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**AARON TRAVIS
COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

September 15, 2025
Swayzee Town Hall

The Swayzee Town Council Meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Aaron Travis, President.

Present were Aaron Travis; President, Rhonda Fagan, Heather Zirkle, Tyler Bundrick and Mike Horsley, Town Board Members.

Also in attendance were Desiree Arenas; Clerk Treasurer, Jake Simpkins; Utility Employee, Kyle Persinger; Town Attorney and Josh Miller; Town Marshal.

Visitors: Chelsie Bundrick, Kathy Hall, Edward Arenas, Don Thompson, Mike Shrock, and Rodney Lawson.

Aaron Travis led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mike Horsley made a motion to accept the August 18, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes. Rhonda Fagan second the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4-0-1.

Aaron Travis made a motion to accept the August 18, 2025 Executive Meeting Minutes. Heather Zirkle second the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4-0-1.

Tyler Bundrick made a motion to accept the September 8, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes. Mike Horsley second the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

The board members accepted Paul Hamilton's resignation as Vice President and welcomed Tyler Bundrick as a new board member. Tyler was interviewed on August 24, 2025 and sworn in on August 25, 2025.

Rhonda Fagan talked about the Swayzee Days committee and helpers while Heather touched on activities for Swayzee Days.

The board members accepted the resignation for Philip Howell on September 3, 2025 and Ryan Smith's resignation on September 6, 2025.

Aaron Travis made a motion to accept both resignations. Mike Horsley second the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

The board introduced Patrick Kendall as the new Wastewater Operator starting on September 3, 2025, earning a monthly salary of \$2200 per month and Gabriel Payne as the new Water Operator starting September 8, 2025, earning a monthly salary of \$1000 per month.

VISITORS

Mike Shrock wanted to thank Desiree Arenas and Jake Simpkins for the replacement plaque made for his wife's memorial at West Park.

Don Thompson with SEDC welcomed Andy Arendale as a new member of the committee.

CLERK TREASURER

Desiree Arenas

The 2026 budget book is now available for review and will be adopted at the October 20, 2025 Town Meeting.

The 2026 Salary Ordinance No. 2025-05 with a 2.5% salary increase for all employees was introduced to the Board Members.

Aaron Travis made a motion to accept the 2026 Salary Ordinance No. 2025-05. Mike Horsley second the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

Discussed rate increases for Water for January and July 2026. Wastewater will be April and October 1, 2026.

TOWN UTILITIES

Jake Simpkins, Utilities Employee

Parks

The track was resurfaced in the west park.

The vandalization at West Park has been cleaned up with the exception of the score board. The only fix may be to repaint the entire score board.

Wastewater

Central Industrial Contractors are making repairs to the East clarifier due to the weirs and scum beach needing to be replaced. Work should be completed by September 12, 2025. The cost of the repairs is \$6800.

Aaron Travis made a motion to accept the repairs. Mike Horsley second the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0

A quote was also received from Central Industrial Contractors for repairs to the East Clarifier for \$11,798.00.

Aaron Travis made a motion to accept the repairs to the East Clarifier for \$11,798.00. Heather Zirkle second the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

Over the next couple weeks Jake will be working on some solutions to the storm water infiltration in the sewer system.

General

Jake is asking the council for approval to hire a part-time person to help with additional work that needs to be done around town.

Rhonda Fagan made a motion to hire a part-time person to work up to 30 hours a week at \$17.17. Tyler Bundrick seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

TOWN ATTORNEY

Kyle Persinger

Discussed the property located at 307 E Main St that will need to have two appraisals done. The council will introduce Notice of Public Hearing, Resolution for Sale of Real Property, and Notice of Property Sale at next meeting on October 20, 2025.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Josh Miller, Marshall

Community Outreach

Attended Grant County School Safety Committee Meeting on July 21st, 2025 to discuss ongoing safety initiatives and improvements in local schools.

Participated in the Grant County CAD Committee Meeting on August 8th, 2025 at the Howard County Sheriff's Office. During the meeting, I received an overview of the new Caliber CAD system and toured the 911 dispatch center, where we observed the system in operation.

Training

Attended a session on Conflict Prevention Strategies to Deter Targeted Violence on August 27th, 2025 hosted by the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency. It focused on strategies to prevent violence and improve response protocols.

Council Requests

During the June 2025 Council meeting, rough drafts were presented for amendments to several Town Ordinances. These included revisions to speed limits, Golf Cart/ORV regulations, and No Parking areas. Approval from the Town Council was requested for updating those ordinances.

The Amendment to Town Ordinance – SPEEDING (P-2-2002) was requested to be updated to a 25mph speed limit for the whole town of Swayzee.

Aaron Travis made a motion to accept the Amended Speeding Ordinance P-2-2002. Mike Horsley second the motion. The motion was accepted with a vote of 5-0.

The Amendment to Town Ordinance – GOLF CARTS & OFF ROAD VEHICLES (P-3-2012) was requested for proposed changes to regulations concerning Golf Carts and Off Road Vehicles violations and a violation fine of \$20.

Aaron Travis made a motion to accept the Amended Golf Cart & Off Road Vehicles Ordinance P-3-2012. Heather Zirkle second the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

The Amendment to Town Ordinance – NO PARKING ZONES (G-2-2000) Request for approval of the updated No Parking Zones ordinance for Lyons St on the North and South side.

Aaron Travis made a motion to accept the Amended No Parking Zones Ordinance G-2-2000. Rhonda Fagan second the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

New Information

The Police Department has received the two Kenwood P25 Phase 2 portable radios authorized by the Town Council. These radios are now in service and functioning without issues.

The Police Department has also received a third portable radio, purchased with a generous donation from an anonymous Swayzee resident. We would like to express our deepest gratitude for this donation. Although the resident has requested anonymity, The Police Department and Town of Swayzee are profoundly thankful for their contribution.

Aaron Travis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tyler Bundrick second the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

The next Town Council Meeting will be October 20, 2025 at 7pm.



Aaron Travis President



Desiree Arenas, Clerk Treasurer