

SWEETSER TOWN COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
July 9, 2015

I. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Sweetser Town Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on July 9, 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

(Attorney Steve Johnson was in attendance due to Kim Rogers being in the hospital.)

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

III. Review and Approval of Minutes

Steve Kelley made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 25, 2015, Regular Session, June 30, 2015, and July 1, 2015, Special Meetings. Chuck Briede seconded the motion.

Roll call:

Rich Gamble - Aye

Chuck Draine - Aye

Chuck Briede – Aye

Travis LeMaster – Aye

Steve Kelley – Aye

IV. Review and Approval of Bills

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

Roll call:

Rich Gamble – Aye

Chuck Draine - Aye

Chuck Briede – Aye

Travis LeMaster – Aye

Steve Kelley – Aye

V. Department Reports – Sweetser Police Department – Deputy Ryan Hornback

Ryan Hornback reported that his new laptop was delivered and he thanked the Council for purchasing it for him. He stated that the backlit keyboard is very helpful at night. Ryan stated that the Charger recently received an oil change and a tire rotation. Ryan stated that he worked July 3rd and 4th and there were no issues to deal with. The Council asked how his new baby and wife are doing and he reported that they are both well. Rich Gamble reported that Bill Freet did a good job with traffic control for the 5K run. Steve Kelley stated that the Tahoe should have been parked at Town Hall during Bill's vacation. Ryan also reported that the rummage sale weekend went well.

VI. Open Forum

No comments were forthcoming.

VII. Other Business

a. Continuing Business

Blight Elimination Program – No update was available due to town attorney Kim Rogers being in the hospital. Chuck Draine reported that the next report is due on July 20th.

Waste Water Treatment Plant – Travis LeMaster reiterated the details from Devin Cole's report at the last Council meeting. Travis also stated that the SRF approved the most recent change order and work on those changes should begin soon.

Trail Expansion – Kim Rogers is working on the grant anticipation note through Grant County State Bank. Steve Kelley stated that the Park's Board members are concerned about losing the grant money if the land isn't purchased soon. Discussion was held. Travis LeMaster reported that Terry Renbarger is working to secure additional grants to help cover the Town's portion of the costs.

2016 Budget – Chuck Briede reported that the budget committee met on June 30th and July 1st to begin the budget preparation. Additional budget meetings are scheduled for July 13th and 14th at 6pm.

The upcoming election was discussed. There were only four individuals who filed to run for the Town Council and only one person who filed to run for Town Clerk.

Chuck Briede spoke with Steve Johnson regarding publishing the Sewer Use Ordinance.

Steve Kelley asked if the Clerk's office is trying to get email addresses for town residents. The Clerk answered no.

b. New Business

Sidewalk damage - Travis LeMaster reminded the council of the damaged sidewalk at 310 N. Main Street. The sidewalk has not been repaired yet. Travis asked Steve Johnson to send a letter to Jason Smoker to prompt him to make the repairs within 30 days. Steve Johnson was directed to have Mr. Smoker cut out and replace the damaged section of the sidewalk.

800 megahertz radios - Chuck Draine reported that he went to the advisory council meeting for Emergency Management. Chuck stated that any 800 megahertz radios need to be reported to the EMA. Ryan Hornback stated that he will check on the Police Department radios. Chuck Draine said he asked Devin Cole to check on the fire department radios.

GIS Mapping - Chuck Draine reported that as of July 1st the GIS Mapping system through the Grant County Auditor's office requires a password to use.

Weather monitoring - The National Weather Service has a website where future events may be listed and the weather service will monitor the weather for the event.

Flammable storage - Chuck Draine stated that the maintenance building is lacking a cabinet for flammable materials.

Deputy Clerk's old computer - Chuck Briede stated that Sonshine Preschool is looking for a used desktop for the preschoolers to use for games. Chuck asked about the old computer from the Deputy Clerk's office and whether or not the hard drive can be wiped if the Council is willing to donate it. Discussion was held regarding declaring the computer surplus and then it may be donated. Steve Kelley stated that there are 3 tires from the old Ford tractor that also need to be declared surplus so that they can be sold.

Pleasant Township Volunteer Fire Department Contract – Travis LeMaster stated that the town has received the contract from the Fire Department for 2016. The rate is \$8,000.00 per year which is a \$250.00 increase. Chuck Briede made a motion to accept the contract for 2016 with the Pleasant Township Volunteer Fire Department for \$8,000.00. Rich Gamble seconded the motion.

Roll call:

Rich Gamble – Aye

Chuck Draine - Aye

Chuck Briede – Aye

Travis LeMaster – Aye

Steve Kelley – Aye

PILOT – Travis LeMaster reported that he spoke with Steve Brock regarding the PILOT money. The funds in the waste water account have not recovered enough to make the payment to the General Fund. Travis suggested the Waste Water Fund pay small amounts to the General Fund for the remainder of the year. Discussion was held.

Rich Gamble made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chuck Briede seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 7:45 pm.

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







