

Regular Meeting, Ethan Town Board, 3-19-12

The Town of Ethan board met in regular session on March 19, 2012 at the Ethan School library after the Board of Equalization meeting. Members present were Nancy Schoenfelder, Lisa Hjellum, Robert Fitzgerald and Dale Meinke. Member absent was George Puetz. City personnel present were Sonya Hespe, Cindy Tuttle and Brett Scott. Others present were Howard Caylor (left at 9:13pm), Marilyn Hart (left at 9:10pm), Marilyn Thill (left at 9:10pm), Brenda Reinfield (left at 9:10pm), Wilma Grunewaldt (left at 9:06pm), Beverly Nearhood (left at 9:06pm) and Duane Duba (arrived at 7:41 pm, left at 8:56 pm).

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

Motion Hjellum, second Fitzgerald to approve the agenda with an addition regarding discussion of parade during the all-school reunion.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion Fitzgerald, second Hjellum to approve the minutes from the February 7, 2012 regular meeting and the February 15, 2012 special meeting.

#### APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

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

General, sewer and water funds - employee and board wages \$3,644.69; Aflac, insurance \$147.14; Agland Coop, fuel \$230.01; Bob Brenner, rent \$250.00; BPI, supplies \$358.90; Card Services, postage & supplies \$587.73; CMC Excavation, repairs \$122.45; Daily Republic, publishing \$174.30; Davison County Auditor, sheriff protection \$1,800.00; Davison County Clerk of Courts, filing fees \$60.40; Farmers State Bank, payroll tax \$629.11; Hanson Rural Water, bulk water \$2,807.00 and tower payment \$423.00; Jobs HQ, publishing \$327.40; Menards, supplies \$329.02; Morgan Theeler LLP, legal \$975.00; Northern Truck Equipment, supplies \$478.08; NorthWestern Energy, utilities \$662.04; Planning & Development District III, legislative meeting \$30.00; Santel, telephone \$112.84; SD Dept of Revenue, sales tax \$90.73; SD Dept of Revenue, testing \$13.00; SD One Call, locates \$2.10; SD Retirement, retirement \$312.62; USDA – RD, loan \$368.27 and \$1,023.00; Weber Sanitation, garbage service \$1,250.00; WorldPay, credit card machine charges \$11.58.

#### OLD BUSINESS

A second reading of Ordinances 10.1.4, 10.1.5 and 10.1.6 were given. Some changes were made from the first reading. Motion Meinke, second Hjellum to change the following ordinances as listed:

A REVISION TO CHAPTER 10:1.4 TO AMEND THIS SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

##### **Section 10.1.4 License**

Any owner or keeper of a dog or cat of the age of six months or over shall, within 30 days of the acquisition of such animal or within 30 days of the time such animal becomes six months old obtain an appropriate license.

First Reading: February 17, 2012

Second Reading: March 19, 2012

A REVISION TO CHAPTER 10:1.5 TO AMEND THIS SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

##### **Section 10.1.5 License Application**

Application shall be made on a form furnished by the City Finance Officer, and shall be filed with said City Finance Officer. Such application form shall require the applicant to provide:

1. The breed, sex, color and other distinguishing characteristics of said dog or cat, the pet's name, and the name of the owner thereof.
2. A statement that said dog or cat has no vicious propensities so far as known to the application.
3. A certificate by a registered Veterinarian showing that such dog or cat has been inoculated or has a continuing immunity against Rabies within six (6) months of such application

It shall be the duty of the City Finance Officer at the time of the issuance of the license herein provided for, to furnish and deliver to said applicant, a metallic fiber or plastic tag for each dog and cat for which such license is issued. The tag shall be stamped or engraved with the registered number of the dog or cat. It shall then be the duty of the owner of the dog or cat to place a collar around the neck of such animal so owned and kept by him, on which collar shall be securely fastened a tag so furnished by the City Finance Officer. In case of the loss of any tag so issued, the said City Finance Officer is authorized to issue a duplicate thereof upon application being made therefore, and upon satisfactory proof that such tag has been lost.

