

Minutes of Sweetser Town Council
February 24, 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—Absent

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, Dave Fox made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2022, meeting as written.

Chuck Briede seconded the motion.

Kyle Taylor-Aye

Matt Stewart-Absent

Travis LeMaster-Aye

Dave Fox-Aye

Chuck Briede-Aye

III. Bills

After discussion, Travis LeMaster made a motion to approve the Bills Docket of February 24, 2022, as submitted.

Chuck Briede seconded the motion.

Kyle Taylor-Aye

Matt Stewart-Absent

Travis LeMaster-Aye

Dave Fox-Aye

Chuck Briede-Aye

IV. Public Forum

- No comments

V. Department Reports

Maintenance Department —Superintendent Devin Cole was not in attendance.

- Kyle reported:
 - There was not status update on the snowplow issues
 - Stu Savka of Triad sent a message that he is working through the list of potential projects and reiterated that a significant amount of camera work will be required for the preliminary engineering report. We should receive a proposal from Triad within a week or two.
 - Devin says we need a new salt spreader.
- Kyle said there were a few items from the last IDEM inspection that need addressed.
- Kyle recommended an executive session for:
 - Employee reviews
 - Clarification of policy on personal use of town vehicles
- Travis reported that a stop sign was damaged at the intersection of Hubert & Craven streets and will need to be replaced
- Travis reported the town hall flag needs to be replaced
- It was mentioned that there are Hometown Hero Banners that need to be rehung once the weather breaks

Police Department – Marshal Ryan Hornback was in attendance.

- Ryan reported
 - Deputy John Gavin is registered for the TASER certification course
 - The 2012 Tahoe would not start and had to be towed to Oakes Welding & Repair. It appears to be an issue with the fuel tank.
 - Ryan and John Gavin are current on their training. Corey can get most or all of his training online through ILEA (Indiana Law Enforcement Academy). The Police One Academy could also be utilized to meet training requirements if needed.
 - The department responded to 142 calls the two weeks past
- Kyle asked if the 2012 Tahoe was near the end of its useful life. Ryan said he thought it was good for now.

Parks Department—President Steve Kelley was in attendance.

- Steve reported:
 - They are preparing to stain the wood and paint the ceiling on the interior of the caboose. However, they found several leaks. Devin has attempted to patch, but it may require a new rubber roof.

VI. Continuing Business

- Dave asked if there were any new items to add to the prospective project list. Chuck said we need to contact someone at Oak Hill High School to initiate a conversation about them coming on to the town's wastewater system. Kyle said we should have Stu include in the project list the potential extension of the sewer line to the school.
- Travis asked Michael if the proposed weapons ordinance was in order. Town counsel Michael Hotz affirmed it was. Matter tabled.
- Clerk reported that the cost of the codification project had not changed.
- At the last meeting Kyle asked if there was a title to the house trailer that is on the property. Michael reported that there is process for "retiring" the title to a mobile home once it has been affixed to a property. Michael conducted a search and did not find any record of the title. Michael said an application for an abandoned or missing title could be filed with the BMV.
- Discussion resumed on the comp time policy. The consensus of the council is to eliminate comp time. Matter tabled for consideration in executive session.

VII. New Business

- There will be an executive session at Town Hall at 6 pm on March 10, 2022.

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business before the council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
John Potter
