

Minutes of Sweetser Town Council

April 28, 2022

I. The meeting was called to order by Dave Fox at 7:00 pm; the roll was called as follows:

Roll Call:

Kyle Taylor-Present

Matt Stewart—Present

Travis LeMaster—Present

Dave Fox—Absent

Chuck Briede-Present

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

II. **Minutes**

After discussion, Travis LeMaster made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2022, meeting as written. Chuck Briede seconded the motion.

Kyle Taylor-Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye

Travis LeMaster-Aye

Dave Fox-Absent

Chuck Briede-Aye

III. **Bills**

After discussion, Chuck Briede made a motion to approve the Bills Docket of April 28, 2022. Matt Stewart seconded the motion.

Kyle Taylor-Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye

Travis LeMaster-Aye

Dave Fox-Absent

Chuck Briede-Aye

IV. **Public Forum**

- No comments

V. **Department Reports**

Maintenance Department — Superintendent Devin Cole was not in attendance.

- Kyle said Devin reported:
 - They had been holding sludge at the plant and this accounts for the extra pickups in April. There will be one in May as well.
 - They had rented a roller to work on the sides of the trail so that it would be easier to mow.
 - They were applying asphalt milling on the path to the leaf dump area.
 - They were working on excavating the areas for the Gaga Pit and the Checkerboard.
 - They will be mowing and patching this week.
 - The blower at the treatment plant has been repaired.
- Chuck said the town had received an inquiry as to when the damaged stop signs would be replaced. Kyle reported that Devin was waiting on the ground to harden before doing so.

Police Department – Marshal Ryan Hornback was in attendance.

- Ryan reported
 - The department responded to 107 calls the two weeks past.
- There was an accident near the trail and Main Street. Kyle asked if Ryan thought we needed additional signage. Ryan said the vehicle involved was a Gator operated by some juveniles. Ryan said he did not think additional signage was necessary at this point.

- Chuck said that there had been some complaints received about unkempt lawns and wondered if we needed to issue some warnings of ordinance violations.

Parks Department—President Steve Kelley was in attendance.

- Steve said he had received the miniature trains used in the train spike mementos he makes. The mementos are presented as tokens of appreciation for those who help on the trail.
- Steve said he would be installing the brush hog on the tractor.
- Travis asked if the trail bathroom was open. Steve said the water was still shut-off. He was waiting on Devin to help install the drinking fountain and then they would get the water turned on.
- Chuck asked if we had secured enough people to supervise and work the clean-up day. After discussion, it was determined we did not, and Steve will cancel the event for this year.

VI. Continuing Business

- Nicole Bailey from the Area Plan Commission (“APC”) was in attendance. Approximately a year ago the County Commissioners initiated an effort to expand the Grant County Code to include new Ordinance Sections addressing Digital Display Signage. The Commissioners have now passed the new Ordinance Sections and have submitted it to the APC for approval or rejection. Sweetser is part of the APC and is being asked for its approval or rejection of the new Ordinance Sections. Nicole and the council discussed the provisions and applications of the Digital Display Signage Ordinance Sections.

After discussion, Chuck Briede made a motion to approve General Ordinance 2022-2, An Ordinance Amending the Organization of the Grant County Area Plan Commission, expanding the Grant County Code to include Ordinance Sections 153.282 thru 153.288 Digital Display Signage. Matt Stewart seconded the motion.

Kyle Taylor-Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye

Travis LeMaster-Aye

Dave Fox-Absent

Chuck Briede-Aye

- Nicole asked if there were any code violations in town or other matters that she needed to address.
 - Matt asked that the property at 137 Peterson be looked into.
 - Chuck asked if action could be taken on the demolishing/removing the structure on 118 Bragg. Nicole said she would get a contract ready for the council to sign so action could be taken.
 - Kyle asked if the .274-acre lot at 118 Bragg was large enough to be built upon. The town is contemplating deeding the property to Habitat for Humanity. Nicole said she would investigate and report back.
 - Kyle asked if there was anything else the town needed to do about the abandoned vehicles at the property at 618 Laura Lane. Nicole said she would address the abandoned vehicles issue. Travis and Chuck said there was also an issue with tall grass and weeds at that property. Marshal Ryan will be asked to address that issue.
- Clerk presented the proposed design and cost of the Bicentennial time capsule capstone.

After discussion, Chuck Briede made a motion to approve the purchase of the Bicentennial capstone for \$533.

Travis LeMaster seconded the motion.

Kyle Taylor-Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye

Travis LeMaster-Aye

Dave Fox-Absent

Chuck Briede-Aye

VII. New Business

- Steve reported that Mr. Workman, who lives at the end of Franklin Street, said that his trash has not been picked-up for three weeks. Chuck said Mr. Workman should call Republic Services and report the issue.
- Steve said we have one old caboose light. It is at town hall. He would like to purchase another one and put them both in the caboose.
- Matt asked if it turns out that the 118 Bragg Street property does not meet the qualification of a building lot, could the town vacate the portion of the streets on either side of it and make Bragg Street a part of the property? Matter tabled.

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business before the council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
John Potter
