

Regular Meeting, Ethan Town Board, 5-11-15

The Town of Ethan board met in regular session on May 11, 2015 at the Ethan City Hall at 7:00 pm. Members present were Lisa Hjellum, Robert Fitzgerald, Howard Caylor, Jason Koch and Megan Perry. Member absent was Dale Meinke. City personnel present were Sonya Hespe & Brett Scott. Others present were Terry Aaker (left at 7:43 pm), Joe Schroeder (left at 7:43pm), Nathan Wegner, Tom & Cheryl Stirling (arrived at 7:19 pm, left at 8:05 pm), Kelly & Kim Goldammer (arrived at 7:30 pm, left at 8:25 pm), Duane Duba (arrived at 7:49 pm, left at 9:54 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 Caylor, second Fitzgerald to approve the agenda.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion Fitzgerald, second Caylor to approve the minutes from the April 6, 2015 regular meeting and April 15, 2015 special meeting.

#### APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

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

General, capital outlay, sewer, water and preservation funds - employee and board wages \$6,266.57; Hanson Rural Water, bulk water \$3,416.40, loan payment \$423.00; Aaron Electric, repairs \$1,491.24; Agland Coop, fuel \$76.30; Campbell Supply, supplies \$135.18; Card Services, postage & supplies \$81.22; Daily Republic, publishing \$422.68; Janice Feiner, election wages \$125.00; Jerry Graves, supplies \$27.80; Karen Petrik, election wages \$125.00; Marlys Paulsen, election wages \$125.00; Maxwell & Bowar Agency, insurance \$12.00; McLeod's, election supplies \$8.30; Menards, supplies \$509.86; NorthWestern Energy, utilities \$824.34; Santel, telephone \$131.83; SD Dept of Revenue, testing \$15.00; SD Municipal League, registration \$25.00; SD One Call, locates \$1.05; SD Retirement, retirement \$707.08; Sonya Hespe, travel \$45.60; SPN, engineering \$3,582.60; Weber Sanitation, garbage service \$1,290.00; Intuit, fees \$3.39; Aflac, insurance \$100.68; SD Dept of Revenue, sales tax \$91.50; USDA – RD, loan \$368.27 and \$1,023.00; US Treasury, payroll taxes \$1,372.46; WorldPay, credit card machine charges \$38.27.

#### BUSINESS

The Oath of Office was rendered to Jason Koch and Megan Perry.

Motion Fitzgerald, second Koch to appoint Lisa Hjellum as chairman.

Motion Hjellum, second Caylor to appoint Fitzgerald as vice-chairman.

Motion Koch, second Hjellum to appoint Chairman Hjellum and Vice-chairman Fitzgerald as signatory's on the bank accounts at Farmers State Bank in Parkston and First National Bank in Mitchell.

Terry & Joe from SPN gave updates on the Safe Routes to School project and designs on the 6<sup>th</sup> Street project.

Tom & Cheryl Stirling inquired about a safety concern with the culvert and a tree stump at their property. The culvert is along the county road so it was recommended they talk to the Davison Co Hwy Dept. The tree stump is homeowner responsibility to have removed.

Motion Fitzgerald, second Koch to approve the malt beverage license for Agland Coop and Chubby's Bar pending license agreements are met.

Motion Perry, second Koch to approve a street dance at Chubby's Bar on Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. The bar will be responsible for setup, security, guards, cleanup, etc as in the past.

Kelly & Kim Goldammer requested a kennel permit. They informed the board of the plans they have to make a business out of breeding dogs. The board will discuss the issue at the next meeting.

Nathan Wegner from Davison County Emergency Management visited with the board about updating the plan that is in place in Ethan and about the possibility of creating zoning in town.

An update was given on the status of the nuisance issue at Kretschmer's. The deadline is May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Motion Perry, second Koch to accept the offer and sell the lots on Main Street for the offered price of \$5,000.

#### CITIZEN INPUT

Duane Duba inquired about his previous request for the board to consider expanding Railroad Street to the south out to Hwy 42. At this time the board feels there are too many obstacles and too much cost for the town to pursue.

#### REPORTS

Monthly reports were reviewed.

The next regular board meeting is Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

There will be a special meeting on Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

Motion Hjellum, second Perry to adjourn at 10:07 pm.

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Sonya Hespe  
Finance Officer

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Lisa Hjellum  
Chairman

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