

Minutes of Sweetser Town Council

April 14, 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, Travis LeMaster made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 24, 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, Dave Fox made a motion to approve the Bills Docket of April 14, 2022, as amended. Chuck Briede seconded the motion.

Kyle Taylor-Aye

Matt Stewart-Absent

Travis LeMaster-Aye

Dave Fox-Aye

Chuck Briede-Aye

IV. **Public Forum**

- Sweetser resident Rob Tippey was in attendance. Rob moved into his residence at 410 N. Main a little over a year ago. He said that he has had drainage problems from the outset; his basement, yard, and driveway flood. He has had Bragg Excavating investigate the source of the issue, but they have not had any success in locating the problem. The council suggested a possible solution would be to run a line to tie into the storm water catch basin in between Rob's house and his neighbor's house.

V. **Department Reports**

Maintenance Department —Superintendent Devin Cole was not in attendance.

- Devin submitted a list of items that need to be addressed at the treatment plant

Police Department – Marshal Ryan Hornback was in attendance.

- Ryan reported
 - The department responded to 108 calls the two weeks past
 - Deputy vacations are mostly completed, and the department is back to full strength
 - 2012 Tahoe has been repaired and returned: needed new tires and new fuel injectors.
- John Gavin was in attendance and asked the council if he could be reinstated and then allowed to retire so that he could obtain his retirement badge. Dave Fox said he would look into it. Matter tabled.

Parks Department—President Steve Kelley was in attendance.

- Steve gave a PowerPoint presentation of pictures of work that has been done along the trail areas in the past year. Prominent in the presentation was work that has been done on the caboose as well as additional repair items and ideas for additional improvements.
- Steve presented gifts of a gold-colored railroad spike with a model train on it to Jack Strange, Ronnie Achor, and Ron Horner in recognition of their work on the trail.
- Steve also mentioned that Don Hatch of Marion and Dennis Brinkman have been instrumental in helping maintain and improve areas along the trail.
- Steve said that Lori Brozo has washed and restitched the flags that needed rehabilitated. That gives the town an inventory of 45 usable flags and related hardware.
- Steve said the May 25 student trail workday projects will be:
 - Paint the posts of the wooden signs
 - Finish crack sealing
 - Paint agility toys at Dog Park
- Steve said several people have suggested erecting a shelter over the picnic table at the entrance to the dog park. Steve said he has most of the materials that would be needed; would need to get 2x4's for the rafters and tin for the top. Will probably attempt to do this later this year.
- Steve once again proposed to purchase and install a bicycle repair station. Station would be located by the shelter house. Cost of the unit with freight is \$1,888.72.

After discussion, Dave Fox made a motion to approve the purchase of a bicycle repair station for \$1,888.72.

Travis LeMaster seconded the motion.

Kyle Taylor-Aye

Matt Stewart-Absent

Travis LeMaster-Aye

Dave Fox-Aye

Chuck Briede-Aye

- Steve said he ordered more railroad spikes for making recognition gifts for those helping along the trail.
- Steve said the town had approximately 100 fiberglass bike poles. He said he had a quote to have All Things Custom design 50 to 100 bike flags that the town could sell that could be attached to the poles. Matter tabled.
- Steve asked if the town could start a fundraising appeal on social media for funds to seal coat the entire trail. Steve estimated it will take about \$40,000. Matter tabled.

VI. Continuing Business

- Dave said we are waiting on Stu Savka of Triad to get back with us on the proposed wastewater system improvements.
- Travis asked about the status of the Ordinance Codification Project. Clerk reported that all materials should be submitted by the end of April.
- Travis asked if the Sesquicentennial Time Capsule stone had been ordered. Clerk said it had not, but he will get a design drafted and submit to the council for review and approval.
- Chuck said the Sweetser Lion's Club was sponsoring a Family Night on Thursday, May 19, 2022. Sweetser Methodist Church will be supplying the food and some games. Chuck said they hope to have the Gaga Pit ready for the event

VII. New Business

- Kyle reported that he and Marshal Ryan are working on a grant application for a new police car through Rural Development. The grant would cover 55% of the cost. The preferred vehicle would be a new Tahoe with an estimated cost of \$60,000. GM opens the order period on May 13. More information to follow.
- Mike Hicks (Sweetser Subway) submitted a written request for a waiver of the late fee on his March bill. He said he did not receive the bill and that he attempted to mail a payment anyway, but it was returned to him. Clerk indicated that the account has always been current in the past.

After discussion, Dave Fox made a motion to waive the late fee on the Sweeter Subway account. Kyle Taylor seconded the motion.

Kyle Taylor-Aye

Matt Stewart-Absent

Travis LeMaster-Aye

Dave Fox-Aye

Chuck Briede-Aye

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business before the council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Potter
