

Regular Meeting, Ethan Town Board, 11-10-14

The Town of Ethan board met in regular session on November 10, 2014 at the Ethan City Hall at 5:00 pm. Members present were Lisa Hjellum, Robert Fitzgerald, Howard Caylor, Joe Long and Dale Meinke. No members were absent. City personnel present were Sonya Hespe & Brett Scott. Others present were Bill Kretschmer (left 6:37 pm), Deb McCartney (left 6:37 pm), Pat McCann (arrived 5:06 pm, left 7:59 pm), Will Andersen (arrived 5:11 pm, left 6:37 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 Meinke to approve the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion Fitzgerald, second Caylor to approve the minutes from the October 14, 2014 regular meeting and October 20, 2014 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 \$6,330.96; SD Dept of Revenue, license \$14.00; Hanson Rural Water, bulk water \$3,323.90 and loan payment \$423.00; Agland Coop, fuel & supplies \$142.37; Auch Plumbing & Heating, construction \$21,723.17; Brown & Saenger, supplies \$118.00; Campbell's Supply, supplies \$14.30; Card Services, postage & supplies \$595.72; Colonial Research, supplies \$416.44; Daily Republic, publishing \$1,469.94; McFarland Supply, supplies \$48.68; Menards, supplies \$1,016.03; Menning Backhoe, construction \$147,323.76; Morgan Theeler LLP, legal \$613.78; Muth Electric, construction \$5,855.13; NorthWestern Energy, utilities \$759.67; Santel, telephone \$137.48; SD Assoc of Code Enforcement, dues \$40.00; SD Dept of Revenue, testing \$418.00; SD Finance Officer Assoc, dues \$40.00; SD Municipal League, dues \$436.41; SD One Call, locates \$14.70; SD Retirement, retirement \$760.62; SPN, services \$5,078.95; USA Blue Book, supplies \$175.61; Weber Sanitation, garbage service \$1,280.00; Wholesale Electronics, supplies \$324.77; Intuit, fees \$3.39; Aflac, insurance \$100.68; Farmers State Bank, payroll tax \$1,367.34; SD Dept of Revenue, sales tax \$100.46; USDA – RD, loan \$368.27 and \$1,023.00; WorldPay, credit card machine charges \$32.50.

OLD BUSINESS

Bill Kretschmer & Deb McCartney inquired about some items on the notice they received about nuisance issues. They were informed that all items remained on the list but it has been noted that some items have been resolved. The board will continue to proceed with the court case to get the remaining issues resolved however Kretschmer can still be working on the issues in the meantime.

An update was given for the water meter project. At the time of the meeting there were about 4 meters left to replace, some radio & software issues are still being worked on and a few curb stops will need to wait until spring to be repaired.

Brett gave an update to the board with notes he got from SPN regarding the lagoon project, Safe Routes to School and 6th Street repairs. The lagoon project is substantially completed and the contractor is working on the final punch list. There was no new information on the other projects.

Will Andersen had some items to review on the animal control contract that was drawn up. They will be reviewed and a revised contract will be negotiated.

Motion Meinke, second Caylor to declare the old city shop as surplus. An appraisal was done by three (3) property owners in town with an average value for the building and land as is at \$416.

NEW BUSINESS

Pat McCann with Maxwell & Bowar Agency gave the annual review on the insurance package. Some changes will be made to adjust values and property changes.

Pat McCann also discussed the possibility of the town purchasing the Catholic Church to be used as a community center. The Diocese would like to sell the property but will have some stipulations on it. Further discussion will be tabled for a future meeting.

CITIZEN INPUT

No citizen input.

REPORTS

Monthly reports from sheriff's office, lagoon & tower readings were available to the board for review.

The next regular board meeting is Monday, December 8th at 5:00 pm.

Motion Meinke, second Caylor to adjourn at 8:03 pm.

Sonya Hespe
Finance Officer

Lisa Hjellum
Chairman

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