shifts.

Parks Department—President Steve Kelley was in attendance.

- Steve reported that Mr. Helmuth had cut down and removed the dead trees along the trail, but he had not yet cut down the poles with the old solar panels on them.
- Matt inquired about the proposals for addressing the vandalism along the trail at 700 West. Steve said that Travis had posted some information of Facebook, Steve has taken some signs to the schools and placed some signs around town, and that the camera surveillance signs should be ready next week. A discussion ensued about obtaining a trail camera. Dave said he may have one he could donate. Clerk indicated there was room in the budget to purchase as well.

VI. Continuing Business

- Travis initiated a discussion about scheduling an executive session for employee reviews. Session was scheduled for Wednesday, October 28, at 6 pm.
- Clerk introduced proposed Resolutions 2020-2, an Appropriation Reduction of \$35,000 in the 2020 budget of Fund 0706 Local Road and Streets, and 2020-3, an Appropriation Reduction in the 2020 budget of \$20,000 of Fund 0708 Motor Vehicle Highway. After discussion:

Chuck Briede made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-2, an Appropriation Reduction of \$35,000 in the 2020 budget of Fund 0706 Local Road and Streets. Travis LeMaster seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Matt Stewart-Aye

Travis LeMaster-Aye

Dave Fox-Aye

Chuck Briede-Aye

Chuck Briede made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-3, an Appropriation Reduction of \$20,000 in the 2020 budget of Fund 0708 Motor Vehicle Highway. Dave Fox seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Matt Stewart-Aye

Travis LeMaster-Aye

Dave Fox-Aye

Chuck Briede-Aye

- The council heard the second and third readings of the 2021 budget, presented as proposed Ordinance 5-2020. After discussion:

Chuck Briede a motion to pass on the second reading Ordinance 5-2020, the proposed 2021 budget for the Town of Sweetser. Matt Stewart seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Matt Stewart-Aye

Travis LeMaster-Aye

Dave Fox-Aye

Chuck Briede-Aye

Chuck Briede a motion to adopt on the third and final reading Ordinance 5-2020, the proposed 2021 budget for the Town of Sweetser. Matt Stewart seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Matt Stewart-Aye

Travis LeMaster-Aye

Dave Fox-Aye

Chuck Briede-Aye

- Dave began the portion of the meeting dedicated to filling the council vacancy. In attendance were candidates Steve Kelley, Ron Owings, and Kyle Taylor. Current council members addressed questions to the candidates. After the questions, the council members voted to fill the vacancy. The votes are recorded as follows:

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| Matt Stewart- | Kyle Taylor |
| Travis LeMaster- | Kyle Taylor |
| Dave Fox- | Steve Kelley |
| Chuck Briede- | Ron Owings |

Per the vote, Kyle Taylor was selected as a member of the Sweetser Town Council. The clerk performed the swearing-in of Kyle to the position.

- Travis initiated a discussion of the current license agreement between Daniel Newhouse and the Town of Sweetser, for the use of the parking lot owned by Mr. Newhouse. Town counsel Michael Hotz will review the document and consult with Insurance Management Group and provide the council with recommendations.
- Michael is still working on developing possible language for a new trail ordinance governing what is permitted and prohibited on the trail.
- A discussion resumed about providing security for the Sesquicentennial celebration in 2021.

VII. New Business

- Chuck said the town had received some inquiries concerning potholes near the post office and along Laura Lane.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
John Potter
