

Regular Meeting, Ethan Town Board, 9-8-10

The Town of Ethan board met in regular session on September 8, 2010 at the Town Hall at 7:00 pm. Members present were Nancy Schoenfelder, Robert Fitzgerald, Josh Franks and Chad McGuire. City personnel present were Sonya Hespe and Brett Scott. Others present were Dale Meinke, Brad Ciavarella (arrived at 7:28, left at 8:14), Matt Erpenbach (arrived at 7:31, left at 8:14), Jim Montgomery (arrived at 8:10, left at 8:24).

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

Motion Franks, second Fitzgerald to approve the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion Fitzgerald, second Franks to approve the minutes from the August 9 regular meeting and August 23 special meeting.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Motion McGuire, second Franks to approve the claims as presented.

GENERAL FUND

Brett Scott	salary for September 1 paycheck	\$1,454.96
Chad McGuire	wages	\$83.12
Josh Franks	wages	\$83.12
Kim Sinkie	wages	\$83.12
Nancy Schoenfelder	wages	\$83.12
Robert Fitzgerald	wages	\$83.12
Sonya Hespe	wages	\$627.96
Aflac	employee insurance	\$77.06
Agland Coop	fuel & supplies	\$279.94
Agland Coop	Ethan Bucks	\$25.00
Bartscher Concrete & Masonry	sidewalks at drainage project	\$5,610.00
BPI	supplies	\$262.27
Brett Scott	cafeteria plan reimbursement	\$180.00
Commercial Asphalt	street repairs	\$49.28
Daily Republic	publishing	\$575.28
Davison County Auditor	quarterly sheriff protection	\$1,800.00
Ethan Coop Lumber	supplies	\$22.50
Farmers Alliance	supplies	\$37.50
Farmers State Bank	payroll taxes	\$407.04
Lyle Signs	street signs	\$117.27
MARC	supplies	\$304.00
Maxwell & Bowar	insurance	\$575.00
Menards	supplies	\$31,840
NorthWestern Energy	utilities	\$419.87
RBS WorldPay	credit card machine usage charges	\$1.69
Robert Fitzgerald	animal control	\$63.13
Santel	telephone	\$94.18
SD Dept of Revenue	bi-monthly sales tax	\$156.00
SD Retirement	retirement	\$259.84
Sonya Hespe	mileage	\$10.00
UMB Card Services	postage & supplies	\$499.54
USDA – RD	loan payment	\$368.28
Weber Sanitation	garbage service	\$1,250.00

SEWER FUND

Brett Scott	salary for September 1 paycheck	\$484.98
Sonya Hespe	wages	\$209.33
Aflac	employee insurance	\$25.68
Agland Coop	supplies	\$9.73
Bailey Metal Fabricators	repairs	\$181.28
Brett Scott	cafeteria plan reimbursement	\$60.00
Ethan Coop Lumber	supplies	\$4.00
Farmers State Bank	payroll tax	\$124.20
MARC	chemical	\$328.00
NorthWestern Energy	utilities	\$68.78
RBS WorldPay	credit card machine usage charges	\$2.78
Santel	telephone	\$30.28
SD Dept of Revenue	testing	\$420.00
SD Retirement	retirement	\$86.62
UMB Card Services	postage & supplies	\$103.51
USDA – RD	loan payment	\$654.72

WATER FUND

Brett Scott	salary for September 1 paycheck	\$484.98
Sonya Hespe	wages	\$209.33
Aflac	employee insurance	\$25.68
Brett Scott	cafeteria plan reimbursement	\$60.00
Farmers State Bank	payroll tax	\$124.20

Hanson Rural Water	bulk water	\$2,929.40
Matt Hohn	deposit refund	\$85.00
NorthWestern Energy	utilities	\$13.25
RBS WorldPay	credit card machine usage charges	\$4.81
SD Dept of Revenue	water testing	\$12.00
SD Retirement	retirement	\$86.62
USDA – RD	loan payment	\$368.27

OLD BUSINESS

Brad Ciavarella and Matt Erpenbach explained the phase process and fees for the new city building.

Hespe informed the board of various options for funding of the new city building and furnishings. There are funds available in a CD that could be used for furnishings and some building costs. USDA has a loan currently at 4.25% interest with a 40 year term. Santel Communications has an economic development loan with a negotiable interest rate but the term is only 10 years. NorthWestern Energy has a Charitable Giving program where they donate funds for community and civic organizations. This could possibly help fund some of the furnishings for a community area.

Hanson Rural Water had a written offer to have the current water tower removed for \$12,000. The cost of this would be added to the loan with HRW paying 70% and the Town of Ethan paying 30%. This would be approximately \$8400 for HRW and would be in lieu of the \$200 per year lease for the 99 year lease agreement. The board did not accept this offer.

