

Regular Meeting, Ethan Town Board, 6-9-14

The Town of Ethan board met in regular session on June 9, 2014 at the Ethan City Hall at 5:00 pm. Members present were Lisa Hjellum, Robert Fitzgerald, Howard Caylor, Joe Long and Dale Meinke. No members were absent. City personnel present were Sonya Hespe & Brett Scott (left at 7:38 pm). Others present were Camden Hofer (left 6:04 pm), Cindy Kaiser (left 6:58 pm), and Gallus Thill (arrived 5:20 pm, left 8:04 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 Long to approve the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion Long, second Fitzgerald to approve the minutes from the May 12, 2014 regular meeting.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

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

General, capital outlay, sewer, water and preservation funds - employee and board wages \$5,875.24; Hanson Rural Water, bulk water \$3,425.00 and loan payment \$423.00; Aaron Electric, repairs \$900.00; Agland Coop, fuel \$498.64; Brown & Saenger, supplies \$124.99; Card Services, postage & supplies \$249.63; Clark Paving, street repairs \$31,332.20; County Fair Food Store, supplies \$36.17; Daily Republic, publishing \$122.01; Ethan Coop Lumber, repairs \$5,976.00; Grady & Sarah Myers, deposit refund \$85.00; Menards, supplies \$120.06; Menning Backhoe, construction \$34,461.09; Morgan Theeler LLP, legal \$1,379.00; NorthWestern Energy, utilities \$441.78; Petty cash, postage & supplies \$20.45; Santel, telephone \$138.21; SD DENR, annual dues \$140.00; SD Dept of Revenue, testing \$13.00; SD Dept of Revenue, malt beverage licenses \$200.00; SD One Call, locates \$28.35; SD Retirement, retirement \$738.24; Sonya Hespe, travel \$65.60; SPN, services \$11,465.15; Sun Gold Sports, supplies \$25.00; Weber Sanitation, garbage service \$1,605.25; Intuit, fees \$3.07; Aflac, insurance \$100.68; Farmers State Bank, payroll tax \$1,437.84; SD Dept of Revenue, sales tax \$80.84; USDA – RD, loan \$368.27 and \$1,023.00; WorldPay, credit card machine charges \$24.22. Park fund expenses – Ethan Coop Lumber, repairs \$153.06; Harve's Sport Shop, supplies \$87.85, Mitchell Concrete, repairs \$364.88.

OLD BUSINESS

Camden Hofer presented comparisons & recommendations on three brands of water meters. Motion Long, second Caylor to purchase the Badger meters and have SPN advertise for installation bids.

Camden also gave an update on the lagoon project.

Delinquent water bills were discussed. The board instructed Hespe & Scott to shut off water for anyone delinquent that has not paid by the date listed on the notices that were sent out.

Update on nuisance properties was given and one property was added.

NEW BUSINESS

Cindy Kaiser expressed concern about the deterioration on the shoulders along 6th Street. We will have the engineer look at this to see what can be done. Gravel will be placed on 1st Street in the right of way.

Motion Long, second Caylor to have Ethan Coop Lumber go ahead with installing the fence on the north property line at city hall. An estimate was received on this earlier this year. The board also approved to have the lumberyard do the remodeling for the doors in the shop restroom.

Motion Fitzgerald, second Long to renew the membership for 2015 with Planning & Development District III.

A building permit was approved for Greg Lee.

CITIZEN INPUT

Caylor talked about the heat pump unit, air handler and return air vent at city hall needing some minor repairs.

REPORTS

Monthly reports from sheriff's office, lagoon & tower readings were available to the board for review. Ethan's request to be added to the SD 125th celebration was approved by the Governor's office.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion Hjellum, second Fitzgerald to enter into executive session at 8:04 pm pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2.1.

Hjellum declared executive session over at 8:08 pm.

Motion Caylor, second Long to declare the probation period over for Sonya Hespe and approve the vacation and sick leave be added to her benefits as per the personnel manual.

The next regular board meeting is Monday, July 7th at 5:00 pm.

Motion Fitzgerald, second Caylor to adjourn at 8:09 pm.

Sonya Hespe
Finance Officer

Lisa Hjellum
Chairman

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