

Regular Meeting, Ethan Town Board, 7-13-26

The Town of Ethan board met on July 13th, 2026 at 6:30pm in the Ethan City Hall. Trustees present: Raquel Nesheim, Michele Pollreisz, Jaysten Riggs, Mataya James and Courtney Sorenson. City personnel present: Lewis Fleshner. Others present: Megan Perry, Russell Hanson, Nick Perry, Nancy Schoenfelder, Randy Schoenfelder, Sara Mora, Nancy Long, Cheryl Lutjens, and Karen Petrik.

Chairman Nesheim called the meeting to order at 6:31pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
All motions were unanimously voted as aye unless stated otherwise.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda was approved by motion from Riggs, 2nd by James.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES: Motion made by James, 2nd by Pollreisz to approve minutes from 6-10-26 meeting.

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

General, sewer, water, preservation and community center funds- Board wages \$708.22; QuickBooks Payroll Services, for finance and public works wages \$3406.62; Century Business Products, copier lease \$88.92; USDA, Storm Sewer & Sewer Loan \$1023.00; SD Department of Revenue, sales tax liabilities \$171.86; John Deere Financial, tractor lease \$703.42; United States Treasury, payroll liabilities \$1,019.92; Badger Meter, \$88.20; Dakota Pump \$344.39; Menards, supplies \$106.04; Parkston Advance, help wanted ad \$140.00; SD Dept of Health \$20.00; SD Retirement System \$537.38; Weber Sanitation, \$2702.00; Hanson Rural Water \$4,848.81; City of Mitchell, solid waste \$78.72; Mikes Corner, fuel \$312.00

CITIZEN INPUT: Discussion was had regarding the utility services at 210 E Elm and possible adjustment due to halt in construction work. A concerned citizen voiced disappointment that no board members attended the grant transportation meeting held in June. Same citizen addressed the board regarding the streets in town being in bad condition and in need of repairs, specifically Clarke St. The board responded with the upcoming schedule for road work for this year and the annual rotation for repairs that is being completed.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Discussion was had regarding utility services at 220 S 2nd. Board tabled to review and adjust as necessary. Cash flow and budget items were reviewed.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Water loss report reviewed with no issues noted. New maintenance supervisor was introduced to citizens.

OLD BUSINESS:

Nuisance Properties: Motion was made by Riggs, 2nd by Sorenson to have lawyer prepare certified letter for nuisance property.

Construction lots: Tabled to gather more information and review contract from Catholic church regarding lots being sold.

Small Community Transportation Grant: Public Meeting will be held for all Ethan community members at Ethan Town Hall on August 3rd, 2026 at 6:30. Meeting date and location approved on motion by Pollreisz, 2nd by Riggs

Softball Scoreboard: Discussion regarding softball scoreboard and park funds. Motion by Pollreisz, 2nd by Riggs to allow the park board to use \$1000 towards new scoreboard from the park fund.

City Maintenance Position: Motion by Riggs, 2nd by Sorenson to approve the hiring of Lewis Fleshner for the maintenance supervisor position at \$26.00 per hour with a \$500 monthly health insurance reimbursement. Board also discussed trainings for new maintenance supervisor.

NEW BUSINESS:

No Jake Brake – Hwy 42: Discussion was had regarding jake braking being an issue just outside of Ethan. Board will be contacting the state to see what can be done regarding this.

Personnel: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: SDL 1-25-2 (1 & 4) Motion made by Sorenson, 2nd by James to enter session at 7:26. Session ended at 8:09 on motion by James, 2nd by Riggs. Motion was made by Sorenson, 2nd by Riggs to pay out PTO for Bob Riggs, prior maintenance supervisor, according to the employee handbook.

Next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 10th at 6:30.

Motion to adjourn by Riggs, 2nd by James at 8:12pm.

Michele Pollreisz
Vice President

Raquel Nesheim
Chairman

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