

Regular Meeting, Ethan Town Board, 2-9-15

The Town of Ethan board met in regular session on February 9, 2015 at the Ethan City Hall at 5:00 pm. Members present were Lisa Hjellum, Robert Fitzgerald, Howard Caylor and Dale Meinke. No members were absent. City personnel present were Sonya Hesse & Brett Scott. Others present were Tim Bottum (left 5:36 pm), Bill Kretschmer, Deb McCartney, Tim Storm (arrived 5:54 pm, left 6:35 pm), Lavern Neugebauer (arrived 5:54 pm, left 6:35 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 Caylor to approve the agenda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive Session was listed on the agenda but was not needed.

BUSINESS

Bill Kretschmer had some questions for the board and city attorney regarding the nuisance agreement that was mailed to him. The items were discussed and an answer will be given to Bill so he can further review the agreement before signing. The agreement addresses where and what the nuisance issues are and the rights the town has to resolve the issues if they are not completed in the agreed upon time frame.

Tim Storm and Lavern Neugebauer representing the Ethan Rural Fire District expressed their concern regarding snow removal at the fire hall. They are having a hard time getting a private contractor to take care of snow removal in the driveway and would like to see if the town would do this while they are plowing the streets. The Fire District would pay the town for the service. This will be discussed by the town board more thoroughly at the next meeting and an answer will be given to the Fire District.

Hesse informed the board that with the new accounting software it would be beneficial to have the money market account at First National Bank in Mitchell split into three accounts for each fund instead of the combined account that we currently have. Motion Hjellum, second Caylor to open two new money market accounts at First National Bank in Mitchell and transfer the appropriate fund balances into their new respective accounts.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion Caylor, second Fitzgerald to approve the minutes from the January 12, 2015 regular meeting.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

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

General, capital outlay, sewer, water and preservation funds - employee and board wages \$5,697.20; Shannon Colony, crop loss \$300.00; Hanson Rural Water, bulk water \$3,597.70 and loan payment \$423.00; Agland Coop, fuel \$83.06; Auch Plumbing, construction \$2,433.70; Card Services, postage & supplies \$133.36; Daily Republic, publishing \$129.27; Lower James RC&D, dues \$65.00; Menards, repairs & supplies \$100.27; Menning Backhoe, construction \$39,260.69; Morgan Theeler LLP, legal \$1,021.20; NorthWestern Energy, utilities \$1,453.86; S & M Printing, supplies \$84.00; Santel, telephone \$126.76; SD Dept of Revenue, testing \$13.00; SD Municipal League, registration \$22.00; SD Retirement, retirement \$730.06; SPN, services \$1,050.00; Weber Sanitation, garbage service \$1,270.00; Intuit, fees \$3.39; Aflac, insurance \$100.68; Farmers State Bank, payroll tax \$1,397.78; SD Dept of Revenue, sales tax \$103.51; USDA – RD, loan \$368.27 and \$1,023.00; WorldPay, credit card machine charges \$30.39.

CITIZEN INPUT

No citizen input.

REPORTS

Monthly reports were reviewed.

The next regular board meeting is Monday, March 9th at 5:00 pm.

Motion Fitzgerald, second Hjellum to adjourn at 7:18 pm.

Sonya Hesse
Finance Officer

Lisa Hjellum
Chairman

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