

Regular Meeting, Ethan Town Board, 12-14-2020

The Town of Ethan board met in regular session on December 14, 2020, at 6:10 pm in the Ethan City Hall. Trustees present were Gregg Thibodeau, Jason Koch, Lisa Hjellum, Megan Perry and Bob Riggs. City personnel present: Dave Duba and Betty Raymond. 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 November 9<sup>th</sup> regular meeting and the November 23<sup>rd</sup> special meeting were approved on motions by Riggs, second by Hjellum. The minutes from the November 2nd Community Center meeting were reviewed with no comments.

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 \$974.02; Public Works wages, \$2700.41; SD Retirement System \$555.96; Jake Aragon, refund \$150.00; Badger Meter, \$70.95; C&B Operations, mirror for tractor \$164.47; Card Services, misc \$81.30; Daily Republic, publishing \$47.72; Farmers Alliance, chemicals \$106.75; Henke Tractor, mower repair \$321.85; Maxwell & Bowar, insurance \$14,897.00; McLeod's, office supplies \$221.30; Mike's Corner, fuel \$139.50; NorthWestern Energy, utilities \$1299.33; Santel, telephone \$149.23; SD Department of Health, water tests \$15.00; SD Finance Officers Assoc., dues \$40.00; SD Municipal League, dues \$495.81; SD Municipal Street Assoc, dues \$35.00; SDWWA, certification renewal \$10.00; Weber Sanitation, garbage service \$1462.00; John Deere Financial, tractor payment \$640.51; QuickBooks Payroll Services \$3674.43; SD Department of Revenue, sales tax \$107.91; US Treasury, payroll taxes \$1254.22; US Bank, loan payment \$6399.24; USDA, loan payment \$1023.00.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Finance Officer discussed current financials. Also presented the inventory for City Hall and shop plus Community Center. Discussed adding the park and lagoon machinery shed to the inventory list

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Discussed water loss report noting that it was an estimate since the tower meter is down. HRWS has the part ordered. Sewer repairs are nearly complete and the GPS project with mapping is almost done.

CITIZEN INPUT: none

OLD BUSINESS:

Community Center: Still waiting on the quote for additional lights in the hall. The keyless entry will have to wait because wi-fi is needed for that type of lock.

Deposit for ECC: Discussed the rental deposit and a motion to increase the deposit from \$50 to \$75 was made by Koch and seconded by Perry.

Ethan Lake: The city has been given the picnic/boat ramp area by the lake. There is a monument there that is to be returned to the Weber Family if the city ever decides to vacate the area. An agreement to that effect was approved on motion by Riggs, second by Hjellum.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trees: The application to receive trees from Davison County Conservation expired in November, but the council will look into this for next year.

Liquor License: Renewal for the license for the American Legion was approved on motion by Riggs, second by Koch.

Garbage rate increase: Weber Sanitation will be increasing their rate after the first of the year. After discussion, motion was made by Hjellum, second by Riggs, to increase our rate a total of \$1.00 including tax. Motion approved with Perry opposed.

Change from utility post cards: With the new copier, the postcards for water billing are not feasible. Finance Office asked to use regular sized paper and envelopes instead of the cards. This will begin after the first of the year in order to use up stock.

Equipment for Fire Dept: Proposed using Covid Relief Funds to purchase needed radios. These would be applied for by the city and kept on the city inventory for use by the Fire Department. Motion to apply for the grant was made by Riggs, seconded by Koch, and approved with Thibodeau abstaining.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (per SDCL 1-25-2, 1): Motion by Hjellum, second by Koch, to enter into executive session at 7:05 pm for personnel reasons. Session ended at 7:10 pm on motion by Riggs, second by Hjellum.

A motion was then made by Perry, seconded by Riggs, to pay a bonus of \$250 for finance and \$300 for maintenance personnel.

The next board meeting will be January 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. Motion by Hjellum, second by Koch, to adjourn at 7:15 pm.

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Betty Raymond  
Finance Officer

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Gregg Thibodeau  
Chairman

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