

Regular Meeting, Ethan Town Board, 1-12-15

The Town of Ethan board met in regular session on January 12, 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. There was no one else present.

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 Fitzgerald to approve the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion Caylor, second Fitzgerald to approve the minutes from the December 8, 2014 regular meeting and December 19, 2014 special meeting.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Motion Caylor, second Meinke to approve the claims as presented. A claim was added to the list to Rockport Colony, crop loss for \$300.00. General, capital outlay, sewer, water and preservation funds - employee and board wages \$6,387.66; Hanson Rural Water, bulk water \$3,538.50 and loan payment \$423.00; Agland Coop, fuel \$202.69; Brown & Saenger, supplies \$199.90; Card Services, postage & supplies \$147.52; Daily Republic, publishing \$293.41; Maxwell & Bowar Agency, insurance \$50.00; Menards, repairs \$121.34; Morgan Theeler LLP, legal \$1,900.60; NorthWestern Energy, utilities \$1,190.24; Planning & Development District III, annual dues \$577.00; Santel, telephone \$138.66; SD DENR, permit renewal \$350.00; SD Dept of Revenue, testing \$13.00; SD One Call, locates \$5.25; SD Retirement, retirement \$766.78; Secretary of State, filing fees \$30.00; SPN, services \$3,168.95; Weber Sanitation, garbage service \$1,270.00; Intuit, fees \$3.39; Aflac, insurance \$100.68; Farmers State Bank, payroll tax \$1,367.70; SD Dept of Revenue, sales tax \$108.39; USDA - RD, loan \$368.27 and \$1,023.00; WorldPay, credit card machine charges \$112.78.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion Hjellum, second Caylor to approve the following designations for the year 2015: Newspaper, Daily Republic; engineer, SPN & Associates; attorney, Morgan Theeler Law firm; banks, Farmers State Bank in Parkston and First National Bank in Mitchell; board pay, \$75.00 per meeting; Finance Officer wages, \$19.00 per hour; public works pay, \$35,880.00 annual salary; mileage rate, \$0.40.

There has been some renewed interest in the possible expansion of Depot Street south from Elm St to Hwy 42. SD DOT will be contacted to see if this is a possibility before any further serious discussion is visited.

An issue regarding an angry citizen was addressed.

CITIZEN INPUT

No citizen input.

REPORTS

Monthly reports from sheriff's office, financial report, billing software update, lagoon status.

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

Motion Hjellum, second Meinke to adjourn at 6:03 pm.

Sonya Hesse
Finance Officer

Lisa Hjellum
Chairman

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