

Regular Meeting, Ethan Town Board, 8-11-14

The Town of Ethan board met in regular session on August 11, 2014 at the Ethan City Hall at 5:00 pm. Members present were Lisa Hjellum, Robert Fitzgerald, Howard Caylor, Joe Long and Dale Meinke. No members were absent. City personnel present were Sonya Hespe & Brett Scott. Others present were Camden Hofer (left 6:16 pm), Tim Bottum (left 5:57 pm), Cindy Kaiser (left 8:14 pm), Nancy Schoenfelder (arrived 6:56 pm, left 7:50 pm) & Will Andersen (arrived 7:32 pm, left 8:01 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 Fitzgerald, second Long to approve the agenda.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion Long, second Fitzgerald to approve the minutes from the July 1, 2014 special meeting and July 15, 2014 regular meeting.

#### APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Motion Long, second Meinke to approve the claims as presented.

General, capital outlay, sewer, water and preservation funds - employee and board wages \$7,224.35; Hanson Rural Water, bulk water \$3,527.40 and loan payment \$423.00; Adapco, equipment & supplies \$8,091.52; Agland Coop, fuel \$566.07; Avera Queen of Peace, service \$85.40; Campbell's Supply, supplies \$170.07; Card Services, postage & supplies \$140.71; Daily Republic, publishing \$229.50; Ethan Coop Lumber, repairs \$5,361.72; Maxwell & Bowar, insurance \$1,751.00; Menards, supplies \$96.91; Menning Backhoe, construction \$231,060.58; Metering & Technology Solutions, water meters \$4,530.19; Miiller Gravel, gravel \$1,080.00; Morgan Theeler LLP, legal \$300.00; NorthWestern Energy, utilities \$576.39; Santel, telephone \$131.20; SD Assoc of Rural Water, dues \$345.00; SD Dept of Revenue, testing \$13.00; SD Retirement, retirement \$729.08; SPN, services \$4,704.55; Weber Sanitation, garbage service \$1,270.00; Howard Caylor, travel \$132.40; Intuit, fees \$3.07; Aflac, insurance \$100.68; Farmers State Bank, payroll tax \$1,352.50; SD Dept of Revenue, sales tax \$93.43; USDA – RD, loan \$368.27 and \$1,023.00; WorldPay, credit card machine charges \$26.63.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Attorney Bottum informed the board that the next step for the unresolved nuisance properties is to do a court order for a lawsuit to sue the landowner. The board will determine which properties they will proceed with for this year.

There was a pre-construction meeting for the water meter replacement project on August 11<sup>th</sup>. The contractor is ready to start once the meters are on hand. The board also approved Hespe purchasing the ClerkBooks program for the utility billing.

Camden Hofer informed the board that the building at the lagoon hasn't started yet and the contractor has only been on site one day to do some clean-up.

Motion Hjellum, second Fitzgerald to have SPN proceed with plans to repair a portion of 6<sup>th</sup> Street according to a preliminary plan that was presented earlier. Roll call vote – aye, Hjellum, Fitzgerald, Caylor, Long – nay, Meinke.

Some possible projects for 2015 were discussed so that Hespe could account for the cost of the projects in the upcoming budget reading.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Cindy Kaiser from the Ethan Historical Society thanked Scott, Hespe and some of the board members for their help and time with the gazebo project. The gazebo was built in the location of the old water tower and has the lid of the old tower as its roof. The Historical Society held fundraisers, received donations and had several volunteers that worked on the gazebo and then dedicated it to the Town on July 21<sup>st</sup>.

Nancy Schoenfelder addressed some issues she's experienced with board member Meinke. It was mentioned that all board members need to be reminded that they are official representatives of the Town and need to treat residents/citizens all the same regarding personal feelings.

Motion Long, second Caylor to cash in CD 44900 which renewed August 10<sup>th</sup> and place the money in the checking account. The money will be used to pay off some principal on the USDA water fund loan.

#### CITIZEN INPUT

No citizen input.

#### REPORTS

Monthly reports from sheriff's office, lagoon & tower readings were available to the board for review.

There will be a special meeting on Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. The next regular board meeting is Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm.

Motion Long, second Meinke to adjourn at 8:19 pm.

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Sonya Hespe  
Finance Officer

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Lisa Hjellum  
Chairman

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