

Regular Meeting, Ethan Town Board, 11-13-17

The Town of Ethan board met in regular session on November 13, 2017, at the Ethan City Hall at 6:00 pm. Trustees present were Lisa Hjellum, Jason Koch, Megan Perry, Gregg Thibodeau and Nancy Schoenfelder. City personnel present: Betty Raymond and Dave Duba. Also present were Joe Schroeder from SPN and Pat McCann from Maxwell & Bowar.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda was amended to move Safe Routes discussion ahead of the Community Center. Approved on motion by Perry, second by Thibodeau to accept the agenda as amended.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion Perry, second Thibodeau to approve the minutes from the October 16th regular meeting. Motion approved. There were no minutes from the Community Center as they did not meet.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Motion Koch, second Thibodeau to approve the claims.

General, sewer, water, preservation and community center funds * employee and board wages – board wages \$415.57, employee wages \$3497.55; SDML Workers' Comp Fund, insurance \$200.00; SD DENR, loan payment \$3698.65; SD Retirement \$558.46; Jacob Aragon, water meter refund \$85.00; Mario Hidalgo, water meter refund \$76.73; Kelly & Kim Goldammer, water meter refund \$28.00; Agland Co-op, fuel \$144.09; Badger Meter, monthly charge \$70.09; Betty Raymond, mileage \$49.50; Card Services, postage & supplies \$1018.92; Centennial Carpet, carpet \$4991.94; County Fair, Historical \$127.41; Daily Republic, publishing \$152.70; ELO Prof LLC, support \$200.00; Ethan Coop Lumber, supplies \$216.58; KO Pest, mosquito fogging \$95.00; Maxwell & Bowar, insurance \$97.00; Menards, supplies \$533.91; Mike's Corner, parts \$17.79; NorthWestern Energy, utilities \$1050.44; Olinger Carpet Service, installation \$1840.00; Patzer Woodworking, bathroom countertop \$106.50; Santel, telephone and repair \$173.47; SD Department of Revenue, testing \$15.00; SD Municipal League, dues \$463.95; SPN, project admin fees \$216.25; Stahl's Painting, ECC \$1634.60; Weber Sanitation, garbage service \$1290.00; QuickBooks Payroll Services \$3501.28; SD Dept of Revenue, sales tax \$102.22; US Treasury, employment taxes \$1381.74; US Bank, loan payment \$6399.24; USDA, loan payment \$1023.00; WorldPay, credit card machine charges \$30.29; Hanson Rural Water, tower/water \$4494.00.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: The Finance Officer presented the current financial statements to the Board. Reported that most expense accounts are within budget. A budget supplement for one account was recommended. Further review will be done at the December meeting.

WATER/SEWER REPORT: The Board reviewed and discussed the water loss report. There have been some small water leaks and those individuals have been contacted.

CITIZEN INPUT: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Safe Routes to School: Joe Schroeder presented an update of the project and informed the council of the new completion date of December 8th. Motion by Thibodeau, second by Koch to approve the extension.

Community Center: None

Nuisance Properties: One report of a dog being allowed to roam freely. Sheriff was contacted and he spoke with the individual about her dog.

Parking and Ditch on 3rd Street: Most of the large rock has been removed from the east side ditch. Discussed the special school meeting regarding future plans which would include the traffic situation on the east side of the school. Discussed setting up a joint meeting with the school board or perhaps representatives from boards could meet for discussion. SPN will look at the area and make some suggestions.

NEW BUSINESS:

Pat McCann presented the new insurance plan to the council for 2018. With the new company the cost would decrease from the previous year.

Discussed the purchase a tractor and a 4-wheeler with spray attachments. USDA will be contacted to come to the December meeting to discuss financing options. The council asked Dave to check on prices.

Budget Supplement: A first reading of the 2017 Supplemental Budget was reviewed by the board.

Liquor License Renewals: Motion by Schoenfelder, second by Thibodeau, to renew the licenses for the American Legion and for Chubby's.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion Hjellum, second Koch to enter into executive session at 7:40 pm pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2 (1) for personnel review. Hjellum declared executive session over at 7:50 pm. Motion by Thibodeau, second by Koch, to increase Dave Duba's wage to \$16.50 per hour.

The next regular board meeting is December 11th at 6:00 pm.

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

Betty Raymond
Finance Officer

Lisa Hjellum
Chairman

Published once at the approximate cost of \$_____.