

Regular Meeting, Ethan Town Board, 9-9-14

The Town of Ethan board met in regular session on September 9, 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 Camden Hofer & Terry Aaker (left 6:00 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 Long, second Fitzgerald to approve the agenda.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion Long, second Fitzgerald to approve the minutes from the August 11, 2014 regular meeting and August 25, 2014 special meeting.

#### APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Motion Long, second Meinke to approve the claims as presented.

General, capital outlay, sewer, water and preservation funds - employee and board wages \$6,181.21; Hanson Rural Water, bulk water \$4,189.70 and loan payment \$423.00; Harvey Hanselman, trailer \$150.00; Advantage Business Solutions, billing software \$1,794.00; Agland Coop, fuel \$33.95; Brown & Saenger, supplies \$55.69; Campbell's Supply, supplies \$90.39; Card Services, postage & supplies \$219.52; Daily Republic, publishing \$169.95; Davison Conservation District, construction \$2,078.90; Davison County Auditor, sheriff protection \$1,800.00; Maxwell & Bowar, insurance \$31.00; Menards, supplies \$304.20; Menning Backhoe, construction \$20,293.56; Metering & Technology Solutions, water meters \$59,901.32; Morgan Theeler LLP, legal \$630.00; NorthWestern Energy, utilities \$712.37; Santel, telephone \$133.67; SD DENR, annual fees, \$50.00; SD Dept of Revenue, testing \$13.00; SD Municipal League, registration \$100.00; SD One Call, locates \$4.20; SD Retirement, retirement \$837.68; Sonya Hespe, cafeteria plan \$300.00; SPN, services \$3,379.05; Topkote, street repairs \$11,750.67; USA Blue Book, supplies \$161.48; Weber Sanitation, garbage service \$1,270.00; Intuit, fees \$3.07; Aflac, insurance \$100.68; Farmers State Bank, payroll tax \$1,546.46; SD Dept of Revenue, sales tax \$95.87; USDA - RD, loan \$368.27 and \$1,023.00; WorldPay, credit card machine charges \$31.25.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Motion Long, second Meinke to approve the addition of 4 meter pits to the water meter project. The town will pay for the installation and pit but the homeowner will be responsible for the maintenance after installation is complete.

Camden gave an update on the lagoon project. The extended deadline is September 30 and there are still some items that need completed.

Terry Aaker from SPN is working on the Safe Routes to School grant project.

Motion Long, second Meinke to accept the agreement with SPN to design the specs on repairs for 6<sup>th</sup> Street.

Some surplus items were discussed again. Further information is needed from the attorney before proceeding.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Weber Sanitation requested that the residents be asked to trim trees that hang over the streets because the branches are hitting the truck. Ordinance does state that it shouldn't be less than 10 feet.

Brett asked about adding a concrete pad by the north garage door on the west end of the shop. This will be done when the concrete is poured for the radio tower and kennel.

Ethan School requested permission for a homecoming parade on Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am.

The first reading of the 2015 budget was reviewed.

#### CITIZEN INPUT

No citizen input.

#### REPORTS

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

There will be a special meeting on Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 pm. The next regular board meeting is Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm.

Motion Hjellum, second Fitzgerald to adjourn at 9:28 pm.

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Sonya Hespe  
Finance Officer

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Lisa Hjellum  
Chairman

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