The owner shall contact animal control to report change of ownership, loss or death of a licensed animal.

First Reading: February 17, 2012

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A REVISION TO CHAPTER 10:1.6 TO AMEND THIS SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

##### **Section 10.1.6 Fee schedule**

Is hereby repealed.

First Reading: February 17, 2012

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Motion Fitzgerald, second Meinke to commit to paying the utility bill for the flashing beacons that will be put in by the school as part of the Safe Routes to School project.

## NEW BUSINESS

Greg & Sue Horstman once again requested the Town to place a property pin on the property they recently purchased. A decision was made that this would be the property owners expense if they wanted it placed in the middle of the block because the Town did not place pins on other properties in the middle of a lot or block.

The Ethan fire department would like to put on a fireworks display at the park on June 30<sup>th</sup>. They would also like to add a car show in the afternoon and asked permission to block off Main Street from Depot St to 2<sup>nd</sup> St during the time of the car show. Permission was granted for both events barring proof of insurance for fireworks and they would be responsible for the proper barricades.

Chubby's Bar would like to put on a street dance Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. Permission was granted barring a signed agreement, security and proof of insurance.

Duane Duba asked about a parade on Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> for the all-school reunion. Permission was granted for the parade.

Motion Hjellum, second Meinke to approve the building permit that was requested by Ethan Coop Lumber.

The Dimock Elevator asked about the possibility of purchasing water from Ethan to fill their trucks this summer. Because of not having the proper equipment to do this it was decided that we would not be able to offer this service for them.

Gary Stadlman asked permission to pass through the Ethan landfill to get black dirt. Permission granted.

City wide clean-up was discussed again. A date has been set for Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> to have dumpsters available for people to bring their items. The landfill will also be open that day to allow people to go out and dump acceptable items. No curb-side pick-up will be done this year. No tires will be accepted. If you need assistance loading items contact Dale Meinke on or before May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Nuisance properties were addressed again. A letter will be sent to property owners that received notices about their nuisance but have not yet taken care of the matter.

Motion Hjellum, second Fitzgerald to purchase a truck with a plow, preferably staying under \$20,000. Roll call vote – Aye; Fitzgerald, Hjellum, Schoenfelder. Nay; Meinke. Motion carried.

Motion Meinke, second Fitzgerald to appoint Finance Officer Cindy Tuttle as signatory's on the bank accounts at Farmers State Bank in Parkston and First National Bank in Mitchell. Outgoing Finance Officer Sonya Hespe will be taken off of the accounts.

Finance Officer Hespe presented the 2011 annual report. Motion Schoenfelder, second Hjellum to approve the annual report.

## REPORTS

Scott informed the board that the curb stop for the Legion is now under the new lumberyard building in one of the doorways. Typically, a curb stop is located at the edge of a property. The new route for relocating the water line at the fire hall will be checked into. The shut off at Hart's meter pit cannot be found. If it can't be located a new one will need to be put in. Hespe informed the board that she received a letter from Hanson Rural Water stating that our bulk water rate will go up \$0.50 per 1,000 gallons effective the April billing. This is due to an increase HRW received from B-Y Water District.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion Hjellum, second Schoenfelder to enter executive session at 9:52 pm pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(1) and (3).  
Schoenfelder declared executive session over at 11:25 pm.

Motion Hjellum, second Fitzgerald to give Brett Scott a 3% payroll increase making his wages \$32,199.75 annually.

Hespe will contact Attorney Bottum to have him send a letter for a counter offer on the easement for the lagoon project.

The next regular board meeting is Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

Motion Schoenfelder, second Hjellum to adjourn at 11:26 pm.

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Sonya Hespe  
Finance Officer

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Nancy Schoenfelder  
Chairman

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