

Minutes of Sweetser Town Council
June 10, 2021

- I. The meeting was called to order by Dave Fox at 7:00 pm; the roll was called as follows:
Kyle Taylor-Absent
Matt Stewart—Present
Travis LeMaster—Present
Dave Fox—Present
Chuck Briede-Present

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

II. **Minutes**

Travis LeMaster made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 27, 2021, meeting as written. Dave Fox seconded the motion.

Roll Call:

- Kyle Taylor-Absent
Matt Stewart-Aye
Travis LeMaster-Aye
Dave Fox-Aye
Chuck Briede-Aye

III. **Bills**

After discussion, Travis LeMaster made a motion to approve the paying of the bills as written. Matt Stewart seconded the motion.

- Kyle Taylor-Absent
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 in attendance.

- Devin reported on the CCMG project:
 - The contractor encountered some grading and piping issues in the alley between Meridian and Main. This resulted in a change order request of \$3,883.40.
 - At Davis and Main, it was discovered the sewer line was running through the middle of the stormwater passage as it went from Main to Hubert. The storm water line had been run under the sewer line and the pipe was bent upward which formed a “U” and resulted in a natural trap. A combination pit was installed to correct the issue. This resulted in a change order request of \$\$8,269.16.
 - On the west side of Main, they came across an unknown pipe below an existing catch basin. The pipe runs north but where it comes out is unknown at this time. Update will be provided as new information becomes available.
 - They are anticipating 2 more change orders: for the Washington Street area and the Sherron Street area. The stormwater pipe in the Washington Street area is a 6” pipe which is inadequate for the water volume running through that area. They will have to install two new inlets on Washington and a 12” stub on Washington heading west. On Sherron they discovered an active tile running underneath the existing catch basin. The tile will need to be connected to the storm water system.

After discussion, Travis LeMaster made a motion to approve payment of Change Order #1 to Bragg Excavating for \$3,886.40 and Change Order # 2 to Bragg Excavating for \$8,269.16. Dave Fox seconded the motion.

Kyle Taylor-Absent

Matt Stewart-Aye

Travis LeMaster-Aye

Dave Fox-Aye

Chuck Briede-Aye

- Devin said the new vac truck has been utilized frequently and is performing well.
- Devin distributed estimates that could be used for the INDOT July 2021 call for projects. The estimate is \$309,086 to have the following streets milled and refilled plus storm water work and some curb work: Laura Lane, Burge Road, Catherine Drive, Nancy Drive, Kelly Drive, and Washington Street. Mitch Hansel of Fleis & Vandenbrink reviewed the proposed project in more detail. The town's portion of the estimated project would be approximately \$77,500 plus the engineering fees. The project would be about 60% paving and 40% storm water. The council will discuss in more detail and decide at the next meeting on June 24.
- Mitch reviewed the sidewalk projects. He estimated that the town's remaining portion for the current phase is about \$14,000. He estimated the town's portion of the next phase would be about \$60,000. The next phase is scheduled for 2025 but there is hope that the project can be done sooner.

Police Department — Marshal Ryan Hornback was in attendance.

- Ryan reported:
 - There had been some reported late night doorbell ringing. Ryan will request some patrols for after midnight.
 - There are extra patrols at the ballpark during the baseball season.
 - The department is doing standbys at the bank on Fridays at closing time.
 - Two individuals were issued trespass warnings.
 - There was criminal mischief on the trail between 400 and 500.
 - The AEDs are on the way.
 - Extra patrols on the trail are continuing.
- Dave requested someone be posted for the evening and early morning before the town clean-up.

Parks Department—President Steve Kelley was in attendance.

- Steve reported:
 - The parks department is in need of a utility tractor. It had one several years ago but it was sold to purchase two lawnmowers. Steve asked for authorization to purchase a John Deere 3038E Compact Utility Tractor. The tractor would come with a bucket, a post hole digger, an auger, and a rotary mower. It would give the department the ability to perform some tasks it currently is unable to do. The cost is approximately \$28,215. There is a 36-month payment option at about \$836 per month and a three-year annual payment option of about \$9,830 a year.

After discussion, Travis LeMaster made a motion to approve the purchase of a John Deere 3038E Compact Utility Tractor for the Parks Department for \$28,215. Dave Fox seconded the motion.

Kyle Taylor-Absent

Matt Stewart-Aye

Travis LeMaster-Aye

Dave Fox-Aye

Chuck Briede-Aye

After discussion, Dave Fox made a motion to appoint Steve Kelley as purchasing agent for the acquisition of the John Deere 3038E Compact Utility Tractor. Travis LeMaster seconded the motion.

Kyle Taylor-Absent
Matt Stewart-Aye
Travis LeMaster-Aye
Dave Fox-Aye
Chuck Briede-Aye

VI. Continuing Business

- Matt said that on the Sunday after the Sesquicentennial there was going to be a community worship service and a concert. Clerk will contact the town's insurance agent to determine if the event rider needs to be adjusted.
- Matt said the Harmony Music Festival organizers had asked if there was going to be electricity installed at the dog park in time for the festival. Chuck said not that he was aware of.
- Matt inquired if there was any update on the Bragg Street property acquisition. Town Counsel Michael Hotz said that it was still in the commissioners' hands. Michael said he will follow-up.
- Travis reported that he had met with John Dockery to help facilitate the new website design.
- Steve inquired about the abandoned vehicle ordinance violations. Michael said certified notifications had been sent and proof of receipt had been received.
- Steve said the dog park needs to be hydroseeded as soon as possible.
- Steve said he would like to put the old jeep up for sale (it has already been listed as surplus property).
- Matt asked if the sidewalk contractor was finished. Chuck, Steve, and Travis said they still had to come back and complete a few items.
- The discussion of the stop sign ordinance continued. Matter tabled.
- Michael said he had heard back from American Legal Publish regarding the ordinance codification project. They are ready for the text of the ordinances. Clerk will coordinate delivery of the ordinances.

VII. New Business

- Steve Brock of Therber & Brock and Stu Savka of Fleis and Vandenbrink presented a State Water Infrastructure Fund ("SWIF") summary. SWIF eligible projects include drinking water, stormwater and wastewater utility projects that will protect or improve public health in the State of Indiana. The Indiana Finance Authority is the funding entity, and the match percentage will run anywhere from 50% to 100% of the project. Sources of the match include local funds, ARP funds, grant funds including OCRA funds, State Revolving Loan Funds, USDA loans, and open market bonds. There will be two rounds of funding. Application deadline for round 1 is July 15, 2021. Application deadline for Round 2 is July 15, 2022. There is a SWIF Interest Survey due June 15. Clerk will work on the survey submission. Steve and Stu recommended that the town complete a Round 1 application. Stu said that Fleis & Vandenbrink would be willing to take on completing the Round 1 application at no charge to the town. Steve, Stu, and the council reviewed some of the possible projects the town may consider. There was an extensive conversation around regionalization, drinking water projects, possible wastewater and stormwater projects, and funding sources and strategies. Stu submitted a Professional Services Agreement ("PSA") to complete the SWIF Round 1 application for \$0. Town counsel Michael Hotz reviewed the PSA and suggested a minor modification to the document language.

Dave Fox had to excuse himself from the meeting.

After discussion, Travis LeMaster made a motion to accept the amended Professional Services Agreement from Fleis & Vandenbrink to complete the SWIF Round 1 Application for \$0. Chuck Briede seconded the motion.

Kyle Taylor-Absent
Matt Stewart-Aye
Travis LeMaster-Aye
Dave Fox-Absent
Chuck Briede-Aye

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business before the council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:11 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
John Potter
