

Regular Meeting, Ethan Town Board, 3-7-16

The Town of Ethan board met in regular session on March 7, 2016 at the Ethan City Hall at 6:00 pm. Trustees present were Lisa Hjellum, Robert Fitzgerald, Howard Caylor, Jason Koch and Megan Perry. City personnel present were Brett Scott. Others present were Lyle Lingemann (left 6:55).

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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion Koch, second Fitzgerald to approve the minutes from the February 8, 2016 regular meeting.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Motion Perry, second Fitzgerald to approve the claims as presented.

General, sewer, water, preservation and community center funds * employee and board wages 5317.14; Hanson Rural Water, bulk water \$2,980.80 and loan repayment \$423.00; Agland Coop, fuel \$57.54; Badger Meter, services \$67.51; Card Services, postage & supplies \$623.45; Daily Republic, publishing \$78.44; NorthWestern Energy, utilities \$1,271.79; Santel, telephone \$137.22; SD Retirement, retirement \$416.00; Weber Sanitation, garbage service \$1,269.99; Intuit, fees \$3.71; Aflac, insurance \$100.68; SD Dept of Revenue, sales tax \$88.31; USDA – RD, loan \$368.27 and \$1,023.00; US Treasury, payroll taxes \$1,095.32; WorldPay, credit card machine charges \$29.01; Ethan Historical Committee, matching grant \$500.00; Petty Cash, general fund \$44.89; Eric Aragon, water deposit refund \$85.00; Morgan Theeler LLP, legal \$35.00; Maxwell & Bowar, insurance premium \$962.00; Davison County Auditor, 1st quarter sheriff payment \$1800.00; South Dakota Dept. of Revenue, water testing \$30.00

BUSINESS

Authorized signatures for Farmers States Bank and Menards charge account were discussed.

South Dakota Association of Towns & Township dues and benefits were briefly discussed. No action taken.

Lisa Hjellum has been designated to represent Ethan at the Davison county consolidated board of equalization meeting.

Motion Fitzgerald, second Caylor to award \$500 fundraising matching grant to the Ethan Historical Preservation Committee for heating and cooling equipment to be installed in the Museum.

Scott informed the board that Ethan Coop Lumber may have interest in connecting water service to an existing building located on W. Main Street. This would require installing a new water line to the adjacent American Legion building and the existing water line would serve the lumber yard building. The estimated cost is \$1,750. The completion of this project would simplify the water distribution layout and also conform to language used in existing ordinances. Motion Caylor, second Fitzgerald to proceed. The board asked if Ethan Coop Lumber would consider cost sharing the project.

Motion Perry, second Koch to approve a building permit presented by Josh Franks. Due to property line and the adjacent fire department building it will be necessary for Franks to obtain permission from the Ethan Fire District prior to construction.

CITIZEN INPUT

Lyle Lingemann expressed dissatisfaction to a \$10 late fee assessed to his water bill for paying 3 days late. He indicated compliance with town requests during construction of the apartments and he feels water service fees have unfairly increased since then.

Lyle lingemann expressed interest in purchasing the former Holy Trinity Catholic Church building from the Town of Ethan to privately build a community center for Ethan residents. The Town does not intend to sell and will continue to develop the Ethan Community Center with a committee and volunteer based format.

REPORTS

Monthly reports were reviewed. Scott updated the board on finance officer tasks that have been completed and upcoming training classes necessary to maintain contact hours and certifications for maintenance personnel.

RESIGNATION & VACANT POSITION

Motion Koch, second Perry to accept finance officer resignation from Sonya Hespe and hire interim person until position is filled permanently.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion Perry, second Fitzgerald to enter executive session at 7:00 pm according to SDCL 1-25-2 (1).

Hjellum declared executive session over at 8:00 pm.

The next regular board meeting is Monday, April 11th at 6:00 pm.

Motion Perry, second Koch to adjourn at 8:01 pm.

Brett Scott

Lisa Hjellum
Chairman

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