

Regular Meeting, Ethan Town Board, 3-9-2020

The Town of Ethan board met in regular session on March 9, 2020, at 6:00 pm in the Ethan City Hall. Trustees present were Lisa Hjellum, Gregg Thibodeau, Jason Koch, Nancy Schoenfelder and Megan Perry. City personnel present: Betty Raymond and Dave Duba.

Chairman Hjellum called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.  
All motions were unanimously voted as aye unless stated otherwise.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** A request for a Community Grant was added to the agenda. Adjusted agenda was approved on motion by Thibodeau, second by Hjellum.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes from the February 10<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved on motion by Thibodeau, second by Perry. Community Center minutes were reviewed.

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:**

Motion by Perry, second by Thibodeau, to approve claims.

General, sewer, water, preservation and community center funds \* employee and board wages – board wages \$230.88, Finance wages \$1222.76; Public Works wages, \$2702.30; Card Services, \$459.51; Daily Republic, publishing \$192.73; Hanson Rural Water System, \$3879.75; SD Retirement Systems \$595.78; Badger Meter, monthly fee \$70.95; Bender's Sewer & Drain, check for sewer leak \$291.00; Betty Raymond, mileage \$46.20; Brad's Instrument Repair, ECC sound system \$3898.47; Electrical Engineering & Equipment, repair \$132.50; Interstate Glass & Door, ECC repair \$122.44; Krohmer Plumbing, ECC sewer \$571.94; McLeod's Printing & Office Supply, supplies \$145.63, Menards, supplies \$134.69; Mike's Corner, fuel \$201.45; Muth Electric, security light bulb \$45.50; NorthWestern Energy, utilities \$2152.09; Santel, telephone \$159.17; SD Department of Health, testing \$15.00; SDWWA, conference \$90.00; Sun Gold Sports, award \$26.00; Weber Sanitation, garbage service \$1310.00; John Deere Financial, tractor payment \$640.51; QuickBooks Payroll Services \$3925.06; SD Dept of Revenue, sales tax \$99.04; US Treasury, employment taxes \$1268.30;; USDA, loan payment \$1023.00.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

Finance Officer discussed current financials.

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:** Discussed water loss report. Discussed condition of streets which is largely due to excess ground water. Discussed grant application for the purchase of a pump instead of hiring one. Dave reported that he informed the driver of the semi that was parking on Main Street that it is not allowed.

**CITIZEN INPUT:** Nancy informed council that the Historical Society is planning to change the museum lighting to LED which should save the city lighting expense.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Community Center: Nothing currently under way.

Internal Control Review: This is in progress and should have the report in a couple of weeks.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Annual Report:** Finance Officer presented the report which was approved on motion by Perry, second by Schoenfelder, and will be published in the newspaper.

**Change Meeting Time:** A council member requested changing the meeting time from 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm. Since this is an ordinance the change will be presented at the next meeting.

**Election Workers and Wage:** Finance Officer reported that she has 2 workers and needs one more. Motion was made by Koch, second by Thibodeau, to leave the wage the same as last year at \$125 for the day.

**Daycare:** A citizen asked if the city would consider opening a daycare. Council discussed cost of purchasing a location, insurance requirements, state certification and the need for employees. An opinion poll was taken and all members were against the city owning and operating a daycare due to the cost and the liability.

**Community Grant:** Ethan Historical applied for \$500 in matching funds for Ham Bingo. Approved on motion by Perry, second by Koch.

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

Due to the election, the next board meeting will be April 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

Motion by Schoenfelder, second by Koch, to adjourn at 7:20 pm.

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Betty Raymond  
Finance Officer

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Lisa Hjellum  
Chairman

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