

Minutes of Sweetser Town Council
August 14, 2025

- I. The meeting was called to order by Travis LeMaster at 7:00 pm; the roll was called as follows:

Roll Call:

Matt Moore-Aye

Tyler Wineinger-Aye

Warren Dailey-Aye

Kyle Taylor-Absent

Travis Lemaster-Aye

The roll was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer.

II. **Minutes**

After discussion, Warren Dailey made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting of July 10, 2025, as submitted. Matt Moore seconded the motion.

Matt Moore-Aye

Tyler Wineinger-Aye

Warren Dailey-Aye

Kyle Taylor-Absent

Travis Lemaster-Aye

III. **Bills**

After discussion, Warren Dailey made a motion to approve the payroll dockets of July 11, 2025, July 25, 2025, and August 8, 2025, as submitted; and the bills docket of August 14, 2025, as submitted. Tyler Wineinger seconded the motion.

Matt Moore-Aye

Tyler Wineinger-Aye

Warren Dailey-Aye

Kyle Taylor-Absent

Travis Lemaster-Aye

IV. **Public Forum**

Travis notified the attendants that at this time members of the public may speak on any item of general interest not specific to the meeting agenda and within the town councils' jurisdiction, generally subject to a five (5) minute time limit per speaker. Travis also asked the attendants if there were any Title VI or Title II ADA issues, concerns, or complaints from the public needing the towns' attention and needing addressed.

- A resident questioned if there was an issue with the recycling bins and also inquired why the trash pickups had been late several times recently. Travis said the recycle bins are supposed to be town from the 15th until the end of the month but did not come in until late July this time. Travis reported that Republic is having issues with drivers and that the communications between Republic and the town have been spotty.

7:13 Kyle Taylor arrived at the meeting.

- Marcus Garcia gave an update on the August 23 car show preparations. Discussed were awards, volunteers, parking, signage, sound system, registration, staging, and vendors. Marcus and a subset of the council agreed to meet on the prior Tuesday and Thursday evening to finalize event details.

V. **Department Reports**

Police Department – Interim Marshal Brad Moore was in attendance

- Brad reported the new computers are ready to be installed in the vehicles.
- Kyle reported we are on a list for radar certification.
- Kyle reported the 2012 Tahoe needs 4 new tires. The town has a quote from Best One Tire of Marion of approximately \$202 per tire. Kyle researched another option in Marion and it was approximately \$1,100.

After discussion, Matt Moore made a motion to accept the quote from Best One of Marion for 4 new tires for the 2012 Tahoe. Tyler Wineinger seconded the motion.

Matt Moore-Aye

Tyler Wineinger-Aye

Warren Dailey-Aye

Kyle Taylor-Aye

Travis Lemaster-Aye

- Brad said he is currently down two deputies. Travis officially noted for the record the passing of deputy Sam Fowler.
- Brad summarized the calls for the previous five weeks and updated the council on ongoing cases.
- Kyle reported the 2024 Tahoe outfitting is yet to be 100% completed. The council may look to a different outfitter to finish the job.
- Kyle said he has reached out to WRAP Technologies for a BOLO Wrap policy template. He also said we need to send someone to BOLO Wrap training as well as someone to be trained on the body cameras.
- The council discussed the current status of potential ordinance violations. Town counsel Michael Hotz was not in attendance and the matter was tabled.

Maintenance Department – Operations Manager Patrick Kendall was in attendance.

- Patrick received from E&B Paving a project schedule and distributed copies to the council. They are to begin mobilizing August 15 and begin work on August 18. Anticipated completion date is September 25. To date they have not notified residents of the work.
- Patrick said he had to order some more UV bulbs for the plant.
- Patrick reported the dump truck shifter cable broke. It has been repaired. He also replaced the two batteries for the unit. He also said it would need new tires prior to winter. He has a quote of \$1,431 from Best One of Marion for 4 new tires.

After discussion, Matt Moore made a motion to accept the quote of \$1,431 from Best One of Marion for 4 new tires for the dump truck. Tyler Wineinger seconded the motion.

Matt Moore-Aye

Tyler Wineinger-Aye

Warren Dailey-Aye

Kyle Taylor-Aye

Travis Lemaster-Aye

- Patrick reported he had an estimate of approximately \$26,000 for the addition to the shop for storing rolling equipment.
- Patrick reported the concrete sidewalk and pad has been installed at the dog park for the biscuit bench.

After discussion, Tyler Wineinger made a motion to approve the payment of \$3,500 to CCI for the installation of the sidewalk at the dog park. Matt Moore seconded the motion.

Matt Moore-Aye

Tyler Wineinger-Aye

Warren Dailey-Nay

Kyle Taylor-Aye

Travis Lemaster-Nay

- Patrick distributed from Truland an updated agreement for 3-year lease with a \$1 buyout option in year 4 for two new John Deere Z950M ZTrak mowers. With trade-in, the approximate amount is about \$15,000.

After discussion, Warren Dailey made to accept the quote from Truland Equipment for the lease/purchase of two new John Deere Z950M ZTrak mowers. Travis LeMaster seconded the motion.

Matt Moore-Aye

Tyler Wineinger-Aye

Warren Dailey-Aye

Kyle Taylor-Aye

Travis Lemaster-Aye

- Patrick said they have nearly completed installing the ceiling in the train shelter pavilion.

Parks Department – Parks President position is vacant.

- No report

VI. Continuing Business

- RQAW representatives Aaron Crow, Ricardo Paredes, and Scott Clay were in attendance to discuss the proposed wastewater improvements and possible additions. For the proposed project, they discussed:

- Scope
- Schedule
- Budget

They hope to obtain the council's approval to prepare a detailed fee schedule and contracts to bring back on September 11, 2025, for the council's consideration.

There are four potential alternatives in the scope of the proposed project. The alternatives and the estimated construction costs are:

○ Alternative #1: Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements	\$1,600,000
○ Alternative #2: Lift Station Improvements	\$ 600,000
○ Alternative #3: Sanitary Sewer Network Assessment	\$ 100,000
○ Alternative #4: Regionalization (extend service to Oak Hill HS)	\$3,200,000

Total estimated construction costs	\$5,500,000
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Total estimated design engineering, construction engineering, and bidding and grant/loan assistance	\$2,025,000
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Total estimated project costs	\$7,525,000
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The estimates do not include possible land acquisition costs (if necessary).

There was extensive discussion of:

- Estimated timelines for obtaining financing
- Breakdown of financing among bond anticipation note, grants, and loans
- Some details of each Alternative
- Regionalization
- Potential amount of rate increases under different assumptions

After discussion, Matt Moore made a motion to authorize RQAW to prepare a Consulting Contract for the proposed Wastewater System improvements. Tyler Wineinger seconded the motion.

Matt Moore-Aye

Tyler Wineinger-Aye

Warren Dailey-Aye

Kyle Taylor-Aye

Travis Lemaster-Aye

- Alan Busby is scheduled to install the meeting public access equipment on August 15, 2025.
- The clerk gave an update on the ordinance codification review.

VII. New Business

- Travis reported the BZA has an upcoming hearing on a request to install a cell tower south of the Sweetser Switch Trail and west of 700 West.
- The next council meeting is scheduled for August 28, 2025, at 7 pm.

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business before the council, the meeting was adjourned at 10:21 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Potter
