

Regular Meeting, Ethan Town Board, 5-10-2021

The Town of Ethan board met in regular session on May 10, 2021, at 6:00 pm in the Ethan City Hall. Trustees present were Jason Koch, Gregg Thibodeau, Megan Perry, Bob Riggs and Raquel Nesheim. City personnel present: Betty Raymond and Dave Duba. Others present: Sam & Ray Beeson, Crystal Young, Barb Young and Laura Klock.

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 April 12th meeting were approved on motion by Riggs, second by Koch. There were no Community Center minutes.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

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

General, sewer, water, preservation and community center funds \* employee and board wages – board wages \$300.13, Finance wages \$1388.19; Public Works wages, \$4081.64; Hanson Rural Water System, \$3828.50; SD Retirement System \$826.62; Badger Meter, monthly fee \$71.38; C&B Operations, parts \$50.41; Chuck's Paint & Blinds, replace office blinds \$416.00; Daily Republic, publishing \$171.93; Daniel Duba, plumbing \$134.87; ELO Prof LLC, support \$100.00; Ethan Co-op Lumber, supplies \$17.29; Farmers Alliance, spray \$161.15; Interstate Glass, repair 2 City Hall windows \$200.81; McLeod's Office Supply, \$ 207.84; Melissa Koch, cleaning \$37.50; Menards, supplies \$22.95; Mike's Corner, fuel & supplies \$243.56; NorthWestern Energy, utilities \$1362.53; Parkston Advance, advertising \$29.15; Petty Cash, \$20.43; Santel, telephone \$133.52; SD Department of Health, testing \$15.00; SD Finance Officers Assoc., conference \$75.00; SD Municipal League, budget training \$50.00; USA Blue Book, supplies \$38.36; Weber Sanitation, garbage service \$1696.00; Century Business Products, copier lease \$77.41; John Deere Financial, tractor payment \$640.51; QuickBooks Payroll Services \$5469.83; SD Dept of Revenue, sales tax \$121.26; US Bank, loan payment \$6399.24; USDA, loan payment \$1023.00; US Treasury, employment taxes \$1727.68.

OATH OF OFFICE: Megan Perry and Raquel Nesheim were sworn in for 3-year terms and Jason Koch for a 1-year term, completing Lisa Hjellum's term.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT & VICE-PRESIDENT: Motion was made by Perry, second by Riggs, nominating Gregg Thibodeau for council president. With no other nominations, Thibodeau will be council president. Motion by Thibodeau, second by Perry, nominating Jason Koch for vice-president. With no other nominations, Koch will be vice-president.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Finance Officer reviewed the financial reports from April and briefed the council about the upcoming ditch project on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street by the school. Council will review when more information is received. Also noted that she is looking into funding for a storm shelter at the park.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Discussed water loss report. Ethan School's "Day of Giving" will be May 12<sup>th</sup>. Discussed projects the students will be doing for the community. Dave reported that the school has asked if the city could be hired for snow removal at the school. This will be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

CITIZEN INPUT: Sam & Ray Beeson asked about putting in a handicap accessible area in front of the Ammo Box when they redo the sidewalk. The council had no objections. They also asked if the city has considered striping on Main Street which the city does not consider feasible at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

Community Center: none.

Ordinance Final Reading: Ordinances have been completed and are available for review on the Ethan website. Approved ordinances on motion by Perry, second by Riggs. Notice of ordinance update will also be published separately.

Security Cameras: Still reviewing.

Tractor Bids: Three bids were received and the highest bid of \$6102.00 from Terry Berndt was accepted on motion by Riggs, second by Nesheim.

NEW BUSINESS

Poker Run/Rib Fest: Helping with Horsepower would like to host a rib fest, poker run and other events on Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup> and asked if the city would approve. The council is in favor of the event and will proceed with documentation as the event draws nearer. The proceeds from the event will benefit the Heroes Helping with Horsepower Veteran's Equine Therapy program.

4<sup>th</sup> of July: Thibodeau reported that someone with a food truck is interested in setting up at the park on July 4<sup>th</sup> both before and after the fireworks. Council will need additional information but thought it was a good idea.

Executive Session: At 6:50 motion was made by Nesheim, second by Perry, to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel issues per SDCL 1-25-1 (1&4). At 6:55 the session was declared ended by Thibodeau. Council will meet in special session on May 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm for an interview.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

Motion by Perry, second by Nesheim, to adjourn at 7:00 pm.

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Betty Raymond  
Finance Officer

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Gregg Thibodeau  
Chairman

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