

Regular Meeting, Ethan Town Board, 12-10-18

The Town of Ethan board met in regular session on December 10, 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: Agenda was approved on motion by Thibodeau, second by Schoenfelder.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from the November 12th meeting were approved on motion by Perry, second by Koch. There were no minutes from the Community Center.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Motion Koch, second Thibodeau to approve the claims.

General, sewer, water, preservation and community center funds * employee and board wages – board wages \$415.57, Finance wages \$1778.86; Public Works wages \$3842.33; SD Retirement \$855.30; Agland Co-op, fuel \$101.04; Badger Meter, \$70.09; Bender's Sewer, \$3527.00; Card Services, \$105.51; Daily Republic, publishing \$177.91; Dakota Pump, repair \$255.10; Dennis Puepke, backhoe service \$79.88; Ethan Co-op Lumber, supplies \$22.20; Innovative Office, supplies \$116.88; Johnson Heating and Cooling, ECC furnace \$3060.61; Maxwell & Bowar, insurance \$14,820.00; Miiller Gravel, \$150.00; Mike's Corner, fuel & battery \$218.90; Morgan Theeler, legal \$113.19; NorthWestern Energy, utilities \$1504.66; S&M Printing, \$42.00; Santel, telephone \$159.84; SD Department of Revenue, testing \$15.00; Weber Sanitation, garbage service \$1330.00; QuickBooks Payroll Services \$5621.19; SD Dept of Revenue, sales tax \$102.37; US Treasury, employment taxes \$1886.18; USDA, loan payment \$1023.00; WorldPay, credit card machine charges \$38.79; Hanson Rural Water, tower/water \$4100.50.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Finance Officer discussed the current financials. The Board requested a change in reporting to include budget vs actual information.

WATER/SEWER REPORT: Dave reported on the manhole cover repair progress and the lagoon discharge. He also stated that he spoke with SPN about the discharge system. Also discussed the water loss report. Dave advised the Board of the upcoming convention in Pierre that he will attend, weather permitting. Discussed the fact that the school has not replaced the water line in the construction area yet. Dave is to talk to Puetz Construction about it to advise of potential issues.

CITIZEN INPUT: Hjellum reported that several people had approached her about hearing rumors of financial issues with the city. She told the council to let people know if they are approached that the city is not having problems and business closings have been addressed in the budget. Schoenfelder questioned the water account for the Fire Department. No changes will be made at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

Community Center: Betty Raymond discussed the number of rentals in December and Bingo in January. Also stated that the ECC committee is discussing having other events this spring.

Railroad Street Project: District III stated that Ethan did not receive any grant funds at this time. The Town can apply again next year.

Ordinances: Discussed chapters 5 & 6. Revisions will be reviewed at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Delinquent Water Accounts: Finance Officer asked about using a collection agency. The Board asked her to obtain information regarding cost. Tabled until more information is received.

Street Sweeper: Discussed options for the sweeper which no longer functions properly. Thibodeau made a motion to surplus the sweeper, asking Dave to get options for disposal to be discussed at the next meeting. Motion seconded by Koch, approved with Schoenfelder opposed.

Culvert on Maple: Discussed putting in a culvert to help with drainage. No action will be taken at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (SDCL 1-25-3, 1 & 4, Personnel or Legal): Entered executive session for personnel reasons on motion by Koch, second by Schoenfelder, at 7:40 pm. At 7:45 Hjellum declared the session ended.

Motion by Hjellum, second Koch, to do a Christmas bonus for each employee.

The next meeting will be held January 14th at 6:00 pm.

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

Betty Raymond
Finance Officer

Lisa Hjellum
Chairman

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