

Regular Meeting, Ethan Town Board, 8-16-2021

The Town of Ethan board met in regular session on August 16th, 2021, at 6:04 pm in the Ethan City Hall. Trustees present were Jason Koch, Gregg Thibodeau, Megan Perry, Bob Riggs, and Raquel Nesheim. City personnel present: Michele Pollreisz and Dave Duba. Also, 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 approved on motion by Nesheim, second by Koch. Amend was made to add Pre-Disaster Mitigation Disaster Resolution under new business and added employee review.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
Minutes from the July 12th meeting were approved on motion by Perry, second by Riggs. There were no Community Center minutes.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:
Motion by Riggs, second by Perry, to approve claims.
General, sewer, water, preservation and community center funds * employee and board wages – board wages \$300.13, Finance wages \$1950.01; Public Works wages, \$2721.10; Hanson Rural Water System \$7041.50; SD Retirement System \$691.56; Brett Scott; refund \$75.00; Brittany Maas, refund \$77.12; Badger Meter \$70.52; Betty Raymond, training fee \$208.00; Card Services, various expenses \$838.95; Clark Paving, street repair \$14,446.42; Daily Republic, publishing \$76.16; ELO Prof LLC, support \$100.00; Farmers Alliance \$72.15; Interstate Glass, window repair \$269.43; KO Pest, spraying \$218.00; Menards, supplies \$213.32; Mike's Corner, fuel & supplies \$137.27; NorthWestern Energy, utilities \$1165.49; Santel, telephone \$135.37; SDARWS, dues \$385.00; SD Department of Health, testing \$15.00; SD 811, locates \$12.60; Van Diest, mosquito spray \$1427.50; Weber Sanitation, garbage service \$1696.00; Century Business Products, copier lease \$80.44; John Deere Financial, tractor payment \$640.51; QuickBooks Payroll Services \$4671.11; SD Dept of Revenue, sales tax \$114.35; USDA, loan payment \$1023.00; US Treasury, employment taxes \$1372.94.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:
Finance Officer reviewed the financial reports from July. Michele will be going to District III meeting on August 25th in Mitchell.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Discussed water loss report and noted that Dave found the large leak that we had in town without assistance from SDRWS. Discussed Homecoming parade and the Sept 11th event.

CITIZEN INPUT: None

OLD BUSINESS:

Community Center: Board discussed fixing the broken awning at the center. Approved on motion by Koch, second by Nesheim

Security Cameras: Cameras did come in and Gregg, Dave and Jason will be installing them soon at the park and ECC.

Housing Project: Gregg visited with Mitchell Tech and they are interested in building a house on city owned property in Ethan.

Medical Marijuana: Second reading of the ordinance approved on motion by Perry, second by Nesheim.

Baseball/Softball: Discussed the donation from Dick Muth and Muth Electric to cover the entire cost of installing the lights at the ball field. Also, received grants from Santel and NW Energy to be used for the ball field improvements.

Concession Stand/Storm shelter: Discussed applying for grants for concession stand/storm shelter and discussed the size needed.

Pre-disaster mitigation plan: Discussed the Resolution. Approved on motion by Perry, second by Koch.

NEW BUSINESS:

2022 Budget: 1st Reading approved on motion by Nesheim, second by Riggs.

Nuisance properties: Discussed sending letters to various property owners regarding debris and weeds on their lots. No action taken at this time.

2nd clean up day: After discussion, decided to only hold one a year due to costs.

Marijuana license fee: Discussed and approved on motion by Perry, second by Riggs to match the state recommended fee of \$5000.

Park Equipment: This was already discussed under old business.

Depot Street extension: Discussed reapplying for Community Access grant. Approved on motion by Nesheim, second by Koch to reapply for grant.

Message for next water billing: Discussed what information should be included in the next billing. Will send out info regarding nuisance property and other ordinance information.

Community Center: Discussed reaching out to community to take an active part in the future and upkeep of the center.

Executive Session: SDL 1-25-2 (1 & 4) The board entered into Executive session on motion by Riggs, second by Koch at 8:10 pm. At 8:25 pm session was declared over by Chairman Thibodeau.

Personnel review: Motion by Koch, second by Riggs to increase wages for Dave Duba to \$19.60 per hour.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 13th at 6:00 pm.

Motion by Perry, second by Nesheim, to adjourn at 8:30 pm.

Michele Pollreisz
Finance Officer

Gregg Thibodeau
Chairman

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