

CITY HALL
EVANSDALE, IOWA, FEBRUARY 16, 2016
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: Dewater, Walker, and Seible. Absent: Loftus and Nichols. Quorum present.

Walker/Dewater to approve the February 16, 2016 agenda. Ayes-Three. Motion carried.

Mayor Faas acknowledged the following students with the Bunger Student of the Month Award: December 2015: Mya Hart, Cadin Herrmann, Desyre Martinez, Douglass Mwekto, Jonathon Wolff, Jenna O'Donnell, and Charles Stocks. January 2016: Kornell Epps, Emma Norton, Julissa Rivas, Nasar Akhtar, Shanea Voshell, and Chylea Brown.

Dewater/Seible to approve the following items on the February 16, 2016 consent agenda. a) Approval of February 2, 2016 regular meeting minutes. b) Resolution 5923 authorizing payment of bills and transfers. c) Liquor License Renewals: Lofty's Lounge, Inc. - expiring 03-27-17 and The Other Place III - expiring 03-08-2017. d) Accept and place on file the minutes and reports from the following Departments, Boards, and Commissions: Ambulance & Fire Report (Jan), Building Inspection Report (Jan), Clerk/Treasurer Report (Dec), Parks & Rec Dept. (Jan), Police Dept. (Jan), Library (Dec/Jan), Water Works (Jan), Evansdale Municipal Housing (Jan), and Hardship and Grievance (July). Roll call vote: Ayes-Three. Motion carried.

Walker/Seible to approve request from Ray Harvey "Razor" of Black Hawk County Street Machines to block off two blocks of Lafayette Road on May 1, 2016 from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Ayes-Three. Motion carried.

Presentation from Dan Connell – Mid-Iowa Solid Waste Equipment Co., Inc. in regards to the history of the company and the variety of equipment they could furnish to the city in respect to a jet truck and street sweeper.

Dewater/Walker to approve request from Public Works Director to proceed with the quote process for a Combination Jet Truck and Street Sweeper. Ayes-Three. Motion carried.

Dewater/Seible to approve rescind of Resolution 5921 28E agreement with the City of Elk Run Heights regarding Police Officer services. Mayor Faas explained that there was a difference of one (1) hour in original quote from Police Chief Jensen. Roll call vote: Ayes-Three. Motion Carried.

Seible/Dewater to approve Resolution 5924 approving 28E agreement with the City of Elk Run Heights regarding Police Officer services as amended. Roll call vote: Ayes-Three. Motion Carried.

Walker/Dewater to approve request from Pony Express Riders of Iowa to hold annual collection point (Lafayette/Evans intersection) and parade on Friday, March 25, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. Ayes-Three. Motion Carried.

Dewater/Walker to approve setting the date for City-wide Garage Sale for June 3rd, 4th, and 5th. Ayes-Three. Motion Carried.

Walker/Dewater to approve setting the date for the City-wide Cleanup for June 10th and 11th. Ayes-Three. Motion Carried.

Dewater/Walker to approve Resolution 5925 setting March 1, 2016 as the date of public hearing on the proposed FY 2017 budget. Roll call vote: Ayes-Three. Motion carried.

Walker/Dewater to approve Resolution 5926 authorizing publication of salaries and compensation of City officials and employees. Roll call vote: Ayes-Three. Motion carried.

Walker/Seible to approve agreement with Laura Folkerts, Dutton, Braun, Staack, and Hellman, PLC, City Attorney, and authorize Mayor to sign said agreement. Roll call vote: Ayes-Three. Motion carried.

Dewater/Walker to approve Resolution 5927 approving preliminary plans, specifications, form of contract, and cost estimate; and authorize the Iowa Department of Transportation to advertise for bids for said project, with bid letting to be held on April 19, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. for the River Forest Road Reconstruction Project. Loraine Atkins, 625 River Forest Road, questioned why easement letters went out to residents of River Forest Road before preliminary plans were approved and that all residents in the city should have been contacted in regards to the project. Mayor Faas responded that City Clerk, DeAnne Kobliska contacted all council members before the letters were mailed out. Jerry Shoff, City Engineer, commented that the city entered into an agreement on this project with the Iowa Department of Transportation at the November 4th, 2015 council meeting that set all required documentation for the project into motion and that the council selected the two (2) lane alternative back on September 16, 2014 agreeing to move forward with the project. Councilman Gene Walker stated that the project has been well publicized and that the city has made every effort to be transparent. Mayor Faas stated that we have publically discussed this project repeatedly and have addressed concerns with the project and have addressed the project enough in the public that he is satisfied that if the citizens wanted additional information in regards to the project that they could have come to a meeting, contacted their ward council person or the Mayor with concerns.

FY 2017 Budget Workshop: Mayor Faas stated a slight change to the proposed levy rate due to the commercial back-fill component of the budget certification form from 7.41756 to 7.34864 for the current budget. Councilman Walker questioned the Parks dept. on the mower replacement and if they are trading in their current mower. Park Chair, Tom Nichols responded that they would retain their current mower for the mowing of Angel's Island. Walker also stated that he was in favor of the \$40,000 grant match requested, but would like it earmarked for the intended project and if the grant was not received it would not be put toward another project. Nichols responded that the grant match is for the Angel's Island Bridge and that a grant has been approved in the amount of \$70,250. Councilman Seible questioned the capital funds that park is requesting and had a lot of public comment on the funds spent for the parks department. Nichols responded that an additional mower is needed to keep all park areas mowed that are not covered in the current three (3) year mowing contract and that we are moving forward to complete the Angel's Park Project. Councilman Dewater stated that the Park Board understands where the funds have to be spent.

Mayor Faas discussed using a portion of the Local Option Sales Tax (L.O.S.T.) to purchase a generator for the Community Response Center (CRC) in an amount of approximately \$98,000. The Street Fund would utilize \$98,000 of their reserves to support the expenses next fiscal year. Mayor asked City Attorney, Laura Folkerts if after viewing the LOST ballot we could designate funds to purchase equipment for the city. Laura Folkerts responded that the ballot states maintenance for the street and sewer departments for the city.

Councilman Walker stated that he is in favor of the higher levy rate in order to start building reserve funds for the future of rebuilding areas of the city. He also stated that that by continuing to cut the levy rate, as we have in the past, will run the city in the hole. Councilman Seible would like to see a capital improvement plan for the city. Walker responded that we are working on a capital improvement plan. Mayor Faas stated some items that we could utilize for future reserves. Dewater responded that we will have to bond for larger street projects that are needed.

Dewater/Walker motioned to approve the levy rate of 7.34864. Councilman Seible asked the Mayor to state how the increase in levy rate would affect the residents. Mayor Faas stated with an increase of the levy rate to 7.41756 from the initial proposed rate of 7.34864 would amount to approximately \$8 to \$9 per year for a 100,000 assessed valuation residential property. Councilman Dewater asked to rescind his original motion.

Dewater/Walker to approve new levy rate, with the generator purchase, of 7.41756. Roll call vote: Ayes-Two. Nays-One (Seible). Motion carried.

Discussion: Mayor Faas discussed the temporary easement town meetings offered for residents on the River Forest Road Project the last past two weeks and that our city attorney is reviewing a 28E agreement for the upcoming local watershed that the City of Evansdale will participate in. Councilman Walker asked if the homeowners on the trail section of W. Gilbert Drive are responsible for the snow removal. The Mayor responded no.

There being no further discussion, Walker/Seible to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Doug Faas, Mayor

DeAnne Kobliska, City Clerk