

**SWEETSER TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**August 11, 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 August 11, 2016, at the Sweetser Town Hall by Council Member Chuck Briede

Roll Call:

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

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

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

Travis LeMaster made a motion to approve the minutes as written from the July 28, 2016 meeting and Matt Stewart seconded the motion.

Roll call:

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

Matt Stewart made a motion to approve the bills as entered and Travis LeMaster seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

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

**III. Open Public Forum**

Carolyn King, she's the property manager of their 22 units here in Sweetser, she came to ask the board to waive the late fees that were posted to all of their accounts on July 26<sup>th</sup>. She presented two documents one showing when they have paid their bills and a letter from her son Nathan King stating when he dropped the bills in the night drop box on July 25<sup>th</sup>. Carolyn indicated that the town's sewage bill states penalties will be applied after the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month, however their bills were in the box on the 25<sup>th</sup>. The town clerk ran the penalty report on the 26<sup>th</sup> before any of the bills that were dropped in the night box on the evening of the 25<sup>th</sup> had been posted. The town board decided to credit the late fees imposed on the sewage bills that were dropped in the night box on the evening of the 25<sup>th</sup> due to the late posting of payments on July 26<sup>th</sup>.

Rich Gamble made a motion to adjust the late fees due to the posting and filing of sewage deposits on July 26<sup>th</sup> and Travis LeMaster seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Matt Stewart-Aye  
Rich Gamble-Aye  
Travis LeMaster-Aye  
Chuck Briede-Aye  
Steve Kelley-Absent

**IV. Department Reports**

Devin said they were finished installing the wood fence posts on the trail. He indicated he and Mitch Hansel met the day prior and they're in the final stages of the Sidewalk project for the Town of Sweetser. Everything will be submitted by December and the process should start in July 2017.

Bill is needing some new radios for his department. He indicated 911 funds that can be used to purchase new radios. The radios him and Ryan have now are over 10 years old (EF Johnson's) the new ones are Motorola. He's trying to go through the Grant County Council, he's written John Lawson and he's emailed the Grant County Council about getting some help with funds. He would essentially like to have 3 radios but will be appreciative of 2 radios. The radios cost around \$3500 each, Chuck indicated we could look at this year to purchase one and then work it into budget next year to purchase another one. Travis asked if the Grant County Council gave any indication as to how much money they would allow towards the radios. Bill will try to get some answers on this.

Deputy Ryan Hornback wants to do some training, he asked the board to approve some Instructor Development Training that was available. Ryan was approached by Swayzee Police Chief Mark Siler to see if he was interested in the training. It is for 4 days, being held in Lafayette at the end of October 24-28, the two would split the driving to the training. Ryan said it's a step that would certify him to be an Instructor in certain areas such as Pre-Basics for Reserve Officers, vehicle instructions, fire arms etc..that pertain to their jobs. The cost of the training is \$270.00.

Rich Gamble made a motion for Ryan Hornback to attend the Instructor Development Training in Lafayette on October 24 to 28<sup>th</sup> and Matt Stewart seconded that motion.

Roll Call:

Matt Stewart-Aye

Rich Gamble-Aye

Travis LeMaster-Aye

Chuck Briede-Aye

Steve Kelley-Absent

Bill also indicated the first week of school was a bit hectic around the Sweetser Elementary School, he said they could also use more volunteers during school mornings and afternoon dismissal as he can be very congested during these times with traffic and the kids.

#### V. Continuing Business

The Broadway property is finished – it looks like there is two lots at this property. The lot could have been vacated by the previous owners, something the town should look at but it shows on paper all one unit. It has been back filled and leveled out with straw etc...Merritt's will start on Meridian next week. The pre-demo meeting that was held prior was for both properties. Devin indicated Habitat will be starting sometime next spring 2017 on these properties.

Chuck Briede scheduled the next budget workshop meetings for August 16<sup>th</sup> and August 18<sup>th</sup> starting at 6pm at the Town Hall. He would like to have the Budget done and loaded into Gateway by October 9<sup>th</sup>. He would like to have the first public meeting on the budget by Sept.22<sup>nd</sup> and the adoption by October 9<sup>th</sup>. Some discussion if it needed published in the paper, Chuck believed this had been changed and it just needs loaded into Gateway.

Chuck Briede indicated he got a quote back from IMG Insurance and it's lower and better than what we have now, he wants to sit down with Scott Reeder from IMG to compare apples to apples and make sure he understands everything that is covered.

Storm water Ordinance- Kim Rogers is waiting to hear back from the Utility Regulatory Commission on storm water utilities entities or districts. He wants to make sure we have everything in place so we don't have any issues.

#### VI. New Business

Ted Abdon is taking over the position of Park Board president, Ted indicated the park board got a quote to finish the first mile of the trail, but they want to get all the bills on the new section of trail in before

looking at repaving the first mile of the trail. The paving on the new part of the trail will be done about mid-September. The park board did receive \$5000 from Vectren for the new trail.

Devin also commented that he and Mitch had to add a couple of streets on the 50/50 Grant program as it was low.

Chuck said we need to pay the Audit invoice, he called IACT to see if this is the norm for the SBOA to charge these kind of fees.

Travis LeMaster made a motion to adjourn and Rich Gamble seconded the motion.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

Tina J Cole  
Clerk/Treasurer.

Charles V. Bruce      Travis LeMaster  
Tom Kelly              Rich P. Gamble  
Matthew Stewart