

Regular Meeting, Ethan Town Board, 7-12-2021

The Town of Ethan board met in regular session on July 12, 2021, at 6:00 pm in the Ethan City Hall. Trustees present were Jason Koch, Gregg Thibodeau, Megan Perry, Bob Riggs with Raquel Nesheim absent. City personnel present: Betty Raymond, Michele Pollreis and Dave Duba. Also present Ben Klumb.

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 June 14th meeting were approved on motion by Riggs, second by Perry. There were no Community Center minutes.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

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

General, sewer, water, preservation and community center funds \* employee and board wages – board wages \$369.41, Finance wages \$779.96; Public Works wages, \$2721.10; Hanson Rural Water System \$6321.50; SD Retirement System \$528.36; Badger Meter \$195.90; Card Services, various expenses \$220.23; Daily Republic, publishing \$74.70; Davison County Auditor, Patrol \$1800.00; Jared Nesheim, fencing \$311.90; Maxwell & Bowar, Insurance \$525.00; McLeods Printing, office supplies \$107.88; Melissa Koch, cleaning \$50.00; Menards, supplies \$38.19; Michele Pollreis, Mileage \$65.10; Miiller Gravel \$175.72; Mike's Corner, fuel & supplies \$145.63; NorthWestern Energy, utilities \$1193.71; Santel, telephone \$135.70; SD Department of Health, testing \$15.00; Weber Sanitation, garbage service \$1676.00; Century Business Products, copier lease \$77.62; John Deere Financial, tractor payment \$640.51; QuickBooks Payroll Services \$3501.06; SD Dept of Revenue, sales tax \$117.35; USDA, loan payment \$1023.00; US Treasury, employment taxes \$1194.08.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Finance Officer reviewed the financial reports from June. Michele went to budget training and will beginning working on budget next week. Discussed street repair for one block of 1<sup>st</sup> street. Since already in the budget, will try to complete this fiscal year.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Discussed water loss report and noted there is still a leak and is working with SDRWS to locate the leak.

CITIZEN INPUT: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Community Center: None

Security Cameras: Gregg discussed types of cameras. Motion made by Koch, second by Perry, to purchase cameras for park and community center.

Housing Project: Gregg is still waiting to hear if Mitchell Tech is interested in building a house on city owned property in Ethan.

Medical Marijuana: First reading of the ordinance approved on motion by Riggs, second by Koch.

Employee Manual: Reviewed approved changes in the manual, council asked that copies be emailed to each member.

ELO authorization: After discussion, it was decided not to do ACH payments to ELO due to small usage.

NEW BUSINESS

Ethan baseball/softball: Ben Klumb informed the city that lights and poles have been donated for the ball field. Stated that wiring cost would be approximately \$31,000.00. Discussed possible funding options.

Contracted Finance Officer: Discussed contracting Betty Raymond for finance officer support on an as needed basis. She suggested \$12.00 per hour; however, the board felt that she should continue to be paid at her existing rate of \$16.00 per hour. Approved on motion by Riggs, second by Koch.

Clothing Allowance: Motion by Riggs, second by Perry to approve \$150.00 per year for finance officer clothing allowance.

Executive Session: None

The next board meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 16th at 6:00 pm.

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

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Michele Pollreis  
Finance Officer

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Gregg Thibodeau  
Chairman

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