

Minutes of Sweetser Town Council
July 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—Present

Chuck Briede-Present

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

II. Minutes

After discussion, Matt Stewart made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2022, meeting as written.

Travis LeMaster seconded the motion.

Kyle Taylor-Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye

Travis LeMaster-Aye

Dave Fox-Aye

Chuck Briede-Aye

III. Bills

After discussion, Travis LeMaster made a motion to approve the Bills Docket of July 28, 2022, as submitted. Matt Stewart seconded the motion.

Kyle Taylor-Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye

Travis LeMaster-Aye

Dave Fox-Aye

Chuck Briede-Aye

IV. Public Forum

- Charity Bailey was in attendance. She is the Executive Director of the Grant County Economic Growth Council. Charity is working on establishing and strengthening the Growth Council's relationship with the county communities. There was a discussion of progress on, and the issues surrounding, the solar initiative within the county. Charity also discussed the Council's primary services or, "Five Pillars":
 - Supporting local business expansion and retention
 - Fostering the entrepreneurial environment
 - Building up and retaining a skilled workforce
 - Attracting businesses to Grant County
 - Collaborating with local organizations, government, and educational institutions

V. Department Reports

Maintenance Department

- Kyle reported:
 - Michael secured some bulk alum for the tank instead of ordering the 55-gallon drums
 - There was a meeting with Steve Brock and Mitch Hansel to discuss the process for applying for funding for improvements to the sewer system and storm water systems as well as for paving the town streets
- There was a discussion of the possibility of connecting Oak Hill schools and the town of Mier to the town sewer system.

- Patrick Alvord was in attendance. There was a discussion of his duties and hours with the street department.
- Dave said he would send the required letter to IDEM reporting that Devin Cole is no longer the treatment plant operator, and that Michael McKinstry is now in that position.
- Chuck reported that he has passed the test to become the ERC for the town for INDOT projects. He has also registered with ITAP.

Police Department – Marshal Ryan Hornback was not in attendance.

- No report

Parks Department—President Steve Kelley was in attendance.

- Steve said he had planned to mow the Bragg Street property but some of the trees need to be cleared first.
- Steve said he had installed some dirt around the Gaga Pit.
- Ronnie Achor has been mowing about three days a week.
- Steve provided an update on the dog park picnic table shelter project.
- Steve said there is a drainage issue behind the shelter adjacent to town hall.
- Steve said he has been organizing the town hall garage and back room.
- Steve reported the bicycle repair station is supposed to ship by the end of this month.
- Steve reported that Don Hatch made a \$3,200 donation to the town for the trail.

VI. Continuing Business

- Beth Johnson of USI Consultants was in attendance to present and discuss the proposed On-Call Professional Services Agreement” with the town.

After discussion, Travis LeMaster made a motion to accept and enter into the On-Call Professional Service Agreement with USI Consultants. Matt Stewart seconded the motion.

Kyle Taylor-Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye

Travis LeMaster-Aye

Dave Fox-Aye

Chuck Briede-Aye

- Town counsel Michael Hotz was not in attendance but messaged that he is still working on an amendment to the animal control ordinance relative to permitting chickens within town limits.
- Dave reported he would be meeting with Area Plan Code Enforcement regarding demolition of the Bragg Street property.
- Kyle gave an update on the repair status of the town trucks.
- Resident Misty Thorne requested an extension of the suspension of her sewer bill until September 1. Council agreed to do so.

VII. New Business

- Chuck reported that Sweetser United Methodist Church would be having their annual community dinner at the trail shelter by town hall.

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business before the council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:21.

Respectfully Submitted,
John Potter
