

Regular Meeting, Ethan Town Board, 5-15-17

The Town of Ethan board met in regular session on May 15, 2017, at the Ethan City Hall at 6:00 pm. Trustees present were Lisa Hjellum, Jason Koch, Megan Perry and Logan Sorenson. Absent was Nancy Schoenfelder. City personnel present: Betty Raymond and Brett Scott. Others present were Dave and Vicki Hohn, Cindy Kaiser and Kelly Tobin.

Chairman Hjellum called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.  
All motions were unanimously voted as aye unless stated otherwise.

Oath of Office was administered to Logan Sorenson (Nancy Schoenfelder will be sworn in next month.) Jason Koch nominated Lisa Hjellum for Chairperson and Lisa Hjellum nominated Jason Koch for Vice-Chairperson. Both motions were seconded by Logan Sorenson

Motion Koch, second Sorenson to approve the agenda.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion Koch, second Sorenson to approve the minutes from the April 10<sup>th</sup> regular meeting and the April 20<sup>th</sup> special meeting. Also approved were the Community Center minutes from March 20<sup>th</sup>, April 17<sup>th</sup> and May 8<sup>th</sup>.

#### APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Motion Sorenson, second Perry to approve the claims.

General, sewer, water, preservation and community center funds \* employee and board wages – board wages \$692.62, employee wages \$4468.81; SD Retirement \$1030.42; Tyler Manning, water meter refund \$68.73; Agland Co-op, fuel \$13.05; Avera Queen of Peace Health, testing \$85.90; Badger Meter, services \$70.09; Brown & Saenger, supplies \$33.12; Card Services, postage, fees & supplies \$226.36; Daily Republic, publishing \$164.56; ELO Prof LLC, \$830.00; Ethan Historical Society, grant \$500.00; Farmers Alliance, supplies \$190.80; Johnson Heating, repair \$442.86; Lemke Digging, water repair \$1015.31; Menards, supplies \$69.55; NorthWestern Energy, utilities \$1152.17; Parkston Food Center, fundraiser \$320.96; Santel, telephone \$164.37; SD Department of Revenue, testing \$15.00; SD Department of Revenue, licenses \$200.00; SD Municipal League, training \$25.00; SPN, street project \$4000.00; Weber Sanitation, garbage service \$1,290.00; QuickBooks Payroll Services \$4472.54; Aflac, insurance \$73.12; SD Dept of Revenue, sales tax \$110.64; USDA, loan payment \$1023.00; US Treasury, employment taxes \$2090.28; WorldPay, credit card machine charges \$29.18; Hanson Rural Water, tower/water \$5030.00; SD DENR, loan \$3698.65; US Bank NA, loan \$6399.24.

#### CITIZEN INPUT

Dave Hohn discussed repair of hydrant by Fire Station. He also mentioned that the Easter Egg Hunt was well attended and thanked City for having restrooms open.

#### BUSINESS

A discussion was held regarding the water bill for the Fire Department. After discussion it was decided on motion by Perry, second by Koch, that the City would pay \$100 per month toward the water bill for the Fire Department.

There was no representative from the Community Center. Discussed new appliances. Purchase approved on motion by Sorenson, second by Perry.

Discussed landscaping by the Veterans Memorial and gazebo. Lisa asked for a quote for the project before discussing an amount for the city's contribution. Also asked about the "Ethan" rock and was told that is being reset.

Renewals for malt liquor licenses for Chubby's and Agland Co-op were approved on motion by Koch, second by Sorenson.

The Safe Routes to School project is being extended to 12/15/2017. Motion by Koch, second by Sorenson, for Lisa Hjellum to be able to sign extension.

A chain link fence that used to be at the park was declared surplus property on motion by Sorenson, second by Koch. If sold the funds will go to the Park Fund.

A discussion was held regarding insurance reimbursement and the legality of it. No change in procedure was made at this time.

#### REPORTS

Brett Scott reported that water loss is down to 12% after the repairs were done. He will be contacting vendors to set up scoping and testing of water and sewer lines.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion Koch, second Sorenson to enter executive session at 7:45 pm according to SDCL 1-25-2 (1).  
Hjellum declared executive session over at 7:55 pm.

#### PERSONNEL

It was decided to increase the wage for the Chairperson to \$150.00 per meeting due to the extra work and time spent on city business.

The next regular board meeting is Wednesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

Motion Koch, second Sorenson to adjourn at 8:05 pm.

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Betty Raymond  
Finance Officer

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Lisa Hjellum  
Chairman

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