

Minutes of Sweetser Town Council
January 12, 2023

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

Roll Call:

Kyle Taylor-Present

Matt Stewart-Present

Travis LeMaster-Present

Chuck Briede-Present

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

Chuck noted the passing of long-time town counsel Kim Rogers.

II. **Election of Officers**

Chuck opened the floor for nominations for President of the Town of Sweetser Town Council.

After discussion, Matt Stewart nominated Kyle Taylor for President of the Town of Sweetser Town Council. Travis LeMaster seconded the motion. Nominations from the floor were closed.

Kyle Taylor-Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye

Travis LeMaster-Aye

Chuck Briede-Aye

Chuck opened the floor for nominations for Vice-President of the Town of Sweetser Town Council.

After discussion, Chuck Briede nominated Matt Stewart for Vice-President of the Town of Sweetser Town Council. Kyle Taylor seconded the motion. Nominations from the floor were closed.

Kyle Taylor-Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye

Travis LeMaster-Aye

Chuck Briede-Aye

III. **Minutes**

After discussion, Matt Stewart made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 22, 2022, meeting as written. Chuck Briede seconded the motion.

Kyle Taylor-Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye

Travis LeMaster-Aye

Chuck Briede-Aye

IV. **Bills**

After discussion, Matt Stewart made a motion to approve the Bills Docket of January 12, 2023, as submitted.

Chuck Briede seconded the motion.

Kyle Taylor-Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye

Travis LeMaster-Aye

Chuck Briede-Aye

V. **Public Forum**

- Kyle Pitt, manager of the volunteer program for Heart-to-Heart Hospice, made an appeal for volunteers from the community. He distributed some flyers of information about the program.
- Resident Becky Lynch spoke in opposition to the proposed liquor store. Kyle said that Liberty Baptist church had submitted a letter in opposition as well.

- Resident Cameron Wlodarski said he had noticed Innovative Pipeline Systems (IPS) performing work in town and asked the council if there was an operational or health issue with the sanitary system or the treatment plant. Kyle explained that there are no issues and that the work being performed was in preparation to apply for a grant to line the system. The lining will decrease inflow and infiltration into the system thus preventing the plant processing at over capacity, reducing power costs, and extending the life of the treatment equipment.

VI. Department Reports

Maintenance Department – Operations Manager Patrick Kendall was in attendance.

- Patrick reported:
 - The plant is operating well.
 - He is waiting on polymer to treat the sludge.
 - He is working on devising a better method of dumping the screenings.
- Kyle said American Pump Repair and Chuck’s Sewer and Drain will be out to work on the pump at the Short Street lift station.
- Kyle said IPS reported they are about 99% completed with the televising and cleaning of the sanitary lines.
- Kyle said that Michael McKinstry had submitted all the year-end quarterly compliance reports.
- IDEM will need to be notified that Patrick has replaced Michael as the plant manager.
- The silver GMC is to go in for the emissions sensor repair on Friday.
- **Police Department** – Marshal Ryan Hornback was in attendance.
 - The radios need to be reprogrammed.
 - There is a recall notice for the 2012 Tahoe, but the parts are not yet available.
 - The required annual training is changing to an online format. Ryan is coordinating the training with the Fairmount police department.
 - 183 calls in since December 22; 5,363 calls for all of 2022.

Parks Department—President Steve Kelley was in attendance.

- Steve said he is considering installing the bike repair station pad himself.
- Kyle reported that CCI is still scheduled to address the drainage issue in the space between town hall and the trail shelter.
- Steve reported the mowers need annual maintenance prior to the mowing season.

VII. Continuing Business

- Stu Savka of Triad distributed a list of items that need to be compiled for the Asset Management Plan.
- Stu reported that the first batch of income survey letters have gone out.
- Kyle again tabled consideration of security camera systems for town hall and the treatment plant.
- The National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit renewal application is due by June 30, 2023.
- The council will conduct interviews for the council vacancy on January 26, 2023.
- The purchase of new chairs for the council chamber was discussed and tabled.
- Chuck reported that the Bragg Street property is next in line for demolition by the Area Plan Commission.
- The clerk did not have new information about the codification project.

VIII. New Business

- Eric Woodmansee of AME consulting reintroduced himself and the services his firm could offer the town.
- Kyle proposed purchasing new clickers, to be placed in the town vehicles, for the garage doors and gates. The devices would also be provided to the fire department. The cost is approximately \$220.

After discussion, Travis LeMaster made a motion to approve the purchase of new clickers for the garage doors and gates for approximately \$220. Chuck Briede seconded the motion.

Kyle Taylor-Aye
Matt Stewart-Aye
Travis LeMaster-Aye
Chuck Briede-Aye

- Travis reported that the town needs to appoint a member to the East Central Indiana Regional Planning District Board.

After discussion, Travis LeMaster made a motion to appoint Steve Kelley to represent the town on the East Central Indiana Regional Planning District Board. Matt Stewart seconded the motion.

Kyle Taylor-Aye
Matt Stewart-Aye
Travis LeMaster-Aye
Chuck Briede-Aye

- Residents Harold and Judith Richmond submitted a written request to have their utility bill late fee waived. They said that they did not receive the billing. The clerk attested that they had not been late in the past.

After discussion, Matt Stewart made a motion to waive the late fee for Harold and Judith Richmond. Travis LeMaster seconded the motion.

Kyle Taylor-Aye
Matt Stewart-Aye
Travis LeMaster-Aye
Chuck Briede-Aye

- The clerk distributed the annual Nepotism Certification to each council member for signing.
- The clerk reported that the Indiana Office of Technology requires each municipality to designate a cyber security incident reporter. It is recommended that a contingent reporter be designated as well.

After discussion, Travis LeMaster made a motion to designate the clerk as the cyber security incident reported and Kyle Taylor as the contingent reporter. Matt Stewart seconded the motion.

Kyle Taylor-No
Matt Stewart-Aye
Travis LeMaster-Aye
Chuck Briede-Aye

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business before the council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:14.

Respectfully Submitted,
John Potter
