

Special Meeting, Ethan Town Board, 3-16-09

The Town of Ethan board met in regular session on March 16, 2009 at the Town Hall at 7:40 p.m. after the Board of Equalization meeting. Members present were Gary Stadlman, Robert Fitzgerald, Nancy Schoenfelder, Amy Moe and Terry Mathis. Others present were Sonya Hespe, Chad McGuire, Brian McClure, Gallus Thill and Josh Franks.

Chairman Stadlman called the meeting to order.  
All motions were unanimously voted as aye unless stated otherwise.

Sonya Hespe added items to New Business. Gary Stadlman added an update on the lagoon. Motion Moe, second Mathis to approve the amended agenda.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Stadlman read the quotes received for the meter pits. Dakota Supply Group had a quote of \$612 for a 15" x 6' pit with a ¾ meter coil stand to attach meter and a sealed lid. HD Supply had a quote of \$785 for an 18" x 7' pit with a ¾" tubing and a sealed lid. Brian McClure asked about having a plumber quote the pit and labor together. The board thought there would be a markup on the price of the pit whereas these quotes are wholesale. Motion Mathis, second Moe to approve the quote from Dakota Supply Group for the meter pits.

Advertisements for the installation and hook-up of the pits will be published for 2 weeks in the Daily Republic and Parkston Advance. Bids must be received by Friday, April 3, 2009. Bids will be opened at the regular meeting on April 6, 2009.

The city ordinance on junk cars was reviewed along with ordinances from a few other towns. The decision was made to form a committee among the board members to go around town and make a list of people that have unlicensed and junked vehicles. They will send out letters to those people notifying them on what needs done. Moe and Schoenfelder will head up this committee.

The job description for the maintenance position was modified and will be used when the new maintenance person is hired. This will be adopted later into an updated personnel manual.

Hespe gave an update on the status of the unemployment claim. The city will not have to make any payments at this time. It is possible that there will be a payment in the future.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Hespe gave an update on the past due water bills. There are only two delinquent accounts remaining since letters were sent out.

A letter was received from SD Housing about the *Paint – South Dakota* project. This is a project for a volunteer group in the community to help someone in need, whether physically or financially, paint their home. The flyer and application will be copied and given to the school and Ethan Pride and Betterment to see if they are interested.

A new US flag will be purchased for the city hall/fire building. Terry Mathis requested we also order one for the school and Gallus Thill requested one as well. Both places will reimburse the city for the cost of the flag and shipping.

The Department of Labor sent notice of a discrimination claim to the city. The paperwork will be sent to the city lawyer to handle.

Stadlman commented that the ice was off the edges at the lagoon on Sunday, March 15. Cell 2 was starting to open on Monday and is discharging into cell 3. SPN had installed flow meters at the lagoon on March 6, 2009. They will be checking on this and giving the board updates periodically.

Motion Mathis, second Schoenfelder to go into executive session to review job applications.

Motion Mathis, second Schoenfelder to come out of executive session.

Meeting adjourned.

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Sonya Hespe  
Finance Officer

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Gary Stadlman  
Chairman