

**SWEETSER TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**November 20, 2014**

**I. Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the Sweetser Town Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on November 20, 2014, at the Sweetser Town Hall by Council President Travis LeMaster.

**II. Roll Call of Board Members Present:**

Rich Gamble - late, Chuck Draine, Chuck Briede, Travis LeMaster, Steve Kelley

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

**III. Review and Approval of Minutes**

Steve Kelley made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 13, 2014, regular session. Chuck Draine seconded the motion.

Roll call:

Rich Gamble - Late

Chuck Draine - Aye

Chuck Briede - Aye

Travis LeMaster - Aye

Steve Kelley - Aye

**IV. Review and Approval of Bills**

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

Roll call:

Rich Gamble - Aye

Chuck Draine - Aye

Chuck Briede - Aye

Travis LeMaster - Aye

Steve Kelley - Aye

**V. Department Reports**

**Sweetser Town Maintenance - Devin Cole**

Devin Cole did not attend the meeting.

**VI. Open Public Forum**

No comments were forthcoming from the public.

**VII. Other Business**

**a. Continuing Business**

Travis LeMaster thanked Chuck Draine for cleaning the windows at Town Hall.

Steve Kelley and Chuck Draine attended the construction progress meeting at the Waste Water Treatment Plant and offered the following report: The posts on the north and south walls of the treatment plant are up. The trusses are being assembled and will be lifted into place with a crane on Friday. Once the trusses are in place the sheeting will be put on. Backfilling around the tanks with rock is taking place. The electrical wiring is going in and the main panel will be installed after the east wall is erected. The laboratory is framed and the door frames are in and ready to install. The doors have been ordered. The aeration tank is completed and the digester needs to be welded after the roof is in place. There will be change orders submitted for the next Board meeting on December 11, 2014. Discussion

was held that if the change order is completed sooner the Board may need to call a special meeting. A water softener needs to be chosen. Discussion was held regarding what type and how much to spend on a water softener. The Board authorized Devin to purchase a water softener for the contractors to install. The generator will be in the second week of December along with the influent screen. The next progress meeting is December 18, 2014. A fencing estimate is needed. Also an estimate is needed for the bypass on lift station #3. Pricing for the 220 outlet and the additional outlet in the shop area is needed. They are also trying to find out what the credits are on the well. Discussion was held regarding having a local contractor provide a quote on the fencing. Chuck Draine stated that Devin Cole will be in charge of when the chemicals for the treatment plant are ordered. Travis LeMaster stated that he had completed a credit application for a company that supplies the chemicals.

Steve Kelley stated that Devin Cole wants to purchase salt for the streets. The salt price is \$120.00 a ton and he needs 22 tons. Travis LeMaster looked into how much money is left to purchase salt in 2014. Because of reducing appropriations no funds remain for this calendar year. The salt purchase will have to be postponed until January, 2015.

Steve Kelley reported that the dump truck bed cannot be raised inside the bin therefore a concrete pad will be needed in front of the bins so that materials can be dumped and then shoveled into the bins.

Annexation – Kim Rogers is still reviewing the fiscal plan. Any comments or corrections needed to the plan should be brought to Steve Brock's attention.

Sewer use ordinance – Steve Kelley was the only member who had comments to submit.

Police Department SOP – Steve Kelley will email a corrected copy to the Board to review and submit any corrections. There is also a hard copy on the council desk.

**b. New Business**

Travis LeMaster reviewed with the Board the quotes that were obtained on tires for the police Charger. The quotes were reviewed and discussed and the best estimate was from Best One for \$505.00. Rich Gamble made a motion to authorize Bill Freet to purchase the Firestone tires for the Charger for no more than \$600.00. Chuck Briede seconded the motion.

Roll call:

Rich Gamble – Aye

Chuck Draine – Aye

Chuck Briede – Aye

Travis LeMaster – Aye

Steve Kelley – Aye

Chuck Draine stated that Sweetser Wesleyan Church is hosting a lock-in on Friday night for students aged 11 – 18. Courtney Moses is the speaker for the function.

Chuck Briede stated that the Lions' Breakfast with Santa is the morning of Saturday, December 6, 2014, at Sweetser United Methodist Church. The cost is a free-will offering.

Travis LeMaster offered an update regarding the sidewalk at the elementary school and stated that Randy Pierce of Bowman Construction had called him. Mr. Pierce has been communicating via email with Mr. Edwards at the school.

Magers Drive – there were no updates regarding the Ferguson sewer line.

Travis LeMaster received a quote from Amy Miller at Cornerstone for the income survey. Travis will provide the Board with copies of all of the quotes for discussion at the December meeting.

Eileen LeMaster made the Board aware that the town received a notice from Grant County State Bank regarding inactivity in the Sewage Sinking Fund checking and asked the Board to consider whether the checking account is still needed.

Steve Kelley asked if all of the scoring has been turned in on the letters of interest. All Board members have turned in their scores to Devin Cole.

Chuck Briede made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Steve Kelley seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:39 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Eileen D. LeMaster, Clerk/Treasurer

Travis J. LeMaster

Charles W. Briede

Steve Kelley

Chuck Briede

Kevin P. Smith