

Regular Meeting, Ethan Town Board, 5-7-09

The Town of Ethan board met in regular session on May 7, 2009 at the Town Hall at 8:00 pm. Members present were Gary Stadlman, Robert Fitzgerald, Nancy Schoenfelder, Josh Franks, Chad McGuire and Terry Mathis (arriving at 8:26 pm). Others present were Sonya Hespe, John Hart, Camden Hofer, Dale Meinke, Brett Scott and Mary Stadlman.

Chairman Stadlman called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance.
All motions were unanimously voted as aye unless stated otherwise.

Additions to the agenda were made by Schoenfelder (old business), Hart and Hespe (new business). Motion Schoenfelder, second Fitzgerald to approve the amended agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

Second reading of the revision to Ordinance 3.1.10 was read. This revised ordinance will be adopted 30 days after publication. Motion Fitzgerald, second Schoenfelder to approve the second reading of the revised ordinance.

A REVISION TO CHAPTER 3:1.10 TO AMEND THIS SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

Section 3.1.10 Seasonal Accounts

Upon the request of a property owner, the City may suspend service for a fee of Fifteen (15) Dollars. Service may then be reinstated at a later date for a fee of Fifteen (15) Dollars.

Property owners seeking to suspend service shall be billed a monthly charge of Fifteen (15) Dollars while service is suspended.

First Reading: April 6, 2009

Second Reading: May 7, 2009

Hespe gave an update on the interest amounts for money market accounts. Interest rates were checked at both banks that the town has funds in. Farmers State Bank in Parkston had a higher rate so \$100,000 was transferred from the operating account into a money market account there. This was talked about and approved at a previous meeting. A letter was also received from First National Bank in Mitchell that the money market account there was approaching a dormant status. Motion was made by Fitzgerald, seconded by Schoenfelder to withdraw the interest that has accumulated on this account and transfer it to the new money market account at Farmers State Bank.

Schoenfelder added a discussion about the lease between the fire board and the town for use of the building. It was decided to table any further discussion until the town board can meet with the fire department and women's auxiliary. Motion to table was made by Mathis, seconded by Fitzgerald. Roll call vote; aye – Stadlman, Fitzgerald, Mathis; opposed – Schoenfelder.

NEW BUSINESS

A gift of appreciation was presented to Stadlman for his 17 years of service on the town board.

The Oath of Office was rendered to Josh Franks and Chad McGuire.

Motion Mathis, second Franks to appoint Nancy Schoenfelder as chairman.

Motion McGuire, second Franks to appoint Terry Mathis as vice-chairman.

Motion Franks, second McGuire to appoint Schoenfelder and Mathis as signatory's on the bank accounts at Farmers State Bank in Parkston and First National Bank in Mitchell.

Terry Mathis will take over Gary Stadlman's position to work with Jim Montgomery on Emergency Management.

Camden Hofer from SPN gave an update to the board on several items. He will work with Hespe to complete a population projection. The results from the flow meter at the lagoon show excessive inflow and infiltration. It is usually cheaper to expand than to repair this problem. He is also working with Brett Scott and Dakota Pump on the lift station. If some money was spent for corrosion protection there could possibly be another ten years of service on the current lift station. The two drainage projects have been looked at. SPN was waiting for official notification to proceed with surveying these projects. SPN will draw up a letter of agreement on what the city wants done before surveying. An application was completed by SPN for a grant to apply for funds to complete the school project. A recreation trail is being proposed on the west side of the school. On the east side it is planned to do curb and gutter where the rocks currently are. The total proposal on this project was \$68,700 with the request of grant money for \$50,700. Motion made by Mathis, second by Franks to have a resolution to apply for the grant.

RESOLUTION 2009-01

A RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDS

WHEREAS, the town board in and for the Town of Ethan, Davison County, South Dakota is applying for grant funds. These funds are for curb and gutter on 3rd Street and a recreation trail on 2nd Street both by the school.

WHEREAS, the town board finds this project would benefit the town by improving safety for transportation users.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the town board, in and for the Town of Ethan, Davison County, South Dakota authorizes a grant application to be submitted to South Dakota Department of Transportation for money to help fund this project.

Motion McGuire, second Franks to open a public hearing for the malt beverage licenses. John Hart commented that he could hear music at 2:00 am on Sunday, May 3rd from Chubby's. He also commented that there needs to be a fenced in area for a beer garden if people are going outside with beer. This fence should also have a fire escape. Motion McGuire, second Franks to close the hearing. Motions Franks, second Mathis to approve the malt beverage licenses for Chubby's Bar, Agland Coop and Cooks Inn with the concerns noted by John Hart.

The adoption of a new personnel manual was tabled until the June meeting. The town's attorney is still reviewing the manual.

Scott gave an update on the water lines in town. Morris Alcott from SDRW completed a report after the flow testing was done. From the water tower to 3rd Street are new lines. There are a few weak points on the east side of town and five dead ends. There are also four blocks of asbestos lines throughout town. Morris will create maps which the town will get. Scott also notified the board that the water tower cleaning was performed on April 31st.

While SDRW was doing the flow testing he recommended each apartment complex and each duplex pay separate surcharge and sewer for dwelling and not by building. Motion Franks, second McGuire to table this to a later date to gather more information.

