

Regular Meeting, Ethan Town Board, 11-9-2020

The Town of Ethan board met in regular session on November 9, 2020, at 6:00 pm in the Ethan City Hall. Trustees present were Gregg Thibodeau, Jason Koch, Lisa Hjellum and Bob Riggs, with Megan Perry joining by phone. City personnel present: Dave Duba, with Betty Raymond via phone. Others present: none

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: The agenda was approved on motion by Hjellum, second by Riggs.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from the October 12th meeting were approved on motion by Hjellum, second by Koch. There were no Community Center minutes.

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 \$738.80, Finance wages \$1728.93; Public Works wages, \$4064.97; Hanson Rural Water System, \$4161.50; SD Retirement System \$878.94; Badger Meter, \$70.95; Bender's Sewer & Drain, \$670.00; Betty Raymond, mileage \$31.08; Brosz Engineering, chip seal project \$57,505.98; Commercial Asphalt, patch material \$32.40; Daily Republic, publishing \$13.72; ELO Prof LLC, report filing \$100.00; Ethan Co-op Lumber, supplies \$25.46; McLeod's, office supplies \$111.48; Menards, supplies, \$66.84; Michelle Klumb, deposit refund \$50.00; Mike's Corner, fuel \$106.35; Morgan Theeler, consult \$196.00; NorthWestern Energy, utilities \$1009.04; Santel, telephone \$154.72; SD Department of Health, water tests \$165.00; SDML Workers Comp Fund, insurance \$1877.00; South Dakota 811, locate calls \$10.50; Weber Sanitation, garbage service \$1442.00; John Deere Financial, tractor payment \$640.51; QuickBooks Payroll Services \$5793.90; SD Department of Revenue, sales tax \$106.82; US Treasury, payroll taxes \$1919.00; USDA, loan payment \$1023.00.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Finance Officer discussed current financials and informed council that CRF funds have been received. No budget adjustment is necessary at the time. Mentioned a security assessment program being done by DSU. More information will be provided at the next meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Discussed water loss report and also the lagoon levels. Will be contacting HydroKlean again to see if sewer repairs can be done yet this fall.

CITIZEN INPUT: none

OLD BUSINESS:

Street Signs: As discussed at a previous meeting, Ethan missed out on the street project that was done in Davison County. The SD Dept of Transportation has been contacted and they will plan to work Ethan into the future project for Hutchinson County.

Animal Permit: A permit to allow pet animals to be kept in the pasture just outside the city limits was drafted and approved on motion by Hjellum, second by Koch. A permit was needed since the animals will cross city limits to get to shelter during inclement weather.

NEW BUSINESS:

Daycare Request: Received a request to rent the basement of the Community Center for a daycare. Because of the potential liability due to the stairs, the council was against the idea. There is another location that may be available and will be suggested as an alternative.

Ammo Box License Renewal: Motion to approve the renewal of the on-sale liquor license was made by Hjellum, seconded by Koch. Motion approved.

Community Center: Discussed hiring an on-call cleaning person for when facility isn't being properly clean after an event and to increase the deposit to \$75. Also discussed the need for additional lighting in the hall, stripping and resealing the kitchen floor and possibly putting a keyless entry on the back door. Finance officer will check into the cost of these changes.

Health Insurance: Dave Duba currently receives a stipend for his existing health insurance plan rather than the city taking out a plan. That plan increased in cost by less than \$30.00 per month for 2021. Motion by Riggs was made to cover this increase, seconded by Perry, and approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (per SDCL 1-25-2, 1): None

The next board meeting will be December 14th at 6:00 pm. Motion by Hjellum, second by Koch, to adjourn at 6:41 pm.

Betty Raymond
Finance Officer

Gregg Thibodeau
Chairman

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