

**Minutes of Sweetser Town Council**  
**May 26, 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 May 12, 2022, meeting as written.

Dave Fox seconded the motion.

Kyle Taylor-Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye

Travis LeMaster-Aye

Dave Fox-Aye

Chuck Briede-Aye

**III. Bills**

After discussion, Dave Fox made a motion to approve the Bills Docket of May 26, 2022, as corrected. Chuck Briede seconded the motion.

Kyle Taylor-Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye

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:
  - The town received a copy of the IDEM report for the treatment plant issue. We are waiting on parts for the screen repair.
- An executive session was schedule for Tuesday, June 7, at 5 pm. Clerk will alert the media and post notices around town.

**Police Department** – Marshal Ryan Hornback was in attendance.

- Ryan reported his department responded to 107 calls the two weeks past.
- Chuck reported a property on East Davis may be in violation of the nuisance ordinance. Ryan said he would investigate.

**Parks Department**—President Steve Kelley was not in attendance.

- No report

**VI. Continuing Business**

- Matt and Kyle reported that former deputy John Gavin is still inquiring about his request for the town to initiate action that would enable him to receive his retirement badge. Matt is still researching.

- Matt Stewart researched Indiana town ordinances regulating chickens within town limits.
  - Most don't allow roosters
  - Most required annual permit and inspection of housing
  - Acceptable housing is a coup or an enclosed run that allows 5 square feet per bird
  - Kyle said he had seen many that prohibited the selling of colored chickens
  - Kyle reported that even if a town allowed chickens within town limits, certain neighborhoods may have covenants with restrictions that would be superior to the ordinance.
  - Dave asked if this issue would be regulated under the Area Wide Plan Commission Animal Ordinance.
  - After further discussion, matter tabled.
- Matt asked if there was additional information regarding a possible commissioners' sale of 137 Peterson Drive. Town counsel Michael Hotz reported that it has not gone through the requisite number of tax sales to qualify; if not sold by next year it will be eligible.
- Travis asked if there are other properties that have been cited for nuisance and/or abandoned vehicle ordinance violations. Michael reported that Ryan had cited a resident under the abandoned vehicle ordinance. Michael said he sent the 10-day notice to the resident. He has the ordinance violation ready to file with the court if the violation is not abated within the 10-day period.
- Clerk reported on the ordinance codification project in response to an inquiry from Travis.
- Travis reported that recent council meeting minutes had not been posted to the town website. Clerk will follow-up.
- Council has not heard anything new on Triad soliciting quotes to clean and camera the sewer system.

**VII. New Business**

- Chuck reported we had received a letter from a resident asking if they could have the shed from the town property on 118 Bragg Street. No objections from the council.
- Chuck reported that resident Hodge Fordyce of 316 Christopher Drive had submitted a letter to the council about the flooding issue on his property. After discussion, council will ask Devin and Triad to locate nearest access to storm water lines and devise a possible solution.
- Chuck reported that Charles & Vicki Brock who reside at the intersection of Washington and Greenberry also have ponding issues.
- Chuck reported that some residents of Majers Drive expressed concerns that the town is considering annexation of the neighborhood. The town is not considering annexation at this time.
- Chuck reported there is a sinkhole on Hubert near the Freeman's house at 219 Greenberry.
- Chuck thanked the town on behalf of the Sweetser's Lion Club for the time and material provided by the town for the preparation for the install of the Gaga Pit.

After discussion, Dave Fox made a motion to approve the donation of the town's time and material to the Sweetser Lions Club for the preparation of the land near the trail for the Gaga Pit. Kyle Taylor seconded the motion.

Kyle Taylor-Aye

Matt Stewart-Aye

Travis LeMaster-Aye

Dave Fox-Aye

Chuck Briede-Abstain

- Travis reported the town hall flag needs to be replaced.

**VIII. Adjournment**

There being no further business before the council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
John Potter

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