

Regular Meeting, Ethan Town Board, 7-9-18

The Town of Ethan board met in regular session on July 9, 2018, at the Ethan City Hall at 6:00 pm. Trustees present were Lisa Hjellum, Jason Koch, Megan Perry, Nancy Schoenfelder and Gregg Thibodeau. City personnel present: Betty Raymond and Dave Duba. Also present, Russ Reichenberg and Joe Schroeder.

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 Perry, second by Koch.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from the June 11th meeting was approved on motion by Perry, second by Thibodeau. Minutes from the June 5th Community Center meeting were reviewed.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Motion Thibodeau, second Koch to approve the claims.

General, sewer, water, preservation and community center funds * employee and board wages – board wages \$415.58, Finance wages \$1652.53; Public Works wages \$3791.99; Gina Bultje, refund \$77.58; Eric Aisenbrey, refund \$85.00; Ethan Fire Dept, grant \$500.00; SD Retirement \$826.84; Aaron Electric, hallway lighting \$600.00; Agland Co-op, fuel \$251.10; Benders, sewer clog \$311.00; Betty Raymond, mileage \$170.52; Card Services, \$1055.17; Campbell Supply, parts \$36.99; County Fair, historical \$25.65; Daily Republic, publishing \$143.80; Davison County Auditor, patrol \$1800.00; Davison County Implement, equipment rental \$1400.00; Ethan Coop Lumber, part \$7.15; Henke Tractor Repair, parts \$82.11; James Valley Landscaping, memorial \$629.93; Maxwell & Bowar, insurance \$525.00; Menards, supplies \$541.45; NorthWestern Energy, utilities \$1151.32; Santel, telephone \$161.87; SD Department of Revenue, testing & permits \$205.00; USA Blue Book, parts \$50.83; Weber Sanitation, garbage service \$1290.00; Western Woods, ECC blinds \$1436.39; Yankton Motorsports, parts \$31.69; QuickBooks Payroll Services \$5444.52; SD Dept of Revenue, sales tax \$100.99; US Treasury, employment taxes \$1821.94; USDA, loan payment \$1023.00; WorldPay, credit card machine charges \$38.04; Hanson Rural Water, tower/water \$5494.00.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Finance Officer discussed the current financials and reported that she has been checking on interest rates for a better rate of return. Will report on further findings next month.

WATER/SEWER REPORT: The Board reviewed water loss report. Dave discussed the possible need of discharging water and that he is continuing to check for leaks.

CITIZEN INPUT: Finance Officer reported on a thank you received from Dave Hohn.

OLD BUSINESS:

Community Center: Finance Office is getting quotes for the replacement of the HVAC units.

Nuisance Property: Discussed a property issue regarding mowing, trees and garbage. Board instructed the Finance Officer to send a certified letter stating that issues must be addressed or the city will have it cleaned up and the charges abated.

Housing Development: The closing for the sale of the lots is set for July 11th.

Railroad Street: Discussed the land acquisition. The city has 2 of the 3 parcels of land needed. The property owner had expressed concern over water drainage issues. Joe Schroeder of SPN discussed the concern and stated that the road would not make a change to the drainage issue. Drainage improvement options will be addressed in the construction plans. Two council members will talk to the 3rd property owner to see if the land can be acquired. After discussion a motion was made by Koch, second by Thibodeau, to proceed with the grant application. Approved with Koch, Perry and Thibodeau in favor, Schoenfelder opposed and Hjellum abstaining.

Planning and Zoning: Last meeting it was suggested that Ethan participate in a county-wide comprehensive plan. After discussion it was approved on motion by Schoenfelder, second by Hjellum, to participate.

NEW BUSINESS:

Permit: Russ Reichenberg requested permission for his brother to put a new mobile home on lots on Ash Street. These lots previously had a mobile home several years ago. There is currently no ordinance restricting mobile homes. The request was approved on motion by Hjellum, second by Thibodeau.

Park Board: The ordinances state that the Park Board members should be reviewed every 3 years. The Town Council asked that the Finance Officer contact someone on the Park Board to find out who is on the board and invite them to a council meeting to find out their future plans.

Pet Licenses: Discussed the ordinance stating that City Pet Licenses need to be renewed. No change will be made until the ordinances are fully reviewed and new ordinances adopted.

Group Insurance: The council had discussed in the past obtaining group health insurance. Due to current premium costs the council decided not to pursue it at this time.

Personal Time Off: The council discussed changing vacation and sick time so that time can be carried over to the next year. The Finance Officer was instructed to draft changes to the policy manual and present the changes at the next meeting for approval.

Street Closure: Discussed a partial closure of Clark Street on July 28th from 8:30 am to 2:00 pm for the Feiner Auction. The council agreed to having the street closed.

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

The next regular board meeting is August 13th at 6:00 pm.

Motion by Koch, second by Thibodeau to adjourn at 7:35 pm.

Betty Raymond
Finance Officer

Lisa Hjellum
Chairman

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