

SWEETSER TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes
October 26, 2017

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 7:00pm on October 26, 2017 at the Sweetser Town Hall by Council Member Chuck Briede.

Roll Call:

Rich Gamble – Aye

Chuck Briede-Aye

Steve Kelley-Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye

Dave Fox-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

Steve Kelley made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2017 and Matt Stewart seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Dave Fox-Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye

Rich Gamble-Aye

Chuck Briede-Aye

Steve Kelley-Aye

Rich Gamble questioned the one fifth of the town's gasoline bill that was issued out of the Storm water Fund. The board discussed whether to have anymore gasoline fees coming from Storm water Fund since the guys operate the jetter, skid steer etc..for stormwater work. It was decided to not allow anymore gasoline costs from the Storm water Fund for the year 2017.

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

Dave Fox-Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye

Rich Gamble-Aye

Chuck Briede-Aye

Steve Kelley-Aye

III. Open Public Forum

Bonnie Hicks asked if someone inspected her trees in the alley and Devin said her trees were just fine. Nancy Smith at 511 Craven Street asked if someone had looked at her trees in front of her home, Dave Fox stated he checked her trees out and they looked like they were nicely topped. Dave said he didn't see anything wrong with them.

Tina Cole who lives at 636 Laura Lane asked the board if they could do something about the boat mechanic operations being done in the driveway of 618 Laura Lane. The resident has 3 large boats that he's repairing daily and causing that corner of Nancy Drive and Laura Lane to look trashy. She also brought up the fact that someone is trying to sell the home next door and one down the street that's listed for over \$200,000.

Steve brought up some other ordinances at this time concerning boats, campers, trailers,rv's etc..concerning the seasonality and storage of these items. Kim Rogers is going to look into the covenants of Pleasant Home Additions and checking with Grant County Area Planning on variances. Dave Fox thinks it's all about the zoning and how people store their RV's but Dave thinks it's zoning and the restrictive covenants.

IV. Department Reports

Devin said Danny Newhouse called and they were all done with harvest so no problems with their parking lot and the Pumpkin Walk this year.

Devin said he got the Camera Wand ordered, and they will be starting with the new sign inventory in about two weeks, there will be lots of locates going on.

Devin said the IDEM meeting went really well, everyone was cordial. However, it's the town's issue with the new treatment plant. Triad will be required to update and change some things and IDEM will be overseeing some of the things Triad will be doing. It's up to the town to fix the town's infiltration problem. If we don't get the infiltration issues fixed in a timely fashion then IDEM can put us under enforcement or restriction and that will be not good.

Devin also reiterated to the board about new projects the state is opening up and we need to get onboard right away.

Devin ordered a tri-axle load of salt. Steve Kelley asked Devin to get some quotes from fabricators to build a platform with a railing so there can be access to the middle tanks of the sewage plant.

Devin informed the board that he has 23 hours of comp time left and he's not going to be able to use it due to the 10 days of vacation he has left to use by year end. He asked the board to pay him the overtime and any overtime he incurs from this date forward he will carry to year 2018 and use it then. Chuck Briede made a motion to pay upon Devin Cole's comp time and Dave Fox seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Dave Fox -Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye

Rich Gamble-Aye

Chuck Briede-Aye

Steve Kelley-Aye

Devin attended the Suicide Prevention meeting at OHHS, he gave Deputy Ryan Hornback praise for the work he did with one of the families that experienced a suicide.

Marshall Bill didn't have anything for the board.

Kim Rogers spoke up at this time over the Animal Control Ordinance that he and Marshall Bill was working on. Kim introduced the General Ordinance 2017-3 amending the Animal Control Ordinance previously adopted in General Ordinance 2009-5 as amended and replacing General Ordinance 2008-8. Kim wants this Ordinance to first (1st) reading tonight and to set-up a public hearing amending the Animal Control Ordinance on November 16, 2017. Chuck Briede made a motion to accept General Ordinance 2017-3 to pass at first reading, an Ordinance Amending the Animal Control Ordinance previously adopted in General Ordinance 2009-5 as amended and replacing General Ordinance 2008-8, Rich Gamble seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Dave Fox-Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye

Richard Gamble-Aye

Chuck Briede-Aye

Steve Kelley-Aye

V. Continuing Business

Rich Gambel reviewed the changes that him and Steve Kelley made to the Town Employees Handbook. They made some updates on the Time Card keeping, allowing the police department to write in their time and the maintenance employees will continue to use their time clock. The board agreed to not make the employees clock in/out or record their lunch hour times. The work schedule time for each department was reviewed and documented that each department will work a 40 hour work week. Dave Fox made a motion to accept the updates to the Town Employee Handbook and Matt Stewart seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Dave Fox-Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye
Rich Gamble-Aye
Chuck Briede-Aye
Steve Kelley-Aye

There was some discussion over the applications the town received on town maintenance position, they have decided on one applicant. Devin suggested that him and a couple of board members interview this applicant in the following week. Once the position is filled Devin indicated he would reach out to everyone who applied and let them know the position is filled.

VI. New Business

Steve Kelley brought up about the Sidewalk Ordinance, our Ordinance doesn't explain how the homeowner goes about getting reimbursed their portion of the 50/50. There's no instruction on how many quotes or getting reimbursed. Steve thought we might check with Converse on their Ordinance.

The board allowed Erika Knight at 215 S Greenberry the floor to speak. She's wanting to remove her existing dwelling and put a new double wide mobile home in. The board advised her to seek an attorney for what she is wanting to do, that it would have to go through steps at the Grant County Area Plan Commission. However, they explained to her that if she removes her present dwelling that at the present time she could not replace it with a new mobile home due to that plat of land being zoned light industrial. She would have to work through an attorney, Grant County Area Plan and the town board to see if it would be changed to residential.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm

Meeting minutes taken by

Tina Cole, Clerk/Treasurer

Chuck V. Briede
RDQFX

Matthew C. Stewart