Hespe and Scott asked the board again about setting up committees to oversee various departments. The board asked to have a list of what committees would be needed and will be discussed at the October meeting.

Second reading of the addition of Ordinance 6.6 Golf Carts was read. This added ordinance will be adopted 30 days after publication. Motion Franks, second McGuire to approve the second reading of the added ordinance.

AN ADDITION TO CHAPTER 6.6 TO ADD THIS SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

Section 6.6.1 Definitions

For the purposes of this Ordinance, the term “golf cart” means a vehicle originally and specifically designed and intended to transport one or more individuals and golf clubs for the purpose of playing the game of golf on a golf course.

“Operator” means any person who operates or who is in actual physical control of a golf cart.

“Owner” means any person other than a lien holder having legal title or ownership to a golf cart and entitled to the use or possession thereof.

Section 6.6.2 General Operation

Golf carts shall not be allowed to operate within the Town except as authorized by state statute or by this section. Golf carts properly registered pursuant to this chapter shall be allowed to travel on the roadway portion of public streets, alleys, and other roadways within the town except those highways where golf carts are prohibited by state statute. An operator of a golf cart shall comply with all town and state traffic rules and regulations applying to vehicles generally, except that a golf cart shall not be required to have a bell, horn or directional turn signals.

Section 6.6.3 Operator

It is unlawful to operate a golf cart on the streets, alleys, roadways or other public places within the town limits unless the operator has a valid driver’s license or permit and proof of insurance in their possession.

Section 6.6.4 Registration

It shall be unlawful to operate a golf cart within the town unless the same shall have been registered in the Town of Ethan who shall upon proper application issue a registration tag which shall be displayed around the steering column.

Registration shall be permanent unless or until the golf cart changes ownership. The golf cart must be re-registered in the new owners name immediately upon change of ownership. The fee for the registration will be set by the board through a motion process.

Any and all ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

First Reading: August 9, 2010
Second Reading: September 8, 2010

Due to the state increasing the minimum water and sewer base fees to be eligible for funding, the board reviewed the water and sewer rates. Several cities and towns have their water surcharge based off the size of the meter instead of a flat rate. Several examples were shown to the board on this. After some discussion it was decided to table the meeting until September 9th so Hespe could come up with various figures.

Because of the possible changes in water and sewer rates the second reading of the 2011 budget is also being tabled until September 9th. New amounts will be presented with various options according to the scenarios talked about with the new rates.

NEW BUSINESS

Jim Montgomery, the Davison County Emergency Management Officer, gave an elected officials briefing.

The traffic control issue on the county road in front of the school was explained by Scott. Estimates were given on a flashing beacon possibly being installed on both the north and south bound lanes. Franks, McGuire and Scott will attend the school board meeting on 9-13-10 to see if the school has any other suggestions.

REPORTS

Scott informed the board that he has been applying for various permits and waivers for the Wastewater treatment facility. The first report for the lagoon is due to DENR in November. He is also about ready to stop the lagoon discharge. There will be a dump inspection coming up soon.

Next regular board meeting is being moved to Wednesday, October 13 at 7:00 pm due to Hespe attending a conference.

At 11:19 pm the meeting was recessed until Thursday, September 9 at 7:00 pm.

The Town of Ethan board reconvened in regular session on September 9, 2010 at the Town Hall at 7:00 pm. Members present were Nancy Schoenfelder, Robert Fitzgerald, Josh Franks and Chad McGuire. City personnel present were Sonya Hespe and Brett Scott.

Chairman Schoenfelder called the meeting to order.

OLD BUSINESS

The discussion on the water and sewer rates was revisited. In 2009 a motion was made to increase the water from \$4.50 per 1,000 gallons to \$5.00 per 1,000 gallons. This will remain the same. As requested the evening before, Hespe presented the board with 2 options for the water surcharge rates based upon meter size. The cheaper option of the 2 was chosen. Properties with a 5/8" meter will remain at a surcharge of \$15 per month. Properties with a 1" meter will have an increase and the surcharge will now be \$37.50 per month. Properties with a 1.5" meter will have an increase and the surcharge will now be \$75.00 per month. Properties with a 2" meter will have an increase and the surcharge will now be \$120.00 per month. There are approximately less than 12 properties that will be affected by this higher surcharge. The sewer rate will be increased \$4.00 per month above the current rate. This puts residential properties at \$22.00 per month, the apartments at \$42.00 per month and the school at \$117.50 per month. Motion Franks, second Fitzgerald to approve the motion with the above listed water and sewer rates.

The 2011 budget was reviewed with the newly approved water and sewer rates. Motion Schoenfelder, second McGuire to approve the 2011 budget.

Motion Franks, second McGuire to adjourn at 7:58 pm.

Sonya Hespe
Finance Officer

Nancy Schoenfelder
Chairman

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