

Regular Meeting, Ethan Town Board, 6-8-15

The Town of Ethan board met in regular session on June 8, 2015 at the Ethan City Hall at 7:00 pm. Members present were Lisa Hjellum, Howard Caylor, Jason Koch and Megan Perry. Member absent was Robert Fitzgerald. City personnel present were Sonya Hespe & Brett Scott (arrived 7:15 pm). Others present were Camden Hofer (left at 8:49 pm), Bill Kretschmer & Deb McCartney (left at 8:10 pm), Nathan Wegner (arrived 7:04 pm) and Dave & Vicki Hohn (left at 7:28 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 Perry, second Koch to approve the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion Koch, second Perry to approve the minutes from the May 11, 2015 regular meeting and May 20, 2015 special meeting.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

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

General, capital outlay, sewer, water and preservation funds * employee and board wages - board \$623.34, finance \$1,110.37, hwy & streets \$1,107.64, sanitation \$316.48, parks \$632.95, sewer \$1,003.08, water \$844.84; Hanson Rural Water, bulk water \$3,660.6, loan payment \$423.00; SD Dept of Revenue, malt beverage license \$200.00; Agland Coop, fuel & supplies \$261.61; C & B Operations, repairs \$44.04; Campbell Supply, supplies \$287.34; Card Services, postage & supplies \$243.80; Circle H Trading, labor \$5,930.00; County Fair Food, supplies \$18.48; DSG, supplies \$458.66; Ethan Coop Lumber, supplies \$71.13; Jerry Graves, supplies \$144.65; Larry's I-90 Service, repairs \$30.22; Maxwell & Bowar Agency, insurance \$525.00; Menards, supplies \$627.36; Morgan Theeler, legal \$121.80; Nancy Schoenfelder, supplies \$60.86; NorthWestern Energy, utilities \$831.32; Planning & Development District III, dues \$588.00; Santel, telephone \$135.48; SD DENR, dues \$190.00; SD Dept of Revenue, testing \$15.00; SD One Call, locates \$5.25; SD Retirement, retirement \$742.90; SPN, engineering \$1,300.00; Weber Sanitation, garbage service \$1,675.22; Intuit, fees \$3.39; Aflac, insurance \$100.68; SD Dept of Revenue, sales tax \$86.30; USDA – RD, loan \$368.27 and \$1,023.00; US Treasury, payroll taxes \$1,466.22; WorldPay, credit card machine charges \$37.54.

BUSINESS

Camden Hofer from SPN presented a water study report. Different options were presented for possible improvements however none of them need urgent attention so the board opted to hold off on pursuing them. A final review and acceptance was reviewed and signed for the water meter replacement project.

Dave Hohn on behalf of the Ethan American Legion submitted an application for the community matching grant. The Legion would like to replace the sign along Hwy 42. Motion Koch, second Caylor to approve the grant for \$500.

The nuisance letters that were mailed in May were reviewed and an update was given on the progress. Reminder letters will be mailed to those necessary with the next step. Bill Kretschmer asked about an extension of time to work on cutting down trees on his property. The board informed him a contractor has been hired but won't be able to do the work for a couple weeks. Kretschmer is still able to do any work they can between now and then.

The sheriff department was listed on the agenda but no one was in attendance so the topic was skipped.

Motion Caylor, second Perry to declare the used Badger meters as surplus with a \$0 value.

The fire pit ordinance was reviewed. There have been a few incidents around town where people have needed reminders of the ordinance.

Due to the new billing software, the employee payroll date will move forward to the 30th of each month instead of the first of the next month. Motion Caylor, second Koch to change the employee payroll date to the 30th of each month.

Ethan Fire Department sent letters to area businesses asking for donations to help with the fireworks display. The board said no with the reason that requests like this is why the community matching grant was adopted. If the fire department does a fundraiser other than just donations they could submit a grant request in the future.

Motion Koch, second Perry to approve the membership renewal to Planning & Development District III.

The state rates for mileage have increased so the board will increase the local rate from \$0.40 to \$0.45 per mile effective July 1, 2015.

Hespe informed the board about the upcoming elected officials workshop in Pierre.

CITIZEN INPUT

There was no citizen input.

REPORTS

Monthly reports were reviewed.

The next regular board meeting is Tuesday, July 14th at 6:00 pm.

Motion Koch, second Hjellum to adjourn at 9:06 pm.

Sonya Hespe
Finance Officer

Lisa Hjellum
Chairman

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