

Regular Meeting, Ethan Town Board, 5-11-2020

The Town of Ethan board met in regular session on May 11, 2020, at 6:00 pm in the Ethan City Hall. Trustees present were Lisa Hjellum, Nancy Schoenfelder and Gregg Thibodeau, with Jason Koch and Megan Perry via phone conference. City personnel present: Betty Raymond and Dave Duba. Also, Craig Reichenberg via phone.

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: Additions to the agenda under Old Business, chip sealing, and under New Business, prom walk. The amended agenda was approved on motion by Thibodeau, second by Schoenfelder.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Minutes from the April 13th meeting were approved on motion by Koch, second by Thibodeau. There were no Community Center minutes.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:
Motion by Thibodeau, second by Schoenfelder, to approve claims.
General, sewer, water, preservation and community center funds * employee and board wages – board wages \$369.39, Finance wages \$1175.00; Public Works wages, \$2691.14; Hanson Rural Water System, \$3752.25; SD Retirement Systems \$586.48; Kyle Erthum, refund \$78.05; Adapco, mosquito chemicals \$1529.90; Badger Meter, monthly fee \$70.95; Betty Raymond, mileage \$68.04; Card Services, postage and supplies \$603.25; Daily Republic, publishing \$274.26; Dakota Pump, install impeller \$2498.82; ELO, support \$200.00; Henke Tractor, oil & filter \$22.50; HydroKlean, manhole repairs \$13,050.00; Krohmer Plumbing, ECC sewer work \$378.06; McLeod's Printing & Office Supply, election supplies \$53.64; Menards, supplies \$58.26; Mike's Corner, fuel \$103.25; NorthWestern Energy, utilities \$1772.12; Santel, telephone \$150.52; SD Department of Health, testing \$802.00; State Flag Account, flags \$121.84; Weber Sanitation, garbage service \$1422.00; John Deere Financial, tractor payment \$640.51; QuickBooks Payroll Services \$3866.14; SD Dept of Revenue, sales tax \$107.92; US Treasury, employment taxes \$1451.58; US Bank, loan payment \$6399.24; USDA, loan payment \$1023.00.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:
Finance Officer discussed current financials and future revenue sources and expenses. Also, informed council of a Northwest Energy project to upgrade street lights to LED in the near future.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Discussed water loss report. Requested approval to proceed with repair on the bottom of one manhole. After discussion, repair approved on motion by Schoenfelder, second by Thibodeau. Dave also discussed using overtime hours as comp time, but Perry stated this is not legally allowed. Council suggested that he try to stay close to the allotted 40-hour week.

CITIZEN INPUT: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Community Center: Finance Officer informed Council of needed sewer repairs to prevent the continued blockages that occur with large group events. Also asked if the existing rentals can continue. Approved on motion by Thibodeau and second by Hjellum.

Clean Up Days: Dumpsters have been ordered and will be in place for May 14th and 15th.

COVID-19 Updates: Discussed the fact that softball was cancelled and American Legion baseball has been cancelled. Also noted that several surrounding towns have cancelled summer sports. Hjellum proposed that the city cancel the use of the ball field at this time. Approved with Hjellum, Perry and Koch in favor; and with Schoenfelder and Thibodeau opposed.

Chip Seal Contract: Reviewed new project contract. Approved on motion by Thibodeau, second by Schoenfelder.

NEW BUSINESS

Malt Beverage License: The Ammo Box applied for an off-sale malt beverage license. Approved on motion by Schoenfelder, second by Thibodeau.

Animal Control: Discussed dogs running loose. Owners have been contacted and also landlords. If these dogs are found loose again, they will be captured and impounded with a fine charged to the owners as per city ordinance.

Bulk Water: Finance Officer asked the Council to set a rate for bulk water being sold since there have been requests to purchase water. Motion was made by Thibodeau, second by Perry, to charge \$10 per 1,000 gallons.

Building Permits: Craig Reichenberg applied for permit to add onto his existing garage. Approved on motion by Thibodeau, second by Perry. Dave Duba requested permit to pour concrete slab and add a shed at the back of his property. Approved on motion by Thibodeau, second by Hjellum.

Prom Walk: Council expressed displeasure with the fact that the Prom Walk was not conducted in the manner that was initially presented. Permission to use the Community Center was not given by the City and this may result in more stringent access and key policies.

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

The next board meeting will be June 3rd at 6:00 pm to canvass the election and on June 15th at 6:00 pm for the regular meeting.

Motion by Thibodeau, second by Hjellum, to adjourn at 7:35 pm.

Betty Raymond
Finance Officer

Lisa Hjellum
Chairman

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