

Regular Meeting, Ethan Town Board, 4-15-2025

The Town of Ethan board met on April 15th, 2025, at 6:00 pm in the Ethan City Hall. Trustees present were Megan Perry, Raquel Nesheim (via phone), Michele Pollreisz, Mataya James & Jason Koch. City personnel present: Bob Riggs and Michelle Ripley. Also present: Tyalee Riggs, Camden Myers, Jaysten Riggs, Kassidy Riggs, Josh Franks, Davison County Sheriff, Courtney Sorensen, Roger Pollreisz, and Christy Norwick.

Chairman Perry 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 Pollreisz, 2nd by James to approve agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes from the March 10th, 2025 meeting were approved on motion by Koch, 2nd by James.
No Community Center minutes.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Motion by Pollreisz, 2nd by James to approve claims.

General, sewer, water, preservation and community center funds * employee and board wages – Board wages \$361.89, Finance wages \$3820.37; Public Works wages \$4911.69; Badger Meter \$82.34; Brosz Engineering \$2000.00; Card Services \$1310.08; Daily Republic \$26.26; ELO \$140.00; Hanson Rural Water; water services \$3819.76; John Deere \$703.42; Menard's \$72.78; Mikes Corner, fuel \$280.75; NW Energy \$5183.92 (2 months); SD Dept of Health, testing \$15.00; Weber Sanitation, contract \$2606.00; SD Dept of Revenue \$159.47; SD Retirement \$901.36; USDA \$1023.00 (March); US Treasury \$1518.06; Century Business Products \$77.68; USDA \$1023.00 (April); Jason Raymond \$305.33 (park improvement reimbursement); Darcie Riggs \$150; Karen Petrick \$150; Nancy Mueller \$150; South Dakota 811 \$4.20; McLeods \$77.80; McLeods \$97.98; Henke Tractor Repair \$49.85; Santel Communications \$140.23

FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Finance Officer reviewed the financial and budget reports from March 2025. Discussed new process for payment to SD Retirement.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Discussed water loss report, opening of park bathrooms, and tractor warranty expiration.

CITIZEN INPUT: None

OLD BUSINESS:

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NEW BUSINESS:

Canvassed votes from April 8th City Council Election. The Board reviewed the results reported by the election board and approved the results on motion by Pollreisz, second by Koch. Results were 125 votes: Courtney Sorenson with 34, Jaysten Riggs with 35, Mataya James with 31, and Deviney Tuttle with 25. Riggs and Sorensen will be installed at the May 12th meeting.

Discussed possible dates for City Wide Cleanup. Motioned by James and second by Pollreisz to check on availability of dumpsters the weekends of May 2nd-4th or June 13th-15th, with Weber Sanitation and H&R Salvage.

Discussed dumpsters for Military Appreciation Event.

Discussed upcoming Ambulance District election April 22nd and text reminder to community members to go out.

Park board member present. Discussed an annual Spring cleanup to take place between park board and softball/baseball board prior to softball/baseball starting each year. Discussed Park board member list.

Motion by James and second by Pollreisz to renew 2025-2026 malt beverage license for Ammo Box.

Chip Seal Contract: Reviewed contract for chip sealing and road repairs this summer. Motion by Pollreisz and second by Koch to finalize contract and dates with Broz Engineering.

Discussed Building Permit Request, motion by James and second by Koch to approve.

Discussed gravel by city shop road. Maintenance will review and repair as necessary.

Executive Session: SDL 1-25-2 (1 & 4): Motion by James, 2nd by Pollreisz, to enter session at 6:44pm. Session ended at 7:08pm on motion by James, 2nd by Nesheim.

Board president, Perry, presented motion to terminate Michelle Ripley's position as finance officer for the Town of Ethan. Motion was made by James, 2nd by Nesheim. Opposed by Koch. Pollreisz abstained from vote.

Next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 12th, 2025 at 6:00 pm.

Motion to adjourn by James, 2nd by Koch at 7:12 pm.

Jason Koch
Vice President

Megan Perry
Chairman

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