

Regular Meeting, Ethan Town Board, 2-10-14

The Town of Ethan board met in regular session on February 10, 2014 at the Ethan City Hall at 5:00 pm. Members present were Lisa Hjellum, Nancy Schoenfelder, Robert Fitzgerald and Howard Caylor. No members were absent. City personnel present were Sonya Hesse & Brett Scott. Others present were Tim Bottum (left 5:30 pm), Terry Aaker & Camden Hofer (left 5:27 pm), Dale Meinke & Gallus Thill (arrived 5:14, left 7:46 pm), Colette VanHecke & Darlene Hoffman (arrived 5:14 pm, left 6:26 pm), Kelly Tobin (arrived 5:26 pm, left 6:25 pm), Cindy Kaiser (arrived 5:29 pm, left 6:25 pm), Bob Endres (arrived 5:34 pm, left 7:41 pm) and Bob Brenner (arrived 6:03 pm, left 7:14 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 Schoenfelder, second Fitzgerald to approve the agenda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion Fitzgerald, second Schoenfelder to enter into executive session at 5:01 pm pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2.3.
Hjellum declared executive session over at 5:14 pm.

OLD BUSINESS

Camden Hofer from SPN gave an update on the lagoon project and said the contractor is ready to start as soon as the weather warms up. He also talked about a remote feature to help monitor pumps, alarms, levels, etc at the lagoon. Motion Caylor, second Schoenfelder to approve the add-on to the project to purchase the programming equipment. The shed at the lagoon was declared surplus. A value will be determined to see if bids are needed.

NEW BUSINESS

The old city shop located on 1st Street will be stripped for any items that can be used by the Historical Society and then the building will be demolished.

Several people in attendance spoke on behalf of the Ethan Historical Society supporting their request to allow them to use the middle room of the city building. Hesse presented information on forming a committee under the City for a preservation group. This committee would be set up like the Park Board that is currently a committee under the City. Motion Hjellum, second Fitzgerald to approve forming the Preservation Committee, Schoenfelder abstained. An agreement will be drawn up to pass this by ordinance or resolution.

Brett Scott talked about crack seal & chip seal projects for this summer. He has rates from one company but will obtain more so a decision can be made after the final budget is approved.

Scott gave an update on the Safe Routes to School grant.

CITIZEN INPUT

Bob Brenner was not present earlier in the meeting when the old city shop was discussed. He proposed purchasing the building and contents from the city. The amount proposed was higher than bid limit and since a decision had already been made to donate the items to the Historical Society & then demolish the building no action was taken.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion Fitzgerald, second Schoenfelder to approve the minutes from the January 6, 2014 regular meeting.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

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

General, sewer and water funds - employee and board wages \$6,163.56; Aflac, insurance \$100.68; Agland Coop, fuel \$151.54; American Technical Services, testing \$2,490.00; Brown & Saenger, supplies \$120.37; Card Services, postage & supplies \$513.36; Daily Republic, publishing \$149.80; Farmers State Bank, payroll tax \$1,194.80; Hanson Rural Water, bulk water \$4,709.50 and loan payment \$423.00; Menards, supplies \$25.49; Mike Sourile, deposit refund \$85.00; Morgan Theeler LLP, legal \$1,260.00; NorthWestern Energy, utilities \$1,228.62; Santel, telephone \$120.81; SD Association of Rural Water, services \$100.00; SD One Call, locates \$5.25; SD Dept of Revenue, sales tax \$74.02; SD Retirement, retirement \$629.20; Sonya Hesse, mileage \$8.80; SPN, services \$2,441.10; USDA - RD, loan \$368.27 and \$1,023.00; Weber Sanitation, garbage service \$1,270.00; WorldPay, credit card machine charges \$23.74.

REPORTS

Hesse informed the board a building permit was submitted by Ethan Coop Lumber for an addition and a letter was received from DENR stating the funding application was received & will be considered for the remote read water meters.

The next regular board meeting is Monday, March 10th at 5:00 pm. A special meeting will be held later in February.

Motion Schoenfelder, second Hjellum to adjourn at 7:55 pm.

Sonya Hesse
Finance Officer

Lisa Hjellum
Chairman

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