

SWEETSER TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

May 11, 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 7:00 p.m. on May 11, 2017 at the Sweetser Town Hall by Council Member Chuck Briede.

Roll Call:

Rich Gamble – Absent

Chuck Briede-Aye

Steve Kelley-Aye

Matt Stewart-Absent

Dave Fox-Aye

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chuck Briede. Prayer was given by Chuck Briede.

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

Dave Fox made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2017 town board meeting and Steve Kelley seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Dave Fox-Aye

Matt Stewart-Absent

Rich Gamble-Absent

Chuck Briede-Aye

Steve Kelley-Aye

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

Roll Call:

Dave Fox-Aye

Matt Stewart-Absent

Rich Gamble-Absent

Chuck Briede-Aye

Steve Kelley-Aye

III. Open Forum

Harold Smuck with Habitat for Humanity and Pastor ^{RCB}~~Bob~~ Barton from Mt.Olive United Methodist Church advised the board of the Pancake Breakfast and 5K Run Event on July 22nd to help raise funds for the Habitat house being built at 509 N Broadway Street here in Sweetser. The event will start around 7am and end approximately around 12noon. Debbi Jones is heading up this event.

Harold indicated they have taken over the mowing duties for the two lots now owned by Habitat for Humanity.

IV. Town Business

Chuck Briede introduced the copy of an Ordinance that the Grant County Area Plan Commission brought to the forefront for consideration by the jurisdiction for approval. This ordinance is over Public Nuisance and Noise Regulation. This was introduced over events that happened in Fairmount and at Riddles Junkyard in South Marion, it was held by Redneck Raves and Mudders. These events had live bands playing loud music late into the night, people camping out and vehicle mudding. Residents complained of clogged up drains, their driveways and property being destroyed by this mudding event.

The Grant County Area Plan Commission wrote up these changes and they're leaving it up to each town to accept it or deny it. The town of Jonesboro elected not to endorse it.

Steve Kelley made a motion to not accept the changes brought by the Grant County Area Plan Commission on the Area Wide Zoning Ordinance and Dave Fox seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Dave Fox-Aye

Matt Stewart-Absent

Rich Gamble-Absent

Chuck Briede-Aye

Steve Kelley-Aye

Dee Gibson came forward to ask the board for a special variance on Lot 47 in Eagle Estates, this lot is on a curve and in order for the type of house they want to build they need approximately 10 feet on 1 corner. Chuck spoke with their builder over this situation. Steve Kelley made motion to accept and allow the approach over the build line and Dave Fox seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Dave Fox-Aye

Matt Stewart-Absent

Rich Gamble-Absent

Chuck Briede-Aye

Steve Kelley-Aye

Courtney and Jordan Delks (along with their 1 month old son Grayson) was in attendance. Courtney is originally from Sweetser and she wanted to introduce their new vision . They currently have a training business called CTA, they focus on basketball training (along with other sports training) general fitness training and character development (advancing the gospel through it). They work with all types of people, such as adult widows getting them out and engaged with others, being conversation or physical fitness, also kids of all ages. This business started in her parents driveway, people would drop their kids off and Courtney would work with them on their basketball skills and character building.

There are currently working out of Converse Church of Christ but they are looking for some land to build a gym facility here in Sweetser. To be able to train, run sports camps etc.... There are looking for different options on land sites to build here in Sweetser. Chuck brought up some suggestions on land options, Byron Cook might possibly have some space, there's about four acres near the dog park, Bob King might possibly have some acres out near their place and Eric Walts could possibly have some land next to Auto Owners. Chuck indicated he would make some calls and also see if we could apply for some grant money through the state. Everyone was super excited about the Delks vision and looking forward to assisting them.

V. Department Reports.

Devin didn't have anything to report. Steve Kelley asked Devin about possibly painting some cross walks on Main Street in front of Sweetser Elementary School. Devin said he would check it out.

Marshall Bill asked Attorney Steve Johnson(sitting in for Kim Rogers)about the ordinances concerning a problem over motorized vehicles on the Sweetser Switch Trail. Steve said he thought Kim has a proposed draft of this ordinance. Marshall Bill brought up the noise problem that Deputy Hornback is experiencing with his police car. Bill just wanted to bring it to the boards attention, they have taken the car to the dealership but they can't seem to find or fix the noise problem.

VI. Storm water Board Report

Dave Fox said they discussed the different flooding of areas in the town and what supplies will be needed for fixing the area on Mary Lou, Allen and Wes Way Drive.

VII.

Chuck Briede is making an Executive Change as Steve Kelley will be out of town for a month, Chuck will be taking over as liaison of the Waste Water Operating Department. Steve Kelley will also be reviewing all ordinances to see if updates are needed.

Chuck mentioned the situation with the Spring Taxes and TIF Program. Last year when the spring taxes came out there was a big issue brought to light by the Grant County Auditor over the TIF numbers and residential property taxes. The town board worked with the Auditor and was under the assumption the

GC Auditor fixed the problem. This year when the spring taxes were mailed the situation was the same with residential property taxes and TIF, the numbers were still wrong. After many discussions and emails the GC Auditor seems to have the situation corrected so we hope. This could have had a huge effect on the town's spring draw and Oak Hill Community School system would be effected as well.

VIII New Business.

Jim Straeter from AG Technologies along with his son Eric Straeter presented a video presentation of their Solar Energy business. They explained what their Solar System can do for the town, how it's installed, the functionality along with the cost and value of having Solar Energy. They presented the town board with a quote on the cost and financing the system. The board will need to have further discussion as two of the board members were not in attendance for this presentation. Jim offered to return another time when everyone was available.

Sweetser Town Clean Up- June 3rd and 4th. Dumpsters will be located near the dog park.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm

Minutes by:
Tina Cole
Clerk Treasurer

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Richard P. ...

Tina Cole

Matthew C Stewart

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