

Regular Meeting, Ethan Town Board, 5-9-16

The Town of Ethan board met in regular session on May 9th, 2016 at the Ethan City Hall at 6:00 pm. Trustees present were Lisa Hjellum, Jason Koch, Howard Caylor, and Megan Perry. Trustee absent was Robert Fitzgerald. City personnel present were Mac Tilberg & Brett Scott. Members of the public included Community Center committee members, Shane Comp and Marty Royston. Also present; Logan Sorenson.

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

Motion Koch, second Perry to approve the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion Perry, second Caylor to approve the minutes from the April 11th, 2016 regular meeting.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Motion Koch, second Perry to approve the claims as presented. General, sewer, water, preservation and community center funds * employee and board wages - board \$39176, Hanson Rural Water, bulk water \$3,395.00 and loan repayment \$423.00, Agland Coop, fuel \$50.30; Badger Meter, services \$67.51; Card Services, Postage \$6.45; NorthWestern Energy, utilities \$638.84; Santel, telephone \$141.26; South Dakota One Call, locating service \$10.50; SD Retirement, retirement \$416.00; Johnson Heating & Cooling, 3901.50; Weber Sanitation, garbage service \$1,269.99; Aflac, insurance \$100.68; USDA – RD, loan \$368.27 and \$1,023.00; WorldPay, credit card machine charges \$31.28; Interstate Door & Glass, 18.63; Colonial Research, 478.64; Ethan Coop Lumber, 44.62; South Dakota Dept. of Revenue, water testing \$15.00; Campbell Supply, tools & supplies \$530.35; Aaron Electric, \$459.00

BUSINESS

Town Board Chair Lisa Hjellum administered the Oath of Office to Mac Tilberg, Town of Ethan Finance Officer.

Motion by Perry, second by Koch to appoint Logan Sorenson to the Town Board of Trustees until the next regular election.

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Motion by Perry, second by Caylor to elect Lisa Hjellum as Town Board Chair.

Motion by Caylor, second by Perry to elect Jason Koch as Town Board Vice-Chair.

Brett Scott informed the board of remaining funds available from the Consolidated Water Facilities Construction Program. Brett presented the Board with 3 projects. Abandoning the old water fill station, installation of a meter pit at the Community Center, and 20 hours of software support for Clerk Books utility billing. Motion Hjellum, second Caylor to approve these projects with remaining funds coming from the Program.

General discussion of the board concerning the nuisance ordinances. Each spring, a list is prepared of those properties needing attention to conform with the nuisance ordinances of the Town. Brett Scott will prepare a list for the Board to review, along with letters sent to the property owners. The list will also include some sheds in disrepair. The board will review the nuisance properties at the June 13th meeting.

The Board set the “clean up” day for Tuesday, May 24th and Wednesday May 25th. Notices will be posted around town to get the word out.

Representatives from the Community Center Committee presented the board with a draft rental agreement and requested the board allow them to start renting the building. The board discussed the need to review the language in the agreement to ensure the Town would not be liable for incidents during an event. Mac will discuss this with the Town Attorney and bring the final draft back to the Board in June. The board also discussed not opening the center to public use until construction is completed. Rates for using the building were also discussed. Motion by Perry, second by Koch to table the Community Center rental contract and allow the Committee to start kitchen construction provided it meets the bid laws of South Dakota.

CITIZEN INPUT

No citizen input.

REPORTS

Monthly reports were reviewed. The next regular board meeting is Monday, June 13th, at 6:00 pm.

Motion by Perry second Caylor to adjourn at 7:42 pm.

Mac Tilberg
Finance Officer

Lisa Hjellum
Chairman

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