

SWEETSER TOWN COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
June 25, 2015

I. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Sweetser Town Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on June 26, 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 June 11, 2015, Executive Session, June 11, 2015, Regular Meeting and the June 18, 2015, Executive Session. 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 with the correction to the Indiana Michigan electric bill paid from the waste water account. Rich Gamble seconded the motion.

Roll call:

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

V. Department Reports – Sweetser Town Maintenance Devin Cole

Devin Cole reported that most of the tree on Meridian Street has been cut down. They will need a larger saw to finish the big part of the tree. He also stated that the bushes in the alley behind the Dunham home have been cut down.

Devin asked the Council about the possibility of getting a welder. There is a 220 MIG welder at Lowes for approximately \$700.00. With welding supplies the cost would be \$1,000.00. Chuck Briede stated that they will be looking at the budget next week and will hold out \$1,000.00 for the cost of the welder. Devin stated that he will have his budget projections turned in by next Monday.

Devin would like to have Grant County Asphalt give a price on laying some asphalt on some of the worst sections in town. The town would do the prep work. The Council gave permission to get a quote. Devin stated that they will continue crack sealing.

VI. Open Forum

No comments were forthcoming.

VII. Other Business

a. Continuing Business

Sewer Use Ordinance 2015-6 – The Ordinance was passed on second reading at the last meeting. Prior to passing the Ordinance needs a third and final reading. Chuck Briede stated that he found some typographical errors but no substantive errors. Chuck Briede made a motion to pass on third and final 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

Travis LeMaster will have town counsel publish the Ordinance in the newspaper.

Waste Water Treatment Plant – Devin Cole reported that the plant is operating well. Devin stated that he is now signing all the paperwork that is required by the State. Devin explained that they performed an infiltration inspection and they found some problem areas. In the inspection a sump pump was found in a sanitary clean-out. Discussion was held regarding the requirements for notifying the homeowner. Kim Rogers will be asked to send official notice to the homeowner. Devin stated that they will be going door-to-door to inspect sump pumps in the area where the problem was found. Devin also stated that he contacted Spectra-Tech regarding the manholes that they repaired because there are leaks when it rains. Spectra-Tech will make repairs to the manholes to make them water-tight. Devin asked the Council to consider upgrading the pump size at the Eagle lift station. He stated that with the additional homes being built in the neighborhood he feels a larger pump would be better able to handle the increased flow. Jim Frazell spoke and recommended working on fixing the collection system problems before increasing the size of the pump. Jim stated that he is still gathering information regarding getting a camera to scope the lines.

Jim Frazell asked the Council to reduce the retainage in the amount of \$85,338.48. Jim provided the Council with pay application #15 from Zachrich Construction. Jim stated that the Clerk should get a check from the bank in the amount stated above. Chuck Briede made a motion to direct the Clerk to obtain a check from Grant County State Bank payable to Zachrich Construction in the amount of \$85,338.48. Chuck Draine seconded the motion.

Roll call:

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

Trail Expansion Phase 3 – Bob King presented the Council and members of the public with a handout explaining how the trail expansion will be funded. Bob explained the handout and the grants that are involved in the funding. Bob also stated that Terry Renbarger has grant applications out totaling \$25,000.00 but hasn't heard anything back yet. Discussion regarding the trail and the financing was held.

b. New Business

Travis LeMaster reminded the Council that the deadline to file for the election is June 30th.

CCD – Travis LeMaster stated that an additional appropriation will be necessary for the sign inventory. Travis is working on the papers and will have a hearing on the appropriation on August 18' 2015. He will contact Kim Rogers about setting up the hearing and sending out the notices.

Travis LeMaster asked about the 5K run benefitting Vada Hornocker on the 27th. Rich Gamble stated that there are approximately 260 people registered for the event.

Chuck Draine asked if the TIF is operating and if there would be money coming into it from the improvements to the Subway restaurant. Discussion was held and it was explained that the Grant County Auditor tracks those improvements. Travis LeMaster stated that the Redevelopment Commission needs to complete a budget for 2016. Discussion was held regarding rescheduling the meeting for the Redevelopment Commission in July because several members will be unable to attend.

Chuck Briede stated that he wants to have a Budget work meeting on Tuesday, June 30, 2015, and Wednesday, July 1, 2015, at 6:00pm.

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

Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:42 pm.

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

Travis LeMaster
Steve Kelley

Charles V. Brant
Chuck Draine

Eileen D. LeMaster