

SWEETSER TOWN COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
December 17, 2015

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 December 17, 2015, at the Sweetser Town Hall by Council President Travis LeMaster.

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Travis LeMaster. Prayer was given by Rich Gamble

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

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

Roll call:

Rich Gamble - Aye

Chuck Draine - Absent

Chuck Briede – Aye

Travis LeMaster – Aye

Steve Kelley – Aye

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

Roll call:

Rich Gamble – Aye

Chuck Draine - Absent

Chuck Briede – Aye

Travis LeMaster – Aye

Steve Kelley – Aye

Travis had the SRF disbursement request for the as built along with the \$5000 bill. Chuck Briede made a motion to approve the submission of as built to be paid out of the SRF fund in the amount of \$5000.00 to Traid . Rich Gamble seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Rich Gamble – Aye

Chuck Drain-Absent

Chuck Briede –Aye

Travis LeMaster – Aye

Steve Kelley – Aye

Discussion was over the 21,000 left remaining in the SRF, Travis indicated that Steve Brock suggested we need to change the Engineering Report request because our project is done and have it re-authorized to pay for things like the new Pump that is needed to pump the sludge. A new scope will need to be submitted to pay for things like the pumps etc..

Kim Rogers had the paperwork for Travis LeMaster to appoint Tina Cole from Interim Deputy Clerk to Town Clerk/Treasurer since Eileen LeMaster resigned on 12/15/2015. Kim Rogers administered the oath and Tina Cole was sworn in as Clerk/Treasurer of the Town of Sweetser on December 17, 2015 to December 31, 2015.

VI. Open Forum No public comments.

VII. Department Reports

Bill got the decals and had Jason Ewer apply the decals to Ryan's Police Car (the Charger) and they look really nice, Ryan also spray painted the wheels. Bill said next year the Tahoe will probably need some new tires. Bill indicated the stop signs at Main street/Peterson drive are serving the public well, everything seems to be working well. He would like to have some additional volunteers to help in the morning at the school when kids are being dropped off.

Bill said Ryan mentioned something about a Reserve Deputy Program, Bill indicated we have the equipment and he thought Ryan had a person that's trained that could be a reserve. Bill wasn't sure if we were ready for this but wanted to bring it to the board's attention. The board indicated this would be a change and something they'll have to think about next year. Bill ordered some lithium batteries and a battery charger for the police department.

Bill and Ryan just went through training, hazemat, criminal investigations, domestic violence etc., basically training he's already had. If he has to take a verbal statement he takes it with his phone or at the Grant County Jail. He normally takes written statements and they still accept them.

Devin reported BL Anderson was up checking on the Alum pumps, checking for flow of Alum. Everything is working fine, he indicated their doing everything they can and there's more sludge to get out so they were putting in a new sludge bag.

He said we need to get our crossing guard all decked out in Christmas lights, the Converse crossing guard was all lit up in Christmas lights and holiday attire will assisting the kids being dropped off for school.

Devin purchased the mig welder from Indiana Oxygen and the rebate check will come to the Clerks office in about 3-4 weeks. He also said the salt trucks and plows are ready to go.

VII. Other Business

Continuing Business:

Kim Rogers filed the affidavit for the Blight Elimination program and left a order for the Judge to sign, the lady who oversees this in Superior Court one was not in today but she will be in on Monday and it will be done then. We will then have the order that is a certified true copy sent by the clerk's office to the Grant County Auditor's office to April Lagree the Deputy Auditor of all tax sales. It was discussed that we would wait until we have all the paperwork before we release the liens on these properties.

There was a discussion about a court case in Carmel over speed limits, and Travis told Kim we had already passed the Ordinance on speed limits but Kim wants to look at this court case in Carmel to see if we need to make any amendments to our speed limit ordinance.

Steve Kelley asks when we will see any of the TIF money, Travis indicated in would be sometime in March. The Auditor has all the paperwork, Kim said we would need some help from Steve Brock on this.

New Business:

Salary Ordinance 2016: The council reviewed the numbers last meeting and made a decision what the council wanted to do. Chuck updated the ordinance with by changing the dates and adjusting the wages. It was agreed they would give a 1 ½ percent increase plus \$720.00 per full time employee. The \$720.00 is to pull back out for the employee cost of their insurance. It was agreed that \$30.00 per pay period will be assessed per full time employee for their contribution to the insurance.

Chuck Briede made a motion to introduce Ordinance 2015-15 which is the Salary Ordinance for 2016 and a seconded was made by Steve Kelley on first reading of Ordinance 2015-15.

Roll Call:

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

Chuck Briede made a motion we approved Ordinance 20115-15 on second reading, Steve Kelley seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

Chuck Briede made a motion we suspend the rules and consider on third and final reading Ordinance 2015-15 Steve Kelley seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

Chuck Briede made a motion to pass Ordinance 2015-15 on third and final reading, Steve Kelley seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

Meeting Dates for Redevelopment Commission and Storm Water Board for 2016.

Storm Water Board:

February 11, 2016 6:00pm
May 12th, 2016 6:00pm
August 11, 2016 6:00pm
November 10, 2016 6:00pm

Redevelopment Commission:

February 25, 2016 6:00pm
May 26, 2016 6:00pm
August 25, 2016 6:00pm
November 17, 2016 6:00pm

Rich Gamble made a motion to adopt the meeting dates for the Storm Water Dates and Redevelopment Commission, Steve Kelley seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

Travis will send these dates to Mr. Deaton whom is the School Board's liaison on the Redevelopment Commission Board.

Steve Kelley was appointed as our representative to the East Central Regional Planning District.

Steve Kelley said work has halted on the Sweetser Switch Trail until the ground freezes.

Chuck Briede made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Rich Gamble seconded the motion.
Meeting adjourn at 830pm.

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

Tina J Cole

Steve Kelly

Chad V. Brown
