

Regular Meeting, Ethan Town Board, 7-13-2020

The Town of Ethan board met in regular session on July 13, 2020, at 6:05 pm in the Ethan City Hall. Trustees present were Lisa Hjellum, Gregg Thibodeau, Jason Koch, Megan Perry and Bob Riggs. City personnel present: Betty Raymond and Dave Duba. Also present, Jake Aragon

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: The agenda was approved on motion by Perry, second by Hjellum.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from the June 15th meeting were approved on motion by Koch, second by Hjellum. There were no Community Center minutes.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

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

General, sewer, water, preservation and community center funds * employee and board wages – board wages \$808.08, Finance wages \$1240.29; Public Works wages, \$2680.99; Ethan Fire Department, donation \$500.00; Hanson Rural Water System, \$4351.50; Blue Tarp Credit, trash pump \$1524.49; SD Retirement Systems \$595.26; Badger Meter, \$195.90; C&B – Operations, tires for truck \$570.00; Card Services, supplies \$389.59; Daily Republic, publishing \$79.84; Dakota Pump, repairs \$596.94; Davison County Auditor, patrol \$1800.00; Farmers Alliance, chemicals \$85.45; Johnson Heating & Cooling, A/C check \$77.23; Maxwell & Bowar, insurance \$525.00; Menards, supplies \$110.53; Miiller Gravel, \$159.75; Mike's Corner, fuel \$188.55; NorthWestern Energy, utilities \$1109.43; Santel, telephone \$163.43; SD Department of Health, water test \$15.00; SD One Call, \$58.80; Weber Sanitation, garbage service \$1462.00; John Deere Financial, tractor payment \$640.51; SD Department of Revenue, sales tax \$107.46; QuickBooks Payroll Services \$3921.28; US Treasury, employment taxes \$1279.18; USDA, loan payment \$1023.00.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Finance Officer discussed current financials and stated that a preliminary budget will be available at the next meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Discussed water loss report. Reported that water levels in the sewer are low enough to do some needed repairs. Street repairs should start in the next couple of weeks. Discussed lagoon class in Mitchell and that the group will then be coming to view the Ethan lagoons as part of the training class. Thibodeau read letter from DENR for drinking water compliance and presented a certificate to Dave.

CITIZEN INPUT: Riggs mentioned that a citizen asked him about an influx of raccoons on the north side of town. He is looking into to it.

OLD BUSINESS:

Community Center: none

Nuisance Property Review: Discussed various properties that need tree trimming, weeding done and several that have general trash and debris in the yards. Letters will be sent out within the next week and dumpsters will again be provided and located at City Hall. Dates will be listed in the letters and posted as usual. Also discussed the possibility of purchasing vacant property for development. Discussed doing a title search on two properties.

Elm/Depot Street Repair: Motion was made by Koch, second by Riggs, to approve the grant application for funds to repair the streets and provide drainage to that area.

NEW BUSINESS

Donation: Motion was made by Perry, second by Riggs, to approve the \$500 donation to the Ethan Fire Department for the fireworks display. All in favor with Thibodeau abstaining.

Sidewalk Removal: Jake Aragon asked if the city had any objections to the removal of a hazardous sidewalk. Since it appears that the removal and leveling of this area will cause no redirection of water flow or flooding, the council saw no objections. Since sidewalks are the responsibility of and owned by the property owner, no city funds will be used. Aragon also stated that he may add a sidewalk to the front of the property.

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

The next board meeting will be August 10th at 6:00 pm.

Motion by Hjellum, second by Perry, to adjourn at 7:05 pm.

Betty Raymond
Finance Officer

Gregg Thibodeau
Chairman

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