

Regular Meeting, Ethan Town Board, 9-13-2021

The Town of Ethan board met in regular session on September 13th, 2021, at 6:00 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 Riggs, second by Perry.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from the August 16th meeting were approved on motion by Riggs, second by Nesheim. Reviewed Community Center minutes.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

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

General, sewer, water, preservation and community center funds \* employee and board wages – board wages \$369.39, Finance wages \$2463.57; Public Works wages, \$2721.10; Hanson Rural Water System \$6141.50; SD Retirement System \$757.80; Badger Meter \$70.95; Betty Raymond, training fee \$252.00; Card Services, various expenses \$183.06; Daily Republic, publishing \$72.96; Farmers Alliance \$243.80; Maxwell and Bowar, Surety Bond \$50.00; Mcleod's Printing, office supplies \$159.89; Menards, supplies \$40.66; Mike's Corner, fuel & batteries \$725.02; NorthWestern Energy, utilities \$1383.22; Runnings, supplies \$10.99; S&M Printing, supplies \$99.00; Santel, telephone and computer repairs \$534.07; SD Department of Health, testing \$211.00; Secretary of State, Notary application \$30.00; Weber Sanitation, garbage service \$1716.00; Century Business Products, copier lease \$83.50; John Deere Financial, tractor payment \$640.51; QuickBooks Payroll Services \$5184.67; USDA, loan payment \$1023.00; US Treasury, employment taxes \$1415.98.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Finance Officer reviewed the financial reports from August.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Discussed water loss report and noted that water loss was much lower this month. Discussed the successful Sept 11<sup>th</sup> event. Mentioned that there is a skunk issue in town and that there are traps out in different areas to try and eliminate the issue. Dave stated that he will be attending the state surplus auction in Mitchell on Tuesday.

CITIZEN INPUT: Historical society wanted to reach out and thank city employees for taking over the weeding and trimming of plants around the gazebo at the water tower and the flower bed near museum by City Hall.

OLD BUSINESS:

Community Center: Betty asked permission to hold art classes at the center and to open 3 mornings a week this winter for people to walk laps inside. Discussed possibly having kids' art session and games during the legion craft fair in December. Council was in favor of ideas for additional usage.

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

Housing Project: No updates on having housing built by MTI.

2022 Budget: Was adjusted therefor, this is now the first reading which was approved on motion by Perry, second by Thibodeau.

ARPA Funds: Discussion was held. No decision needed at this time

NEW BUSINESS:

Lucas device: Further information is needed to obtain reimbursement. Purchase on hold until information is received.

Homecoming community meal: Meal was approved on motion by Nesheim, second by Thibodeau.

Letter for next water billing: Discussed informational topics to include in next water bill.

Community Grant: FFA and FCCLA submitted an application for the grant. Was approved on motion by Riggs, second by Nesheim.

Fines for ordinance violation: Discussed the ordinance which allows fines for violation of any ordinance. Notice will be given for violations. If no action is taken, fines will be imposed per city ordinance.

Executive Session: SDL 1-25-2 (1 & 4): None

A special board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 22nd at 6:00 pm. Next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

Motion by Riggs, second by Nesheim, to adjourn at 7:45 pm.

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Michele Pollreisz  
Finance Officer

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Gregg Thibodeau  
Chairman

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