

Regular Meeting, Ethan Town Board, 3-9-2026

The Town of Ethan board met on March 9th, 2026, at 6:30 pm in the Ethan City Hall. Trustees present: Megan Perry via phone call, Jaysten Riggs, Courtney Sorenson, Michele Pollreisz. Not present: Raquel Nesheim. City personnel present: Bob Riggs. Citizens present: Pam Pollreisz

Pollreisz called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

All motions were unanimously voted as aye unless stated otherwise.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Agenda was approved on motion made by Riggs, second by Sorenson

APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES: Motion made by Sorenson, second by Riggs to approve

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: Motion made by Sorenson, second by Riggs to approve

General, sewer, water, preservation and community center funds-Board wages \$589.67; QuickBooks Payroll \$3406.62; Santel Communications \$275.39; SD Dept of Revenue \$86.65; Century Business \$81.24; John Deere Financial \$703.42; USDA Storm Sewer \$1,023.00; US Treasury \$2,008.14; BadgerMeter \$175.42; SD Retirement \$571.88; Hanson Rural Water \$3,714.53; Mike's Corner \$263.22; Morgan Theeler \$595.00; SD Dept of Health \$20.00; Weber Sanitation \$5,404.00; NW Energy \$5,853.15; US Bank \$6,399.24; SD DENR \$350.00; Avera Heart Hospital of SD (AED's) \$2,846.14

Citizen Input: A concerned citizen addressed the council regarding the publication of municipal meeting minutes in the local newspaper. The citizen expressed concerns about the consistency and timing of the publication of council minutes and asked the council to ensure that minutes are published regularly so residents remain informed about municipal actions and decisions.

The same citizen also raised the same questions as the prior month regarding the Finance Officer position. Specifically, the citizen inquired about the status of the position and requested clarification from the council regarding whether the position would be reviewed, reposted, or otherwise addressed by the municipality.

Council members acknowledged the comments. The council noted that the matter would be reviewed and addressed as appropriate in accordance with municipal procedures and state requirements. The council also commented this is the first month with the new administration changes in the finance officer position, and the budget and the position is being monitored and reviewed monthly.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Discussed monthly financial reports.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT: Discussed water loss, new AED's that were installed at the office and ECC, Transportation Planning Program, future road maintenance, and nuisance properties.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Motion made by Sorenson, second by Riggs to approve extending terms of board members set to expire, until June election date. Terms extended include Michele Pollreisz, Megan Perry, and Raquel Nesheim.

Motion made by Riggs, second by Sorenson to approve designations for the year 2026: newspaper, Daily Republic, engineer, SPN & Associates; attorney, Morgan Theeler Law Firm; banks, Farmers State Bank and First National Bank.

Motion made by Sorenson, second by Riggs, that wages remain the same: board pay, \$75.00 per meeting attended; chairman pay, \$100.00 per meeting attended; Public Works wages, \$26.50 per hour; and that mileage rate stays at state rate of \$0.725 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 made by Riggs, second by Sorenson to approve ELO paying recurring bills and payroll in a timely manner.

Discussed joint election with the school to be held in June. The city will have three 3-year positions open. Joint election approved on a motion made by Sorenson, second by Riggs.

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

Next regular board meeting is scheduled for April 13th at 6:30 pm

Motion to adjourn by Riggs, second by Perry at 7:17 pm

Raquel Nesheim, Vice President

Megan Perry, Chairman

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