

Special Meeting, Ethan Town Board, 6-3-2020

The Town of Ethan board met in regular session on June 3, 2020, at 6:00 pm in the Ethan City Hall. Trustees present were Lisa Hjellum, Nancy Schoenfelder, Gregg Thibodeau, Jason Koch 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: Approved on motion by Perry, second by Hjellum.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from the May 3rd meeting were approved on motion by Perry, second by Schoenfelder.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

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

General, sewer, water, preservation and community center funds \* employee and board wages – SD Department of Revenue, malt beverage license \$150.00; Hanson Rural Water System, \$4088.00; Ron Stooksbury, refund \$72.96; Bender's Sewer & Drain, cleaning sewer lines \$1157.00; Brosz Engineering, chip seal project \$4000.00; Core & Main, locator \$843.99; Daily Republic, publishing \$217.94; Farmers Alliance, spray \$163.00; Interstate Glass & Door, rekey ECC \$156.15; SD DENR, annual fee \$190.00; SD Department of Health, testing \$199.00; SD Department of Revenue, sales tax \$109.44.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Reports will be available at the next meeting. The finance officer advised the council of the grand opening for The Ammo Box and that they plan to have outside music in a fenced area. Since this will be on their property, no additional permit is needed.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Dave reported on pump issues at the lagoon and was advised to check into the cost of a replacement pump if needed. He stated also that he will be starting work on ditches and culverts.

CITIZEN INPUT: None

OLD BUSINESS:

COVID-19 Updates: Due to recent citizen comments and concerns, the council provided the following clarification on the use of the park:

The playground equipment is available but the restrooms will not be opened, the ball field should have no team practices, no other towns can use the field and no large groups. Any families using the area are advised to practice social distancing.

Emergency Trash Pump: The purchase of a pump was approved at a previous meeting, but Dave asked for an amount that could be spent. The council stated that it should be no more than \$2200.

NEW BUSINESS

Canvass Election: The Board reviewed the results reported by the election board and approved the results on motion by Hjellum, second by Koch, with Thibodeau abstaining. Results were 80 votes: Logan Sorenson with 22, Gregg Thibodeau with 29 and Bob Riggs with 29. Thibodeau and Riggs will be installed at the June 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Street Repair: Prior to chip sealing, there are several areas that need to be repaved and crack sealing to be done. Two quotes were reviewed and the council decided unanimously to hire Clark Paving since they can do both the crack seal and repair.

Building Permits: The finance office advised the council of 3 building permits that were issued: Hohn & Sons Construction, Nancy Schoenfelder and Scott Kirchhevel.

District III Renewal: Motion to approve the renewal of the existing agreement was made by Schoenfelder, seconded by Perry. Approved.

Directory Update: The council members were asked to update their contact information for SD Municipal League. This will be published the Municipal League directory which lists all cities in South Dakota.

Inventory: It was suggested in the Internal Control Review that the city have an inventory list that is to be submitted annually to the council. The finance officer asked for minimum dollar limit. Motion by Thibodeau, second by Koch, that only items over \$500 in value need to be inventoried.

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

The next board meeting will be June 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

Motion by Hjellum, second by Thibodeau, 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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