

Regular Meeting, Ethan Town Board, 8-10-15

The Town of Ethan board met in regular session on August 10, 2015 at the Ethan City Hall at 6:00 pm. Members present were Lisa Hjellum, Robert Fitzgerald, Howard Caylor, Jason Koch and Megan Perry. No members were absent. City personnel present were Sonya Hespe & Brett Scott. Others present was Dale Meinke (left at 7:09 pm).

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

Motion Perry, second Fitzgerald to approve the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion Koch, second Perry to approve the minutes from the July 14, 2015 regular meeting.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Motion Koch, second Fitzgerald to approve the claims as presented.

General, capital outlay, sewer, water and preservation funds * employee and board wages - board \$346.30, finance \$1,761.07, hwy & streets \$1,107.64, sanitation \$316.48, parks \$632.95, sewer \$1,219.96, water \$1,061.72; Hanson Rural Water, bulk water \$3,839.60, loan payment \$423.00; Agland Coop, fuel \$128.25; Brown & Saenger, supplies \$100.00; Card Services, postage & supplies \$157.75; Daily Republic, publishing \$111.84; Maxwell & Bowar, insurance \$1,335.00; Menards, supplies \$136.35; NorthWestern Energy, utilities \$821.75; Santel, telephone \$131.61; SD Association of Rural Water, dues \$345.00; SD Dept of Revenue, testing \$15.00; SD One Call, locates \$1.05; SD Retirement, retirement \$661.98; Sonya Hespe, travel \$58.05; SPN, engineering \$1,000.00; Weber Sanitation, garbage service \$1,270.00; Intuit, fees \$3.39; Aflac, insurance \$100.68; First National Bank, interest payment \$16,261.76; SD Dept of Revenue, sales tax \$87.47; USDA – RD, loan \$368.27 and \$1,023.00; US Treasury, payroll taxes \$1,190.54; WorldPay, credit card machine charges \$38.94.

BUSINESS

Hespe gave an update on the Safe Routes grant.

Building permits were approved for Jacob Aragon and Trampass Larson.

Nuisance updates were addressed. The issue of trees overhanging the streets and alleys was discussed. A notice will be posted reminding residents to have branches trimmed so city equipment can get through.

The addition of a new ordinance regarding grass or yard waste on streets was reviewed. A first reading will take place at the September meeting.

Hespe gave an annual report on completed and upcoming projects for the park, preservation and community center committees.

There was a brief discussion about ag equipment access to farmland that is adjacent to city property.

Potential expenses for the 2016 budget were explored. The first reading for the budget will be read at the September meeting.

CITIZEN INPUT

There was no citizen input.

REPORTS

Monthly reports were reviewed.

The next regular board meeting is Monday, September 14th at 6:00 pm. This is a rescheduled date due to the Labor Day holiday.

Motion Fitzgerald, second Koch to adjourn at 9:18 pm.

Sonya Hespe
Finance Officer

Lisa Hjellum
Chairman

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