

# **SWEETSER TOWN COUNCIL**

## **Meeting Minutes**

**August 24, 2017**

### **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 24, 2017 at the Sweetser Town Hall by Council Member Steve Kelley.

Roll Call:

Rich Gamble – Aye  
Chuck Briede-Absent  
Steve Kelley-Aye  
Matt Stewart-Absent  
Dave Fox-Aye

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Steve Kelley. Prayer was given by Rich Gamble.

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

Rich Gamble made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2017 and Dave Fox seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Dave Fox-Aye  
Matt Stewart-Absent  
Rich Gamble-Aye  
Chuck Briede-Absent  
Steve Kelley-Aye

Dave Fox made a motion to approve the bills as written and Rich Gamble seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

Dave Fox-Aye  
Matt Stewart-Absent  
Rich Gamble-Aye  
Chuck Briede-Absent  
Steve Kelley-Aye

### **III. Open Forum**

Joyce Abdon she purchased 322 Main Street, she asked if she could get her address changed to 322 Sherron Street as her front door faces Sherron Street. The town board stated the U.S. Postal Service decides the addresses and she would have to consult with them. She also questioned about the side walk that possibly belongs to the city, it's a short side walk from Main Street to her driveway. Devin indicated that is a private sidewalk that maybe a previous owner had installed. She can have it taken out if she wants to.

Devin spoke up and talked about the town's 50/50 sidewalk program. He explained that she could have a new sidewalk put in to replace that one, the town would pay fifty percent of the cost if the owner paid fifty percent of the cost. If she wanted the old sidewalk removed it would be at her expense, but if she's going to replace the sidewalk the town would pay fifty percent of having the old one removed in order for the new one to be poured.

Kim Rogers explained the owners really own the easement but the town has right away to work in that area.

She also questioned why she has two sewage bills, Devin explained the apartment she's currently living in was a garage but the previous owner converted it into an apartment. Her house and the apartment are on two separate lots that explains why she's getting to sewage bills. She indicated she's keeping the apartment and renting it once she moves into the house next to it.

Devin spoke up and said that Mitch Hansel wasn't on the agenda tonight but he needs these contracts signed for the Sidewalk project of 2021. Steve Kelley asked Devin about the Railroad project, he has everything sent in.

#### IV. Department Reports

Devin said his guys are in the process of repairing Meridian Street. The radiator blew out of the skid loader, it went in for repairs. He had to get a new radiator for \$695.00.

In the next few weeks they will be working on installing a stormwater line on west side of Osborn Street, to many items located on the east side.

IDEM will be at WWTP every Wednesday for several months teaching the guys Process Control, to help the plant run smoothly and efficiently.

Devin had Steve Kelley mail out the letter drafted from IDEM to Triad Engineering, Devin wondered if they have heard anything.

Devin said they've been making a list of things they are finding along with some items that IDEM has pointed out so when they meet with Triad they'll be ready.

Devin said that Dollar General will be building two retention ponds and should have a couple of drawings within the next week or two.

IWU students will be coming next Friday for community work, Devin isn't sure what we could have them do. There was discussion among everyone on what we can have them do, mulch around the trees on main street, windows washed inside and out at town hall, carpets at town hall shampooed etc. Devin stated that Grissom Airforce Base needs some assistance that would require the town's jetter and possibly the camera, he quoted \$200 per hour on each item.

Steve Kelley read the tree quotes from Riddle Tree Service for two trees to be removed from Greenway and a tree and stump on the south end of Greenberry.

Dave Fox made a motion to accept the bid of \$2250 from Riddles Tree Service to remove the trees on North Greenway and South Greenway street, Rich Gamble seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

David Fox-Aye

Matt Stewart-Absent

Rich Gamble-Aye

Chuck Briede-Absent

Steve Kelley-Aye

Marshall Bill mentioned about the gutters on town hall being fixed, Devin indicated they would take care of those.

Marshall Bill called our state representative about a hole on state road 18 where the kids cross to go to school, the representative sent the state crew out right away to fix the hole.

Bill also mentioned about using higher octane in the police cars since we just had the motor replaced in the Dodge Charger. Rich indicated maybe we should do some research with GM to see if they recommend using the higher octane on the vehicles. After much discussion the board decide to upgrade to use a higher octaine 90'.

#### V. Continuing Business

Steve Kelley mentioned to Ken Jones that the Deaf Sign on Meridian Street needs removed as no Deaf child lives there anymore.

Bob Highley emailed Chuck Briede about all the cars at one residence on Greenberry Street, Bill indicated all of the cars are up to date on current year plates with exception of the boat. Bill said they gentleman just got married and with the family they have several drivers.

#### VI. New Business

Habitat for Humanity is doing a 5K fundraiser on the morning of October 28,2017.

Steve Kelley asked for approval of two signs , one to be put at 400W trail head and 800W trail head, these signs will have a description about the Cardinal Greenway, Sweetser Switch Trail and the Converse Junction trail. The cost he said would be around or less that \$300.  
Steve Kelley also mentioned about the backhoes that Bob King has, he's interested in the renting them or possibly leasing them.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Meeting minutes taken by

Tina Cole, Clerk/Treasurer

Charles V. Boring  
RDC

Robert P. Smith  
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