

Regular Meeting, Ethan Town Board, 3-11-2024

The Town of Ethan board met in regular session on March 11th, 2024, at 6:00 pm in the Ethan City Hall. Trustees present were Gregg Thibodeau, Mataya James, Raquel Nesheim, and Jason Koch. City personnel present: Bob Riggs and Michele Pollreisz. Not present: Megan Perry. Also present: Kami Filter, Barb Young, 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: Motion made by Nesheim, second by Koch to move Mataya James Oath of Office from C. under New Business to A under Old business and to approve agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from the February 23rd, 2024 meeting were approved on motion by Koch, second by Nesheim. No Community Center minutes.

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Finance Officer reviewed the financial reports from February 2024.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Discussed water loss report

CITIZEN INPUT: Citizen present concerning properties in town.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Motion by Nesheim, second by Koch, to approve claims.

General, sewer, water, preservation and community center funds * employee and board wages – board wages \$738.80, Finance wages \$2470.62; Public Works wages \$3298.37; Card Services \$205.08; ClerkBooks, Contract \$475.00; Dakota Pump, repairs at lagoon \$455.53; Daily Republic \$74.15; ELO Prof \$125.00; Hanson Rural Water; water services \$3666.50; Mikes Corner, fuel and repairs \$1182.14; Northwestern Energy \$204.66; SD Retirement System \$861.24; Century Business Products \$77.53; John Deere Financial \$703.42; QuickBooks Payroll Services \$5768.99; SD Dept of Revenue \$142.35; US Bank \$6399.24; USDA-RD \$1023.00; US Treasury \$1621.72

OLD BUSINESS:

Oath of Office: Mataya James was sworn in for a 1-year term, to complete Bob Riggs term.

Emotional Support animals- Discussed and permit issued.

Nuisance Properties- Discussed and will be sending out letters. Dumpsters will be requested for May 17th-19th for city wide cleanup.

TV at ECC: Motion made by Koch, second by James to approve \$400 budget for purchasing a TV for ECC.

Hanson Rural Water increase: Motion made by Nesheim, second by Koch to increase price .15 per 1000 gallons and .74 per water base rate beginning on April 1st billing.

Resolution with District III-Motion made by Nesheim, second by James to adopt Davison County Comprehensive Plan through 2040.

NEW BUSINESS:

NW Energy: Motion made by James, second by Koch to approve Resolution changing from Northwestern Corporation to Northwestern Energy Public Service Corporation which was transferred on Jan 1st, 2024.

Purchasing land: Discussed and tabled to review how many trucks travel through town every day.

Oath of Office: Moved to Old Business

New Maintenance Superintendent: Motion made to hire Bob Riggs as Maintenance Superintendent at the rate of \$25.00 an hour for 40 hrs. plus benefits.

FEMA: Discussed flood plan and Tabled

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

Next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday April 8th, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

Motion by Koch, second by Nesheim, to adjourn at 7:50 pm.

Michele Pollreisz
Finance Officer

Gregg Thibodeau
Chairman

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