Motion Franks, second Mathis to declare the surplus property of the Sharp SF2020 copier as having no value.

Scott asked the board if the town was going to mow the property of Tim Nelson again this summer. A letter will be sent to Nelson to notify him that he has one week to mow or the town will do it at a rate of \$75 per hour which will be billed to him.

Scott requested the purchase of a digital chlorine tester and a pH meter. Currently the town is using a swimming pool tester for chlorine and new supplies are needed. The supplies would cost about \$150 and a new digital tester would cost \$400 and meets SD requirements. The pH meter is used to do testing at the lagoon and would cost about \$200. Motion Franks, second Mathis to have Scott purchase both new items. Scott also asked the board about chip sealing the streets. This project should be done about July. Scott was told to get quotes for 17 blocks of chip seal.

Hespe presented a SD Municipal Clerk Program registration to the board. This is a 3 year school that is one week long in July. Motion McGuire, second Franks to have Hespe attend and pay registration, travel and lodging.

John Hart pointed out some ordinances that he feels need changed. Ordinance Section 2.3.6, Regular Meetings and Section 2.3.3, Trustees. The board asked John in the future to put notice on the agenda at least 7 days in advance if he has things to bring up. These ordinances will be reviewed by the board.

There will be no regular meeting on Monday, June 1st. There will be a special meeting on Thursday, June 4th at 7:30 pm at city hall.

There was some discussion about the vacant board position. It was pointed out that Joe Long and Jason Raymond expressed interest in the position. Gallus Thill was also mentioned as a possibility. The board felt it was in the best interest of the town to have someone with some experience on the board and therefore asked Robert Fitzgerald to fill the position. Motion by Franks, second McGuire to appoint Fitzgerald. He will take the oath of office at the June meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion Mathis, second Franks to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on April 6 and special meeting on April 20, 2009.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Motion McGuire, second Franks to approve claims.

CLAIMS **May 7, 2009**

General Fund

1	Amy Moe	salary	\$41.56
2	Brett Scott	salary	

3	Gary Stadlman	salary	\$83.11
4	Nancy Schoenfelder	salary	\$83.11
5	Robert Fitzgerald	salary	\$83.11
6	Sonya Hespe	salary	\$1,254.58
7	Terry Mathis	salary	\$83.11
8	Agland Coop	fuel and meal for flow testing	\$134.28
9	BPI	supplies & new copy machine	\$831.66
10	Cook's In	meals for clean-up day & election	\$37.35
11	Daily Republic	publishing	\$878.05
12	Farmers State Bank	payroll taxes	\$510.70
13	Izabel Erpenbach	election pay	\$100.00
14	Janice Feiner	election pay	\$100.00
15	Lyle Signs	4-way stop signs	\$58.46
16	Marlys Paulson	election pay	\$100.00
17	McLeods	supplies	\$12.50
18	Menards	supplies	\$142.81
19	Mike's Corner	batteries	\$74.00
20	Mitchell Iron & Supply	supplies	\$28.34
21	Mitchell Regional Landfill	services for clean up day	\$187.98
22	Morgan Theeler LLP	legal fees	\$24.75
23	NW Energy	street light 405.72; fire hall 8.22	\$413.94
24	Petty cash	postage	\$126.02
25	Pioneer Designs	pickup logo	\$50.00
26	Randy Schoenfelder	maintenance work	\$100.00
27	Runnings	supplies	\$7.96
28	Santel	telephone	\$102.27
29	SD Dept of Revenue	malt beverage license	\$275.00
30	Sonya Hespe	refreshments for clean-up day	\$21.84
31	Sun Gold Trophies	supplies	\$65.00
32	US Treasury	2007 3rd quarter payroll tax	\$169.97
33	US Treasury	2007 4th quarter payroll tax	\$15.42
34	US Treasury	2008 3rd quarter payroll tax	\$268.01
35	US Treasury	2008 4th quarter payroll tax	\$242.70
36	USDA - RD	monthly loan payment	\$1,023.00
37	USDA - RD	monthly loan payment	\$368.27
38	Weber Sanitation	garbage service	\$1,250.00

*** previously approved claim Intuit \$131.42, US Postal Service \$270.60, Brett Scott \$1461.92

Water Fund

1	Brett Scott	salary	
2	Hanson Rural Water	5/09 usage	
3	NW Energy	utilities	\$40.34
4	Randy Schoenfelder	flow testing	\$90.00
5	SD Dept of Revenue	water testing	\$12.00

*** previously approved claim Hanson Rural Water March usage \$1979.80, Brett Scott \$487.30

Sewer Fund

1	Brett Scott	salary	
2	Dennis Puepke	maintenance at lagoon	\$25.00
3	Menards	supplies	\$8.57
4	Mitchell Regional Landfill	services	\$8.12
5	NW Energy	utilities	\$67.22
6	Santel	telephone	\$30.06

*** previously approved claim Brett Scott \$487.30

Motion Mathis, second Franks to go into executive session at 10:25 pm.
Motion Franks, second McGuire to come out of executive session at 10:49 pm.

Meeting adjourned.

Sonya Hespe
Finance Officer

Nancy Schoenfelder
Chairman