

Regular Meeting, Ethan Town Board, 1-15-2024

The Town of Ethan board met in regular session on January 15th, 2024, at 6:00 pm in the Ethan City Hall. Trustees present were Gregg Thibodeau, Bob Riggs, Raquel Nesheim, and Jason Koch. City personnel present: Dave Duba and Michele Pollreisz. Not present: Megan Perry

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: Motion made by Riggs, second by Koch to approve agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from the December 11th, 2023 meeting were approved on motion by Koch, second by Riggs. No Community Center minutes.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Finance Officer reviewed the financial reports from December.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Discussed water loss report and snow removal.

CITIZEN INPUT: None.

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 \$230.87, Finance wages \$2465.63; Public Works wages \$3239.41, Aaron Electric, repairs \$81.60; Agland Coop, fuel \$269.77; Betty Raymond \$62.00; Bryan Rock Products, agrilime for park \$2086.87; Card Services \$84.47; Clerkbooks Inc \$200.00; Daily Republic \$35.57; Dakota Pump, repairs \$367.35; Davison County Auditor, patrolling \$1800.00; ELO Prof \$100.00; Hanson Rural Water; water services \$3576.50; Maxwell & Bowar, insurance \$20,318.00; Menards \$5.78; Mikes Corner, fuel \$290.68; Northwestern Energy \$1718.18; Santel Communications \$134.23; SD Dept of Health, testing \$15.00; SD Gov Finance Officers Association, dues \$40.00; SD Municipal Street Maintenance, dues \$35.00; Weber Sanitation, contract \$2429.00; Century Business Products \$76.66; John Deere Financial \$703.42; David Duba, Bonus \$500.00.00; Michele Pollreisz, Bonus \$500.00; QuickBooks Payroll Services \$5705.04; SD Dept of Revenue \$119.88; USDA-RD \$1023.00; US Treasury \$1762.24.

OLD BUSINESS:

Nuisance Properties- Tabled until May.

Tree Grant-Tabled

Resolution with District III-Tabled

NEW BUSINESS:

Emotional Support Animals- Discussed and Tabled until February meeting

Motion by Riggs, 2nd by Nesheim, to approve the following designations for the year 2024: newspaper, Mitchell Republic: engineer, SPN & Associates: attorney, Morgan Theeler Law Firm: banks, Farmers State Bank and First National Bank: financial assistance for quarterly reports etc., ELO CPA's & Advisors.

Motion by Nesheim, second by Riggs, that wages remain the same: board pay, \$75.00 per meeting attended: chairman pay, \$100.00 per meeting attended: Finance Officer wages, \$17.80 per hour: Public Works wages, \$21.58 per hour: and that mileage stays at the same rate according to State rate per mile. Established holiday closings as listed in the ordinances.

State law allows the council to pre-approve expenditures to prevent late fees, and approve recurring payment items such as payroll and its corresponding liabilities. Motion by Koch, second by Nesheim, to approve the Finance Officer to pay the recurring bills in a timely manner.

Discussed joint election with the school which will be held April 9th. The City will have two 3-year terms open. Joint election approved on motion by Nesheim, second by Riggs.

ELO Increase-Motion made by Koch, second by Riggs to approve yearly increase for ELO's services.

Dakota Pump Quote- Motion made by Riggs, second by Nesheim to approve repairs/updates to be done at the lagoon,

DANR Review- Reviewed yearly landfill report.

TV at ECC- Discussed and tabled until next month to get estimates.

Dave's Holiday hours- Discussed and approved

Hazardous properties- Tabled

Snow removal- Donnie McBrayer and Bob Riggs assisted with snow removal while Dave was away at required training session in Pierre.

Executive Session: SDL 1-25-2 (1 & 4): Motion by Riggs, second by Koch to enter session at 7:00 pm. Session ended at 7:10pm on motion by Nesheim, second by Koch.

Next regular board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb 12th, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

Motion by Nesheim, second by Koch, to adjourn at 7:12 pm.

Michele Pollreisz
Finance Officer

Gregg Thibodeau
Chairman

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