

CITY HALL
EVANSDALE, IOWA, JANUARY 20, 2015
CITY COUNCIL
DOUG FAAS, MAYOR, PRESIDING

The City Council of the City of Evansdale, Iowa met in regular session, according to law, the rules of said Council and prior notice given each member thereof, in the Council Chambers of City Hall of Evansdale, Iowa at 6:00 P.M. on the above date. Council members present in order of roll call: Nichols, Seible, Dewater and Loftus. Absent: Walker. Quorum present.

Seible/Loftus to approve the January 20, 2015 agenda and move item seven ahead of item six. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Dewater/Loftus to approve the following items on the January 20, 2015 consent agenda: a) Approval of January 6, 2015 regular meeting minutes b) Resolution 5759 authorizing payment of bills and transfers, c) Accept and place on file the minutes and reports from the following Departments, Boards, and Commissions (n/a = not available): Ambulance (Dec), Building Inspection (Dec), Clerk/Treasurer (n/a) Fire Dept (n/a), Parks & Rec (Dec), Police Dept (Dec), Library (Dec), Water Works (Dec), Evansdale Municipal Housing (n/a), Hardship & Grievance (n/a), Planning & Zoning (n/a), Storm water (n/a). Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Dewater/Seible to approve Resolution 5760 preliminary approving plans, specifications, form of contract, and cost estimate for the Dubuque Road Bridge Repair Project. Council authorized publication of bid opening as March 5, 2015 and setting date of public hearing as March 17, 2015. City Engineer Jerry Shoff explained that he developed three alternatives for the bridge plans that should result in lower project costs. Shoff stated he estimates the bids between \$306,000-\$375,000. Mayor Faas explained that a 28E Agreement is in place with Elk Run Heights to share 18% of the bridge repair costs. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Nichols/Seible to table request from Public Works Director to purchase a truck-mounted snowplow blade until a decision from the Water Works Board to share the cost is received. Mayor Faas explained that the Street Department and Water Works plan to share the plow. Councilman Seible questioned why the Public Works Director is requesting a new plow when the Street Department has completed work without one in the past. Mayor Faas explained that the heavy equipment is damaging the curbs in cul-de-sacs. The smaller plow would protect the curbs and do a better job cleaning smaller areas of town. Councilman Dewater explained that he thinks the plow will get frequent use and Council should support the new Public Works Director for bringing new ideas to the table. Councilman Seible stated that putting a plow on a pickup truck would add wear and tear to the vehicle. Public Works Director Chris Schares expressed concern with the Street department's current equipment. Lorainne Atkins expressed concern with purchasing additional equipment. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Dewater/Loftus to approve Resolution 5761 property tax abatement for 217 Heather Avenue. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Nichols/Seible to approve Resolution 5762 property tax abatement for 1734 Timberline Drive. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Dewater/Seible to approve Resolution 5763 three year mowing contract between the Park and Recreation Commission and Miller and Sons Lawn and Landscape. Mayor Faas explained that contracts that extend over one year require Councils approval. Councilman Loftus asked if the Park and Recreation Commission signed a three-year contract in the past. Tom Nichols, Park and Recreation Commission Chair, stated that contracts in the past have been for two years with one-year extensions up to four years. Miller and Sons offered the same contract price as the last contract period, due to shortening the contract season. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

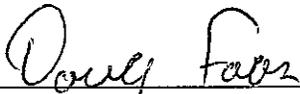
Discussion only: Review of fire and ambulance protection 28E agreement between the City of Evansdale and the City of Elk Run Heights. Councilman Nichols requested information on the per capita operating costs of the Fire Department for Evansdale residents versus Elk Run Heights residents. Mayor Faas stated that he would e-mail the information to the Council. Councilman Dewater questioned if the contract would be for one year. Mayor Faas stated that the contract is for one year and can be renewed annually. Councilman Seible asked if, in the future, the Evansdale Police Department could provide services to Elk Run Heights. Police Chief Kent Smock stated that if Elk Run Heights were interested, the Evansdale Police Department would be able to provide those services.

Public Discussion: Lorainne Atkins thanked Sewer Foreman Matt White for his help with her sewer backup. Tom Nichols shared a complaint he received about cracks on the Grand Boulevard Sidewalk located at 608 and 628 Grand Boulevard. Mayor Faas explained that the City has paid all of its obligations on the project

but has not yet received funds from the Federal share of the project. The City Engineer recommended not issuing change orders until the City receives the outstanding federal funds.

There being no further discussion, Seible/Loftus to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m. Motion carried.

ATTEST:



Doug Faas, Mayor



DeAnne Kobliska, City Clerk