

SWEETSER TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

May 26, 2016

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 26, 2016, at the Sweetser Town Hall by Council Member Travis LeMaster

Roll Call:

Rich Gamble – Aye

Travis LeMaster-Aye

Chuck Briede-Absent

Steve Kelley-Via Skype

Matt Stewart-Aye

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

Rich Gamble made a motion to approve the minutes as written from the May 12, 2016 meeting and Matt Stewart seconded the motion.

Roll call:

Rich Gamble – Aye

Travis LeMaster -Aye

Chuck Briede – Absent

Steve Kelley – Via Skype

Matt Stewart-Aye

Rich Gamble made a motion to accept the bills and Matt Stewart seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Rich Gamble –Aye

Travis LeMaster - Aye

Chuck Briede –Absent

Steve Kelley – Via Skype

Matt Stewart-Aye

III. Open Forum - no one came forward.

IV. Department Reports

Devin said Town Clean-up day went very well, as well as the Oak Hill Senior Kids Community Day on May 25th. He indicated they completed the storm catch basin at Hubert and Main. He said that Ron Cates was helpful due to that he's a big tile supporter with all the fittings etc. this will be good when we have to do Storm water work. INDOT still continuing to haul dirt from the Waste Water Treatment Plant, he thought they've probably hauled about 320 loads out to the State Rd 13/18 bridge. He indicated the pond is going to be much bigger and at least 12 feet deep.

He informed the board that IDEM stopped by the WasteWater Treatment plant and they want to set-up a meeting due to all the infiltration coming in. Devin would like a town council member present when this happens. Devin said he would contact Jim Soper with Triad so he can be there as well.

Marshall Bill was not in attendance although Deputy Marshall Ryan Hornback was, he had nothing to report.

V. Continuing Business

Kim Rogers said that he met with Tina Henderson from Mendenhall and Associates for the inspections of the Blight properties, Tina sent revised bid specifications, she also upgraded them to entice more bidders. The bid advertising notices will appear in the Chronicle Tribune on May 31st and June 8th, and

the Oak Hill Times on June 1st and June 8th. There will be a mandatory pre-bid meeting on June 10th at 1pm and bids will be due on June 16th at 11:30am.

Kim said the properties were in very bad shape, he talked with Donald Wimmer to possibly due a survey to stake out the boundaries on these properties. Kim indicated he thought the survey fee was around \$700 per property.

Rich Gamble made a motion to approve and allow Donald Wimmer to perform survey's on the Shane and Faulk properties for accurate boundaries, Matt Stewart seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Matt Stewart-Aye

Rich Gamble-Aye

Travis LeMaster-Aye

Chuck Briede-Absent

Steve Kelley-Via Skype

Devin said he was concerned about our streets being damaged when they start demolishing these properties, he discussed this with Tina Henderson . Chuck Briede was not in attendance at this meeting and a contract for Mendenhall and Associates needed signed. Rich Gamble made a motion to allow and approve for Travis LeMaster to sign this engagement letter/contract for our current Town Council President Chuck Briede. Matt Stewart seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Matt Stewart-Aye

Rich Gamble-Aye

Travis LeMaster-Aye

Chuck Briede –Absent

Steve Kelley-Via Skype

There was some discussion on the Jeffrey Hayes case, Kim Rogers said we already have a judgement and he's working with a clerk to have it docketed. Kim indicated we're number two on reimbursement and if he doesn't pay we could possibly execute or do a garnishment of wages.

Steve Kelley asked for a check draw of \$7000.00 from the line of credit on the trail for additional work that Byron Cook Excavating performed. Travis LeMaster made a motion to make a draw of \$7000 from the line of credit for the trail and Rich Gamble seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Matt Stewart-Aye

Rich Gamble-Aye

Travis LeMaster-Aye

Chuck Briede-Absent

Steve Kelley-Via Skype

Steve indicated Byron will be done in a week or so with the stone.

Devin received a letter from INDOT that we were not compliant with Title VI (Civil Rights Act), mainly on our website. Travis LeMaster instructed our town attorney Kim Rogers that we needed to respond to INDOT to let them know we are working on it. The board will be making a resolution on Title VI and it will be posted on our website that the town does not discriminate.

Travis LeMaster made a motion to adjourn the meeting and everyone was in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Tina J Cole

Clerk/Treasurer.

Charles V. Brown

Will P. Able

Frank Kemmer
