

Special Meeting, Ethan Town Board, 9-21-15

The Town of Ethan board met in special session on September 21, 2015 at the Ethan City Hall at 6:00 pm. Members present were Lisa Hjellum, Robert Fitzgerald, Howard Caylor, Jason Koch and Megan Perry. There were no members absent. City personnel present were Sonya Hespe and Brett Scott. Others present were Nancy Fradet (left 7:18 pm), Shane Comp (left 6:18 pm), and Jeff Bathke (left 6:44 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 Perry, second Koch to approve the agenda.

BUSINESS

Shane Comp, president of the community center committee, gave an update on some plans for the community center. He also made a request for the city to loan some money to the center so they could start on some of the projects and the facility could be rented sooner. There are some fundraisers being organized and the city would be paid back for the loan. During the budget discussion later in the meeting, the board opted not to do a loan at this time. They'd like to see some money coming in before they make any type of investment.

Jeff Bathke from Davison County Emergency Management gave an annual report and update of the services offered.

Nancy Fradet from Fischer Rounds & Associates presented some health insurance information for an employee group policy. The board also received quotes from the State Health Pool. The information from both companies will be reviewed further before a decision is made.

Bob & Rose Oberembt requested part of the street be blocked off by their house during an auction on Saturday, September 26th. Approval given.

A building permit was approved for Don Clauson.

Second reading of the addition of Ordinance 7.1.7 was read. This added ordinance will be adopted 20 days after publication. Motion Fitzgerald, second Koch to approve the second reading of the added ordinance.

AN ADDITION TO CHAPTER 7.1 TO ADD THIS SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

Section 7.1.7 Debris

It shall be unlawful for any person to place, throw or deposit or cause to be placed, thrown or deposited any glass, waste paper, dirt, dead leaves, grass, ashes or other waste material on any of the streets, avenues, alleys or public grounds in the city.

First Reading: September 15, 2015
Second Reading: September 21, 2015

Motion Perry, second Hjellum to increase the water usage rate from \$6.00 / 1,000 gallons to \$6.50 / 1,000 gallons effective on the September billing. The reason for the increase is Hanson Rural Water has increased their rate by \$0.20 / 1,000 over a two year period and also due to the increase in operating expenses.

Motion Koch, second Perry to approve the 2016 appropriations budget.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion Fitzgerald, second Hjellum to enter into executive session at 7:48 pm pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2.1. Hjellum declared executive session over at 8:42 pm.

Motion Perry, second Koch to adjourn at 8:42 pm.

Sonya Hespe
Finance Officer

Lisa Hjellum
Chairman

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