

Regular Meeting, Ethan Town Board, 2-9-2021

The Town of Ethan board met in regular session on February 9, 2021, at 6:00 pm in the Ethan City Hall. Trustees present were Jason Koch, Gregg Thibodeau, Megan Perry and Bob Riggs. Lisa Hjellum was absent. City personnel present: Betty Raymond and Dave Duba.

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 Riggs, second by Koch.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from the January 11<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved on motion by Riggs, second by Perry. 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 \$300.13, Finance wages \$808.05; Public Works wages, \$2742.73; Hanson Rural Water System, \$3855.50; SD Retirement System \$536.12; David & Tara Keller, meter refund \$55.32; Badger Meter, monthly fee \$71.38; Card Services, \$118.50; Daily Republic, publishing \$69.01; Daniel Duba, welding \$50.00; ELO Prof LLC, support \$150.00; McLeod's Printing & Office, supplies \$95.96; Mike's Corner, fuel \$154.22; Motorola Solutions, radios \$5560.04; Northern Truck Equipment, plow parts \$1829.93; NorthWestern Energy, utilities \$2005.93; S&M Printing, check stock \$156.53; Santel, telephone \$116.53; SD Department of Health, testing \$15.00; South Dakota 811, locate calls \$11.55; Vicki Fluth, ECC refund \$25.00; Two Way Solutions, radio install \$953.96; Weber Sanitation, garbage service \$1696.00; Century Business Products, copier lease \$76.16; John Deere Financial, tractor payment \$640.51; QuickBooks Payroll Services \$3550.78; SD Dept of Revenue, sales tax \$107.17; US Treasury, employment taxes \$1148.78; US Bank, loan payment \$6399.24; USDA, loan payment \$1023.00.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Finance Officer reviewed 2020 adjusted financials noting that all expense accounts were within budget. Reviewed tax report from Davison County Auditor and the January 2021 financials.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Discussed water loss report noting that the tower meter has been replaced. Discussed having to replace a meter due to frozen pipes and meter. Home owner will be billed. Also noted that more meters need to be purchased for back up. Dave stated that he will be going to MSHA training this month and also asked to council to look at a section of First Street that needs repair.

CITIZEN INPUT: Riggs reported on two citizen concerns. One was on when late notices are processed. The due date is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month and notices are mailed, after processing all payments, on the 16<sup>th</sup>. The second concern was why the city is plowing the cemetery and that rock is going into the grass. Dave responded that he has been asked to plow, although it is not city property and it is as a courtesy. He has does go back and try to clean up the rock as much as possible.

OLD BUSINESS:

Community Center: The annual Don Garvis Memorial Bingo and Community Service Award has been postponed until later in the year. Also discussed placement of the new lighting.

CRF Funds: Finance Officer reported that the grant money requested for the purchase of the radios has already been received.

Ordinance Review: A draft of the ordinances has been received. Council asked that it be emailed to them for review at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Collector: It has been suggested by Metering Technology that the city may want to purchase a back up collector. If ours fails it can take several months to get a new one in place. Tabled on motion by Perry, second by Riggs, pending more information regarding cost and warranty.

Gutters at ECC: Gutters on the west side of the Community Center have been broken off by wind (just the part of the building where the basement steps are). Council asked staff to get a quote for the gutters. Also discussed repairing or replacing the awning over the front doors.

Security Cameras: Discussed purchasing additional cameras for City Hall building. Gregg will check into adding to the existing system.

Waiver Request: Customer requested her late payments be waived. Council felt that since it clearly states on the invoice that the payment is due on the 15<sup>th</sup> that it is the customer's responsibility to comply. Motion to deny request was made by Perry and seconded by Koch. Approved.

Budget Supplement: Due to receiving a CRF grant, it is necessary to adjust the budget. Approved on motion by Riggs, second by Koch.

RESOLUTION No. 2021-01  
AUTOMATIC SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

WHEREAS, the Town of Ethan has been awarded CARES Act grant funds from the State of South Dakota to address the COVID-10 public health emergency as provided for in the Local Government COVID Recovery Fund Reimbursement Agreement. In order to account for these additional funds and their expenditures that were not previously appropriated for or in the 2021 budget, it is proposed that the following automatic supplemental appropriations be made and hereby adopted in accordance with SDCL 9-21-9.2.

	<u>General</u>	<u>General</u>
FROM:	330.334 State Grants 360.010 Misc Income	6439.00 75.00
TO:	429.422 Other Protection	<u>6514.00</u>
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This resolution is effective upon passage.

Approved this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021.

Gregg Thibodeau, President

Attest: Betty Raymond, Finance Officer

EXECUTIVE SESSION (per SDCL 1-25-2, 1 & 4): None

The next board meeting is Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

Motion by Koch, second by Perry, 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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