

Regular Meeting, Ethan Town Board, 1-12-16

The Town of Ethan board met in regular session on January 12, 2016 at the Ethan City Hall at 6:00 pm. Trustees present were Lisa Hjellum, Robert Fitzgerald, Howard Caylor, Jason Koch and Megan Perry. No trustees were absent. City personnel present were Sonya Hespe & Brett Scott (left 7:29). Others present were Dale Meinke (left 6:58).

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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion Koch, second Fitzgerald to approve the minutes from the December 7, 2015 regular meeting and December 30, 2015 special meeting.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

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

General, sewer, water, preservation and community center funds * employee and board wages - board \$554.08, finance \$1,203.25, hwy & streets \$1,266.49, sanitation \$361.86, parks \$723.71, sewer \$1,124.80, water \$943.87; Agland Coop, fuel \$121.35; Badger Meter, services \$67.08; Brown & Saenger, supplies \$76.83; Campbell Supply, supplies \$53.05; Card Services, postage & supplies \$391.82; Circle H Trading, services \$497.25; City of Mitchell, services \$10.53; Daily Republic, publishing \$129.27; Ethan Coop Lumber; repairs \$357.04; Maxwell & Bowar Agency, insurance \$3,096.00; Menards, supplies \$141.25; Mitchell Iron & Supply, supplies \$23.20; NorthWestern Energy, utilities \$1,399.61; S & M Printing, supplies \$86.00; Santel, telephone \$142.99; SD Dept of Revenue, testing \$15.00; SD One Call, locates \$1.05; SD Retirement, retirement \$833.72; Weber Sanitation, garbage service \$1,270.00; Intuit, fees \$3.71; Aflac, insurance \$100.68; SD Dept of Revenue, sales tax \$90.67; USDA – RD, loan \$368.27 and \$1,023.00; US Treasury, payroll taxes \$1,481.98; WorldPay, credit card machine charges \$121.33.

BUSINESS

Motion Koch, second Fitzgerald to approve the following designations for the year 2016: 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 attended; Sonya Hespe, Finance Officer, wages, \$19.00 per hour; Brett Scott, public works, wages, \$41,600.00 annual salary; mileage rate, \$0.45.

Motion Hjellum, second Perry to change the following rates: NSF check fee \$40.00 plus \$6.74 for the certified letter fee and service fee will increase from \$20.00 to \$35.00.

Utility deposits for landlords & tenants were discussed. It was decided to leave as is at this time.

Dale Meinke addressed a concern about the expense of snow plowing. He questioned why the dump truck isn't used instead of the pickup. The cost of plugging in the truck over the winter vs the cost of additional fuel costs for the pickup are part of the reason.

It was questioned when the remodel of the shop bathroom would be finished. The contractor will be asked for a specific date and requested to have it done by the end of January.

CITIZEN INPUT

No citizen input.

REPORTS

Monthly reports were reviewed. The next regular board meeting is Monday, February 8th at 6:00 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion Fitzgerald, second Perry to enter into executive session at 7:29 pm pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2.1.
Hjellum declared executive session over at 7:45 pm.

Motion Fitzgerald, second Caylor to increase to increase Sonya Hespe's wages to \$19.25 per hour.

Motion Koch, second Fitzgerald to adjourn at 7:46 pm.

Sonya Hespe
Finance Officer

Lisa Hjellum
Chairman

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