

Regular Meeting, Ethan Town Board, 5-9-11

The Town of Ethan board met in regular session on May 9, 2011 at the Ethan Fire Hall at 7:00 pm. Members present were Nancy Schoenfelder, Dale Meinke, Lisa Hjellum and George Puetz. Member absent was Robert Fitzgerald. City personnel present were Sonya Hespe and Bill Kinder. Others present were Gallus Thill, Diane Reinfeld (left at 8:11pm), Anna Jauhola (left at 8:51pm), Ray Wermers (arrived at 7:25 pm, left at 8:10), and Duane Duba (arrived at 8:20 pm).

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

Motion Hjellum, second Meinke to approve the agenda with additions.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion Hjellum, second Meinke to approve the minutes from the April 4, 2011 special meeting and the April 11, 2011 regular meeting.

#### APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

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

General, sewer and water funds - employee and board wages \$4337.97; Aflac, insurance \$128.42; Agland Coop, fuel and supplies \$350.56; Brett Scott Flex Med \$92.00; Card Services; postage & supplies \$100.10; City of Parkston, street sweeping \$595.00; Daily Republic, publishing \$348.93; Davison County Quarterly Sheriff protection \$1,800; Farmers State Bank, payroll tax \$607.22; Hanson Rural Water, bulk water \$2,651.00; Larry's I-90, repair \$172.25; Leader, supplies \$84.90; MARC, supplies \$526.39; Mitchell Regional Land Fill \$8.27; Menards, supplies \$138.15; NorthWestern Energy, utilities \$682.71; Petty Cash, postage \$30.99; Santel, telephone \$111.17; SD Dept of Revenue, sales tax \$79.64; SD Dept of Revenue, testing \$193.00; SD Municipal League staff development \$75.00; SD one call locates \$2.10; SD Retirement, retirement \$428.08; Sonya Sturdevant, supplies \$31.32; USDA - RD, loan \$368.27 and \$368.28; Weber Sanitation, garbage service \$1,250.00; WorldPay, credit card machine charges \$1.6.

#### OLD BUSINESS

After discussion on the option for a new city building a motion was made by Schoenfelder, second Puetz to put the new building to a public vote. Date will be set when all required information is obtained. Discussion on rent a temporary city office. Roll vote Aye Hjellum, Meinke, Puetz, Schoenfelder abstains

Lagoon project was discussed. Staff will check SPN to schedule a special meeting about repairs and drainage project.

The quote of \$6,960.00 from Commercial Asphalt on Ash St. repairs was reviewed. Information about a DOT grant was presented and discussed. Grant could possibly be used for repairing 6<sup>th</sup> St.

Motion Puetz second Meinke to have Legislative Audit to conduct an internal review.

Property owner who received notices last year about nuisance property were ask to inform city by May 1, 2011 of their plans to correct their violations. Abatement procedure will be enforced for those that have not notified the city. Permission was given to Tom Stirling to do a controlled burn on his property if the fire department and his insurance company will allow it.

#### NEW BUSINESS

The Oath of Office was rendered to Nancy Schoenfelder, Dale Meinke, and Lisa Hjellum

Motion Meinke, second Puetz to appoint Nancy Schoenfelder as chairman.

Motion Puetz, second Schoenfelder to appoint Lisa Hjellum as vice-chairman.

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

Motion Schoenfelder second Puetz to open a public hearing for the malt beverage licenses.

Motion Schoenfelder, second Puetz to close the public hearing.

Motion Hjellum, second Puetz to approve the malt beverage license application for 2011-2012 for Agland Coop Chubby's Bar, and Ethan Pub & Grill.

Building permit reviewed and approved for Darrah Anderson.

Board declared surplus the old water tower and appraisals will be sought before bids are advertised.

Alumni celebration given approval for parade 10:00 A.M. June 4, 2011 the route will start at park and go west on Main to cheese factory.

Hespe gave the sheriffs report to the board. Board gave approval for Kinder to purchase a laptop computer.

Clean up day volunteers will receive Ethan Bucks for their time and if they provided a vehicle or trailer to help pay for gas and usage, as followed \$30 for Gary Hoffman and Roger Pollreisz, \$15 for Mary Petrik, Layne Hespe, Sonya Hespe, Deb Bigge, and \$10 for Tristan Scott, Wesley Bigge, Brooke Bigge, and T.J. Bigge.

Motion Schoenfelder, second Meinke to send Kinder to Finance Officers School in June, Motion Carries.

Board discussed having land fill opened first Saturday of the month.

Next regular board meeting is Monday June 6 at 7:00 pm.

Motion Puetz, second Meinke to adjourn at 9:49 pm.

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Bill Kinder  
Finance Officer

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Nancy Schoenfelder  
Chairman

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