

Regular Meeting, Ethan Town Board, 01-18-2022 (Rescheduled from Jan.17<sup>th</sup>, 2022)

The Town of Ethan board met in regular session on January 18th, 2022, at 6:10 pm in the Ethan City Hall. Trustees present were Gregg Thibodeau, Megan Perry, Bob Riggs, Raquel Nesheim and Jason Koch. City personnel present: Dave Duba and Michele Pollreisz.

Chairman Thibodeau 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 approved on motion by Koch, second by Perry.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from the Dec 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting were approved on motion by Riggs, second by Nesheim. No Community Center minutes.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Finance Officer reviewed some of the financial reports from December. Lucas Device has been delivered to Ethan Fire Department.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Discussed water loss report and noted that water loss was low this month. Discussed the water leak that was found and fixed in town.

CITIZEN INPUT: None.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

Motion by Riggs, second by Koch, to approve claims.

General, sewer, water, preservation and community center funds \* employee and board wages – board wages \$300.13, Finance wages \$2217.94; Public Works wages, \$2794.00; Dave Duba, Bonus \$325.00; Michele Pollreisz, Bonus \$225.00; Badger Meter \$124.95; Betty Raymond, training fee \$68.00; Don and Tricia Warren, deposit refund \$8.00; Card Services \$541.66; ClerkBooks Inc, \$150.00; CMC Excavation \$6571.41; Davison County Auditor \$1800.00; DANR, dues \$350.00; Hanson Rural Water; water services \$3900.50; Menards, supplies \$49.77; Midwest Fire (Tessiers) \$100.00; Mike's Corner, fuel \$348.03; Morgan Theeler \$322.50; NorthWestern Energy, utilities \$1745.86; Planning and Development Dist III \$646.00; Runnings \$17.99; Santel \$133.41; SD 811 \$8.40; SD Gov Finance Officers Assoc, Yearly Dues \$40.00; SD Municipal Street Maintenance Assoc, Yearly dues, \$35.00; Department of Health, testing \$15.00; SD Retirement System \$36.98; SD Retirement System \$772.12; Weber Sanitation, garbage service \$1756.00; Century Business Products, copier lease \$74.53; John Deere Financial, tractor payment \$640.51; QuickBooks Payroll Services \$5011.94; SD Dept of Revenue \$118.35; USDA, loan payment \$1023.00; US Treasury ,Payroll Liability \$1502.08.

OLD BUSINESS:

Community Center: Hohn Construction will be repairing the awning and gutters on ECC in the next couple weeks. They are waiting on supplies that have been ordered. Will be installing security cameras.

Housing Project: Tabled

Bereavement Policy: Was approved and updated in policy manual granting 2 days a year for each employee on motion by Perry, second by Nesheim.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Perry, second by Riggs, to approve the following designations for the year 2022: newspaper, Daily Republic; engineer, SPN & Associates; attorney, Morgan Theeler Law Firm; banks, Farmers State Bank and First National Bank.

Motion by Nesheim, second by Riggs, that wages remain the same: board pay, \$75.00 per meeting attended; chairman pay, \$100.00 per meeting attended; Finance Officer wages, \$16.00 per hour; Public Works wages, \$19.60 per hour; and that mileage rate stays at the state rate of \$0.42 per mile. Established holiday closings as listed in the ordinances.

State law allows the council to pre-approve expenditures to prevent late fees, and approve recurring payment items such as payroll and its corresponding liabilities. Motion by Riggs, second by Koch, to approve the Finance Officer to pay the recurring bills in a timely manner.

Discussed joint election with the school which will be April 12th. The city will have one 3-year term open. Joint election approved on motion by Riggs, second by Koch.

Ethan Tralriders presented an application for the Community Grant to put towards the building of their new Crows Nest at the Ethan Horse Arena. A \$500 grant was approved on motion by Riggs, second by Perry. Ethan Tralriders will be fundraising to match the \$500 grant.

Executive Session: SDL 1-25-2 (1 & 4): None

Next regular board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 9th, 2022 at 6:00 pm.

Motion by Nesheim, second by Perry, to adjourn at 6:40 pm.

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Michele Pollreisz  
Finance Officer

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Gregg Thibodeau  
Chairman

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