

SWEETSER TOWN COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
June 11, 2015

I. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Sweetser Town Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on June 11, 2015, at the Sweetser Town Hall by Council President Travis LeMaster.

II. Roll Call of Board Members Present:

Rich Gamble, Chuck Draine, Chuck Briede , Travis LeMaster, Steve Kelley (absent)

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

III. Review and Approval of Minutes

Chuck Briede made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 28, 2015, Regular Meeting. Rich Gamble seconded the motion.

Roll call:

Rich Gamble - Aye

Chuck Draine - Aye

Chuck Briede – Aye

Travis LeMaster – Aye

Steve Kelley – Absent

IV. Review and Approval of Bills

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

Roll call:

Rich Gamble – Aye

Chuck Draine - Aye

Chuck Briede – Aye

Travis LeMaster – Aye

Steve Kelley – Absent

Bills for submission to the SRF – The clerk requested that the Council authorize for submission to the SRF pay request #14 from Zachrich Construction in the amount of \$38,000.00 and the invoice from Central Indiana Fence for \$13,200.00. Chuck Draine made a motion to approve the two bills for submission to the SRF. Chuck Briede seconded the motion.

Roll call:

Rich Gamble – Aye

Chuck Draine - Aye

Chuck Briede – Aye

Travis LeMaster – Aye

Steve Kelley – Absent

The Clerk presented the Certificate of Substantial Completion submitted by Zachrich Construction for approval by the Council. Chuck Briede made a motion to approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion effective April 8, 2015, as submitted by Zachrich Construction. Rich Gamble seconded the motion.

Roll call:

Rich Gamble – Aye

Chuck Draine - Aye

Chuck Briede – Aye
Travis LeMaster – Aye
Steve Kelley – Absent

The Certificate was signed and returned to the Clerk to provide copies to Zachrich, Triad and Steve Brock for submission to the SRF.

V. Public Hearing: Ordinance 2015-6 Sewer Use Ordinance

Travis LeMaster opened the floor for discussion. No public comment was forthcoming. The public hearing was closed. Kim Rogers explained that he made a stylistic change to the ordinance in section 4-10 by renumbering and changing the indentation. Chuck Briede stated that he will revise the ordinance prior to the third and final reading. Chuck Briede made a motion to pass on 2nd reading Sewer Use Ordinance 2015-6. Chuck Draine seconded the motion.

Roll call:

Rich Gamble – Aye
Chuck Draine - Aye
Chuck Briede – Aye
Travis LeMaster – Aye
Steve Kelley – Absent

VI. Department Reports – Sweetser Town Marshal Bill Freet

Bill Freet asked Devin Cole to make separate fuel logs for the gas and the diesel fuel to help avoid confusion. Bill explained that the department has been keeping busy and has received good information from the town's citizens. He stated they have had almost 500 calls so far this year. Bill stated that he would still like to see stop signs installed at the intersection of Main and Eagle Dr. and Main and Peterson Dr. in an effort to control and slow the traffic coming in and out of town on the south and north ends. Bill advised that they are still waiting on the delivery of Ryan's laptop. Bill stated that they are ready for the town-wide rummage.

VII. Open Forum

Howard Schick stated that someone asked him if town residents are allowed to take brush to the end of the trail. Devin Cole told Howard to have them contact him so that they can supervise what is being dumped.

Devin Cole stated that he received his waste water certification this week. Devin gave the Council copies of the quotes for the sludge removal dumpster pad and basin. Devin explained that the pump feed station polymer that has to be injected is not included on the quote. Jim Frazell recommended that the Council take the quotes under advisement to make a decision at the next meeting. Jim also advised the Council that one of the tanks may have to have the sludge removed by Merrill Brothers prior to the sludge removal dumpster being installed.

VIII. Other Business

a. Continuing Business

Traffic Control – Discussion was held regarding installing stop signs at Main Street and Peterson Drive and at Eagle Drive and Main Street. Chuck Briede stated he would like to wait to see if the parking changes at the school help the traffic flow before the stop signs are installed. Chuck Briede asked audience member Terry Renbarger about the speed of the traffic coming into town on South Main Street and Terry stated that they drive very fast past his house. Additional discussion was held. No action was taken on the stop signs.

Town Clean-Up Day – Devin Cole stated that the dumpsters were full by noon. He also stated that they did not have anyone trying to dispose of any unauthorized materials. Devin also stated that he received a call from Danny Newhouse and that he was upset about not being notified of clean-up day prior to the dumpsters being placed in his lot next to the train. Discussion was held regarding having a special license for clean-up day which would provide insurance coverage. Discussion was held regarding using another location for the dumpsters in the future. Devin stated that there was not much scrap this year. The Parks Department received a couple hundred dollars for the scrap they took to recycle according to Terry Renbarger. Kim Rogers will provide Devin with a copy of a sample license to show to Danny Newhouse.

Income Survey – Travis LeMaster and Chuck Draine went door to door last Saturday in an attempt to complete the income surveys that were not returned. Travis stated that there are still 140 houses left to visit if any of the Council members would like to complete them. Chuck Draine stated that a few people that he spoke with refused to complete the survey but most people were cooperative. Travis stated that the LMI data is in the mid 30's and it needs to be above 50%. He would still like to finish the remaining surveys.

BEP Progress – The notice of tax sale certificate was in the paper for the properties on Meridian and Broadway. From the date of publication through August 5, 2015 is the window of time for redemption. Kim Rogers stated that he is also mailing the notices. Kim Rogers presented a resolution to create a separate checking account for the receipts and disbursements for the BEP grant. Kim read the resolution and Chuck Briede made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-6 creating a checking account to be use with the Blight Elimination Program. Chuck Draine seconded the motion.

Roll call:

Rich Gamble – Aye

Chuck Draine - Aye

Chuck Briede – Aye

Travis LeMaster – Aye

Steve Kelley – Absent

Chuck Draine stated that the vacant home at Davis and Meridian has been torn down. Chuck also stated that the next report on the BEP is due in July.

Sweetser Switch Trail Expansion Phase 3 – Kim Rogers stated that he is drafting an ordinance regarding financing public work projects. Kim read the statute that allows the financing. He will speak with the bank regarding the term of the loan and he will need information regarding the grants. Discussion was held regarding annexing the new section of the trail.

Annexation – This subject was tabled for future discussion.

b. New Business

2016 Budget – Travis LeMaster stated that the Council needs to start planning and that the department heads should get their information regarding next year to the Council by the end of June. Travis LeMaster named Rich Gamble, Chuck Draine and Chuck Briede to the 2016 Budget Committee. He reminded them that if they meet to work on the budget they must give notice of their meeting to the media. The Budget has to be approved by October 1st. Discussion was held regarding how the budget is worked out. Chuck Briede reminded the Council that the General Fund balance reflects the fact that the PILOT money has not yet been paid to the General Fund by the Waste Water Operating Fund.

Town-Wide Rummage – The town-wide rummage is June 19th and 20th. Bill is working on traffic control. Devin Cole stated that he contacted Republic regarding trash pickup.

Miscellaneous discussion was held regarding the town's signs.

Devin stated that there is a tree on Meridian at Garza's which is in the easement. The tree is rotten and Devin wanted to know if it is the town's responsibility to take it down or the homeowners? The Council advised Devin to cut the tree down.

Chuck Briede reminded the street and sewer department to refrain from using street vehicles on the trail as a shortcut between the treatment plant and downtown. Devin stated that they had the town truck on the trail in order to trim trees.

Chuck Briede made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chuck Draine seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:02 pm.

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

Travis J. LeMaster

Chuck Draine

Chuck v Briede

Jim J. Kelly
