

Regular Meeting, Ethan Town Board, 7-8-2019

The Town of Ethan board met in regular session on July 8, 2019, at 6:00 pm in the Ethan City Hall. Trustees present were Lisa Hjellum, Jason Koch, Gregg Thibodeau and Nancy Schoenfelder; Megan Perry arrived at 7:00. 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 Schoenfelder, second by Koch.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from the June 10th meeting were approved on motion by Koch, second by Schoenfelder. No minutes from the Community Center.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

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

General, sewer, water, preservation and community center funds * employee and board wages – board wages \$230.88, Finance wages \$1160.90; Public Works wages, \$2648.33; Card Services, \$271.91; Daily Republic, \$188.28; Farmers Alliance, spray \$72.40; SD Retirement, \$577.60; Aaron Electric, repair \$78.54; Badger Meter, monthly fee \$124.95; Betty Raymond, mileage \$155.40; Bryant Heating, HVAC check \$74.55; C&B – Mitchell, equipment lease \$375.00; Card Services, June \$213.35; Circle H Trading, dirt work \$400.00; Clark Paving, crack seal \$5317.26; Daily Republic, \$134.91; Dakota Supply Group, lagoon expense \$29.90; Davison County Auditor, patrol \$1800.00; Ethan Coop Lumber, supplies \$12.85; McLeods, office supplies \$403.73; Menards, supplies \$95.45; Miiller Gravel, street repair \$165.00; Mike's Corner, fuel \$259.85; NorthWestern Energy, utilities \$1405.70; Pioneer Research, sewer chemicals \$306.10; S&M Printing, \$89.00; Santel, telephone \$164.98; SD Assoc of Rural Water Systems, camera sewer \$750.00; SD Department of Health, testing \$362.00; Weber Sanitation, garbage service \$1310.00; QuickBooks Payroll Services \$3809.23; SD Dept of Revenue, sales tax \$97.03; US Treasury, employment taxes \$1230.12; USDA, loan payment \$1023.00; WorldPay, credit card fee \$46.72; Hanson Rural Water, tower/water \$4190.70.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Finance Officer discussed the current financials and reported on Finance Officer School.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Dave reported that a water leak was repaired and water loss is going down. SD Rural Water will camera more sewer lines to check for water infiltration. Crack sealing is done on the north-south streets and chip sealing should start this week depending on weather.

CITIZEN INPUT: none

OLD BUSINESS:

Community Center: Summer program is going well. Rental usage has increased.

Ordinances/Zoning: Reviewed Ordinances 10-12. Discussed changing the animal ordinance to allow for bottle calves and lambs. Vote as follows to leave ordinance as is banning the requested animals: yea, Hjellum, Koch, Thibodeau; nay, Schoenfelder.

Trees for Tower Park: Discussed current quotes for trees. It was decided to go with 2 maple and 2 lilac trees at this time. There will be donation of a 3rd maple tree also. If we are able to get a grant for additional trees, those will be planted later.

Code Enforcement: Continued to discuss code enforcement. Will wait on zoning discussion with Davison County before proceeding with a code enforcement person.

Drainage & Culverts: Discussed installing small culvert or pipe at 5th and Elm. Also discussed creating a ditch along Drake Street to provide better flow. Will also be clearing out silt from ditches as needed. Dave asked about part-time help if needed. Motion for culvert repair and part-time help made by Thibodeau, second by Koch.

GovPayNet: Training will be this week. If all goes well with training, should be available to the public by August 1st.

NEW BUSINESS:

Clarification of Building Permits: Finance Office asked if decks, shingles and siding needed a permit. The board stated that shingles and siding did not need a permit and that decks and/or porches needed permits only if attached to the house.

Temporary Liquor License: A fund raiser for the Sons of the American Legion is being done at the park and the city was asked about a permit to sell beer. This was approved on motion by Thibodeau, second by Perry, as long as the permit form is completed and proof of insurance is provided.

Lights for Ball Field: The City of Howard is taking bids on lights and poles. After discussion, motion was made by Koch, second by Perry, to submit a bid of \$7500 with Hjellum and Schoenfelder opposed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: none

The next board meeting is August 12th at 6:00 pm.

Motion by Thibodeau, second by Koch to adjourn at 8:30 pm.

Betty Raymond
Finance Officer

Lisa Hjellum
Chairman

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