

SWEETSER TOWN COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2014

I. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Sweetser Town Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on September 11, 2014, 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

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 August 28, 2014, regular session. Chuck Draine 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

Steve Kelley 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 – Aye

The Clerk presented two disbursement requests for submission to the SRF. The first request was from Triad Associates for \$13,730.00. The second request was from Zachrich Construction for \$112,202.82. Chuck Briede made a motion to approve both bills. Steve Kelley seconded the motion.

Roll call:

Rich Gamble – Aye

Chuck Draine - Aye

Chuck Briede – Aye

Travis LeMaster – Aye

Steve Kelley – Aye

V. Department Reports

Marshal Bill Freet –

Bill reported to the Board that he has one candidate for the Crossing Guard position who can begin working on September 19th. Bill requested Board approval to hire Nichole Olena. Bill stated that he will be working with her to get her trained. Bill is performing a background check and checking her references. There were no objections from the Board to hiring Nichole Olena as the Crossing Guard.

Special Guest – Tamra Reece, Arris Environmental Consulting

Devin introduced Tamra Reece with Arris Environmental Consulting. Tamra came to the meeting to introduce herself to the Board and to discuss the services provided by her company. She also expressed an interest in doing the inspections on the town's sign project.

VI. Other Business

a. Continuing Business

Paving Project – Jonathan Moen, Triad Associates, presented the feasibility study cost estimate. He provided the Board with a handout showing everything covered in the cost of the study not to exceed \$19,000.00. Discussion was held and Jonathan answered questions from the Board. Jonathan advised that if the Board does not wish to do the entire feasibility study that they at least take core samples on any road they intend to have repaved. Steve Brock presented some financial information regarding the cost of a bond to repave the streets in town. Steve explained the tax impact per taxpayer and the dollar amounts needed in tax revenue to cover the repayment of the differently priced bonds. A decision on performing the feasibility study was tabled for further discussion.

Jonathan Moen gave an update on the progress of the waste water treatment plant construction. Jonathan stated that the concrete floors of the garage area is poured, the flow splitter at the aeration tank is poured, the first half of the u v structure is poured, they continue to install piping for the aeration tank, they continue to install backfill around the structure as possible and should begin forming and pouring the footer for the lab building next week weather permitting. Discussion was held regarding relating the change in the town council schedule for the months of November and December to Zachrich Construction. Jonathan stated that he will pass the information along to Duane Anderson from Triad.

Additional financial information – Steve Brock, Therber & Brock –
Steve Brock provided the Board with an updated spreadsheet of SRF disbursements to date.

Steve Brock gave the Board a handout of the fiscal plan for the proposed annexation. Steve explained the information contained in the plan. The map in the plan was reviewed and discussion was held regarding the services to be provided by the town to the newly annexed properties. Discussion was also held regarding the town's ability to mandate that property owners tie into the town's waste water system. Steve Brock will provide Kim Rogers with a sample copy of a sewer use ordinance. Discussion was held regarding updating the sewer use ordinance to include the new waste water treatment plant. Discussion was also held regarding gaining approval from the City of Marion in relation to the three mile rule. Proceeding with all the proposed annexation areas at once was discussed. Steve Brock stated that the plan only needs the zoning requirements and the zoning map to be finalized. Steve asked the Board to review the proposed plan prior to its finalization.

Devin Cole updated the Board regarding the sidewalks that need to be repaired due to Vectren digging them up for their gas lines. Devin stated that the person he needs to talk to at Vectren is on vacation so he left a message. Miller Pipeline, who dug up the sidewalks, is supposed to replace the entire section of the sidewalk at the school. Discussion was held regarding replacing the section of sidewalk that was damaged in front of Trudy Foster's home. Rich Gamble showed pictures of the damaged sidewalks and informed the Board that the school would like to have the sidewalk raised above street level when it is replaced.

Chuck Draine stated that Area Plan discovered that they misinformed Mr. and Mrs. Treber regarding their pool permit. The zoning does not prohibit Trebers' from having a pool. Steve Niblick from Area Plan told Chuck he would contact Mr. and Mrs. Treber.

Rich Gamble spoke regarding the street cuts made by the companies installing the fiber optic lines. Devin Cole stated that they did sign a street cut permit and are responsible for patching the streets where they were cut.

b. New Business

IWU Service Day – Steve Kelley stated that the group of volunteers from Indiana Wesleyan University was able to get 3 of the shelters stained, finish the work on the caboose and stain many of the picnic tables. They also trimmed some trees on the trail. Liberty Baptist Church is also having a work day on the 20th. Devin and Ken will be supervising their work. Steve Kelley explained that they are pursuing the possibility of painting the side of the Sweetser Café. Several fences also need to be painted at CR 600.

Steve reported that the sealing of the trail will be done on Monday, September 15th, weather permitting.

Devin Cole, Ken Jones, Dennis Cole and Steve Kelley attended training at Jack Doheny Company in Whitestown for a vac truck seminar. Steve Kelley stated that they learned the town needs a camera.

Area Plan Commission Representation – Travis LeMaster asked Chuck Draine to serve as the Board representative to the Area Plan Commission and recommended the Board approve the appointment. Area Plan meets on the first Monday of each month at the Grant County Complex. Travis LeMaster made a motion that Chuck Draine be the towns representative to Area Plan. Chuck Briede seconded the motion.

Roll call:

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

Budget 2015 Updates –

9/17 is the County Council non-binding review at the 6:30pm meeting

10/9 is the public hearing for the budget

10/23 is the adoption meeting for the budget.

Discussion was held regarding the rain not causing problems with flooding in the town. Devin Cole stated that the Kelly lift station is running high and he believes the problem is between the lift station and Short Street. Devin asked about the possibility of the baseball diamond's drainage system being tied into the towns' waste water line. Discussion was held regarding the potential causes of the high flow at the Kelly station.

There is new construction in Eagle Estates on the corner of DeVoe and Eagle.

VII. Open Public Forum

There were no comments from the public.

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

Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:29 pm.

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

Travis LeMaster
Steve Kelley

Chuck V. Briede
Chuck R. Draine

Rich P. Gamble