

Regular Meeting, Ethan Town Board, 11-12-18

The Town of Ethan board met in regular session on November 12, 2018, at the Ethan City Hall at 6:00 pm. Trustees present were Lisa Hjellum, Jason Koch, Megan Perry, Gregg Thibodeau and Nancy Schoenfelder. City personnel present: Betty Raymond and Dave Duba.

Chairman Hjellum called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
All motions were unanimously voted as aye unless stated otherwise.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A building permit request was added to New Business and the liquor license transfer deleted. Amended agenda was approved on motion by Schoenfelder, second by Koch.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from the October 8th and 29th meetings were approved on motion by Thibodeau, second by Perry. Minutes from the October 1st Community Center meeting were reviewed.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Motion Perry, second Thibodeau to approve the claims.

General, sewer, water, preservation and community center funds * employee and board wages – board wages \$831.16, Finance wages \$1265.36; Public Works wages \$2568.67; SD Retirement \$584.08; Aaron Electric, repair \$283.05; Agland Co-op, fuel \$455.38; Badger Meter, \$70.09; Betty Raymond, mileage \$64.68; Campbell Supply, supplies \$9.25; Card Services, \$529.77; Core & Main, supplies \$795.51; Daily Republic, publishing \$558.91; Dave Duba, mileage \$47.00; Davison County Implement, equipment rental \$2500.00; Farmers Alliance, spray \$258.42; Innovative Office, supplies \$26.17; Johnson Heating and Cooling, ECC furnace \$11,566.97; Menards, supplies \$76.00; Mike's Corner, supplies \$57.40; Morgan Theeler, legal \$267.60; Northern Truck Equipment, parts \$1215.40; NorthWestern Energy, utilities \$1043.47; Santel, telephone \$152.72; SD Assoc. of Rural Water Systems, conference \$225.00; SD Department of Revenue, testing \$15.00; SD Finance Officers Assoc, dues \$40.00; SD Municipal League, dues \$490.50; SD Municipal Street Maintenance, dues \$35.00; SDML Workers Comp Fund, insurance \$2038.00; Weber Sanitation, garbage service \$1290.00; Western Woods, ECC blinds \$1455.39; QuickBooks Payroll Services \$3834.03; SD Dept of Revenue, sales tax \$92.39; US Treasury, employment taxes \$1331.48; US Bank, loan payment \$6399.24; USDA, loan payment \$1023.00; WorldPay, credit card machine charges \$43.00; Hanson Rural Water, tower/water \$3706.90.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Finance Officer discussed the current financials. Also discussed insurance renewal options.

WATER/SEWER REPORT: Dave discussed the possibility of having to discharge from the wetlands again. Council asked about the high volume of water and Dave discussed sewer and manhole leaks, plus there are houses that have incorrectly plumbed their sump pumps directly into the sewer. Dave also discussed a State sponsored program where the Town can get new street and traffic signs at no cost to the Town. He will be getting more information about that project.

CITIZEN INPUT: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Community Center: Betty Raymond discussed the number of rentals and that there will be a family game and book night on November 29th at 6:30.

Joint Davison County Hazard Mitigation Plan: The council reviewed the participation agreement and approved on motion by Schoenfelder, second by Koch.

Railroad Street Project: Plan is on hold until we receive notice of grant funding.

Ordinances: Discussed chapters 4 & 5. Revisions will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Driveway for school on 3rd St: Information has still not been received. Tabled until spring.

Security Cameras: Discussed applying for a grant for the cameras. Application approved on motion by Thibodeau, second by Koch. Finance officer is to contact Davison County Risk Management to start the application.

NEW BUSINESS:

Liquor Licenses: Applications for license renewal from the American Legion and the Hideout were received. By state law no council approval is necessary.

Building Permit: Discussed a previously approved permit for new housing on Maple Street. Basement construction is starting soon.

Parking and Street Repair: Discussed the deteriorating condition of First Street and other issues. Dave will be contacting Clark Paving to do crack repair. Chip sealing on the north/south streets will be done next spring.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (SDCL 1-25-3, 1 & 4, Personnel or Legal): None

The next meeting will be held November 12th at 6:00 pm.

Motion by Perry, second by Schoenfelder to adjourn at 7:50 pm.

Betty Raymond
Finance Officer

Lisa Hjellum
Chairman

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