

Special Meeting, Ethan Town Board, 5-24-2021

The Town of Ethan board met in special session on May 24, 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

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 was to corrected to delete the first executive session as it was now unnecessary. Corrected agenda approved on motion by Perry, second by Riggs.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes from the May 10th meeting were approved on motion by Riggs, second by Perry.

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:**

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

General, sewer, water, preservation and community center funds \* Card Services, various expenses \$221.70; American Legal, ordinances \$2423.00; Daily Republic, publishing \$79.12; Hanson Rural Water systems, purchased water \$3954.50; JobsHQ, advertising \$117.36; Menards, supplies \$158.98

**FINANCE OFFICER REPORT:** Reported that she had canceled the application for Finance Officer School and has received a refund. Budget Training in July is still on. She also reported that she let the Sheriff's Department know about the ordinances now being newly organized and on the website. Mentioned to the Sheriff the number of underage children driving in town, the several broken windows which are apparently vandalism and asked what the city has a right to do about the stray cats running loose in town.

**CITIZEN INPUT:** Riggs mentioned that he received a call about the mowing at Ethan Lake. The person who was doing that is no longer able to volunteer. Asked the Finance Officer to contact Game, Fish and Parks to see if they can help out.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Day of Giving Back: Finance Officer reported on the job well done by the school. Will be sending a thank you.

Restrooms at Park: Due to increase misuse and mistreatment of the facilities, the council has recommended that the restrooms be locked at night. Discussed installing hands-free sinks, bottle filler, auto-flush toilets. Will wait to find out if funds are going to be available from additional COVID money for upgrading the facility.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Fireworks Donation: Finance Officer asked if the council wanted to do a \$500 donation toward fireworks as they have in the past. Motion made by Koch, second by Nesheim, to make the donation. Approved with Thibodeau abstaining.

Executive Session: At 6:30 motion was made by Riggs, second by Koch, to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel issues per SDCL 1-25-1 (1&4). At 7:17 the session was declared ended by Thibodeau. Motion by Riggs, second by Perry, for the council to extend an offer of employment to applicant.

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

Motion by Riggs, second by Koch, to adjourn at 7:30 pm.

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Betty Raymond  
Finance Officer

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Gregg Thibodeau  
Chairman

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