

Regular Meeting, Ethan Town Board, 6-14-17

The Town of Ethan board met in regular session on June 14, 2017, at the Ethan City Hall at 6:00 pm. Trustees present were Lisa Hjellum, Jason Koch, Megan Perry, Logan Sorenson and Nancy Schoenfelder. City personnel present: Betty Raymond and Brett Scott. Others present: Gregg Thibodeau
Chairman Hjellum called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
All motions were unanimously voted as aye unless stated otherwise.

Oath of Office was administered to Nancy Schoenfelder.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion Koch, second Sorenson to approve the minutes from the May 15th regular meeting. There were no Community Center minutes.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Motion Koch, second Sorenson to approve the claims.

General, sewer, water, preservation and community center funds * employee and board wages – board wages \$277.06, employee wages \$4538.35; SD Retirement \$697.92; KaSandra Crowser, water meter refund \$57.69; Agland Co-op, fuel \$377.19; Badger Meter, services \$70.09; Bender's Sewer & Drain, repairs \$498.00; Betty Raymond, mileage \$81.00; Brown & Saenger, supplies \$31.58; Campbell Supply, supplies \$486.61; Card Services, postage & fees \$42.55; City of Mitchell, landfill fee \$8.63; Daily Republic, publishing \$308.36; Ethan Co-op Lumber, Quikrete \$4.98; Ethan Volunteer Fire Department, donation for fireworks \$500.00; Farmers Alliance, supplies \$170.65; HD Supply Waterworks, repair \$246.68; Maxwell & Bowar, insurance \$446.00; Menards, supplies \$468.11; Michael Todd & Co, supplies \$150.18; Muth Electric, repairs \$156.02; NorthWestern Energy, utilities \$1111.24; Rew's TV & Appliance, Community Center appliances \$1477.00; Santel, telephone \$166.73; SD Department of Revenue, testing \$15.00; SD Municipal League, workshop fee \$25.00; SD One Call \$1.05; SPN, street project \$2800.00; Weber Sanitation, garbage service \$2196.63; QuickBooks Payroll Services \$4542.08; Aflac, insurance \$73.12; SD Dept of Revenue, sales tax \$196.14; USDA, loan payment \$1023.00; US Treasury, employment taxes \$1356.76; WorldPay, credit card machine charges \$26.02; Hanson Rural Water, tower/water \$4498.00.

CITIZEN INPUT

Lisa stated she had been asked why City Hall does not have a flag pole. The American Legion will check into getting a pole and the first flag at no cost. City would need to install the pole and lighting. Also, the City was informed that the American Legion will carry the insurance on the Veteran's Memorial. Will check with to make sure City is covered for liability under the existing policy.

BUSINESS

Logan Sorenson submitted his resignation since he is moving out of town. Motion Schoenfelder, second Koch to accept the resignation. This leaves a vacancy on the Council which will be appointed at a later date.

Discussed having Blood Drives at the Community Center. Will need to review the rental agreement. Tabled until next meeting.

Discussed bids received for the Maple Street project. Bids were received from VanderPol Dragline, \$69,536.10; Schoenfelder Construction, \$61,568.60; and Commercial Asphalt, \$57,499.80. After discussion the Council awarded the bid to Mitchell Asphalt on motion by Schoenfelder, second by Koch.

Letters for nuisance properties had been sent in April prior to clean up day. Lisa will review the list to determine if there should be follow up.

The Council reviewed four outstanding water bills that are uncollectible. The Finance Officer was directed to check into writing these balances off.

Discussion was held on getting surveillance cameras for the park due to some vandalism issues. Gregg Thibodeau suggested a contact for cameras. The Council directed the Finance Officer to get pricing options.

Brett Scott discussed his employment contract from 2009 and believes that part of his wage should be done pre-tax since he pays insurance himself. Megan Perry moved to leave wages as is, Jason Koch seconded. Nancy Schoenfelder recused herself from this vote. Further discussion was held regarding employment contract, wage reimbursement and pre-tax items with no resolution at this time. Nancy Schoenfelder moved to have a tax person and attorney present at a future meeting. Jason Koch seconded the motion.

REPORTS – Finance Officer reported that renewal is needed for participation in Planning & Zoning District III. Approved on motion by Schoenfelder, second by Koch.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - none

The next regular board meeting is July 10th at 6:00 pm.

Motion Schoenfelder, second Perry to adjourn at 8:10 pm.

Betty Raymond
Finance Officer

Lisa Hjellum
Chairman

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