

Regular Meeting, Ethan Town Board, 4-10-17

The Town of Ethan board met in regular session on April 10, 2017, at the Ethan City Hall at 6:00 pm. Trustees present were Lisa Hjellum, Howard Caylor, Jason Koch, Megan Perry and Logan Sorenson. City personnel present: Betty Raymond. Others present were Joe Schroeder from SPN and 7 citizens from the community.

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

Motion Caylor, second Perry to approve the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion Sorenson, second Caylor to approve the minutes from the March 13, 2017, regular meeting. No minutes for the Community Center were submitted.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Motion Perry, second Koch to approve the claims.

General, sewer, water, preservation and community center funds * employee and board wages – board wages \$346.31, employee wages \$4805.16; SD Retirement \$603.60; Badger Meter, services \$123.66; Devon Hinckley, ECC deposit refund \$50.00; Angie Mueller, grant \$500.00; Brown & Saenger, supplies \$8.55; Card Services, postage, fees & supplies \$329.44; Davison Co. Auditor, public safety \$1800.00; Daily Republic, publishing \$231.27; Ethan American Legion, grant \$500.00; Ethan Coop Lumber, bathroom project \$3693.00; Lemke Digging, water repair \$1937.76; Menards, supplies \$86.60; Michelle Klumb, flooring in ECC \$532.50; NorthWestern Energy, utilities \$1601.24; Santel, telephone \$165.78; SD Department of Revenue, testing \$15.00; SD Finance Officers Association, meeting \$75.00; Weber Sanitation, garbage service \$1,270.00; QuickBooks Payroll Services \$4808.89; Aflac, insurance \$73.12; SD Dept of Revenue, sales tax \$10.88; USDA, loan payment \$1023.00; US Treasury, employment taxes \$1102.62; WorldPay, credit card machine charges \$26.19; Hanson Rural Water, tower/water \$4638.00; Sam's Club, chairs for ECC \$3346.60; Betty Raymond, March & April mileage \$162.04.

CITIZEN INPUT

Members of the Fire Department expressed concern over the water bill. Discussion was held regarding rate, meter size and City compensation. Information will be gathered regarding how other communities of comparable size deal with the Fire Department water bills. They also discussed a concern about snow removal. That will be looked into and discussed prior to next winter. Dave Hohn expressed thanks for the City's help with purchasing the AED and training.

BUSINESS

Joe Schroeder from SPN reported that the Safe Routes to School deadline has been extended to January 1, 2018. He also discussed the progress of the street project for this summer. Bids will be started in May with construction in June or July with estimated cost of \$89,000.

Community Center: Marty Royston supplied 2 plumbing quotes for the additional bathroom and asked how much the City will be contributing toward the project. The Council wants to view the location prior to making a decision. Marty also asked about the gravel for a parking location which was discussed last year. Discussed having SPN look at this while doing the street work.

Council reviewed the changes to the Community Grant Request. The new form was approved.

The Council reviewed a list of properties for nuisance violations. Letters will be sent prior to the Clean-up Day in May. Also discussed fire pits and the burning of leaves, which is against ordinance. It was suggested that a Council member tour the town with Brett to review properties.

The water shut-off policy was discussed. The Ordinance states that water will be turned back on during working hours only. A copy of the policy will be posted in City Hall and the Post Office.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion Koch, second Caylor to enter executive session at 7:30 pm according to SDCL 1-25-2 (1).
Hjellum declared executive session over at 8:00 pm.

PERSONNEL

It was decided to increase the hourly wage of the Finance Officer to \$13.00 per hour.

REPORTS

The Finance Officer reported that all of last year's tree trimming invoices were now paid. Water reports were also provided showing the improvement in water loss with the repair of 3 leaks.

The next regular board meeting is Monday, May 15th at 6:00 pm.

Motion Perry, second Koch to adjourn at 8:35 pm.

Betty Raymond
Finance Officer

Lisa Hjellum
Chairman

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