

CITY HALL
EVANSDALE, IOWA, FEBRUARY 19, 2013
CITY COUNCIL
CHAD DEUTSCH, 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. Members present in order of roll call: Hibben, Loftus, Walker, Miller, and Dewater. Quorum present.

Hibben/Loftus to approve the February 19, 2013 agenda. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Dewater/Walker to approve the following items on the February 19, 2013 consent agenda: a) Approval of February 5, 2013 regular meeting minutes b) Resolution 5588 authorizing payment of bills and transfers c) Accept and place on file the minutes and reports from the following Boards, Departments and Commissions (n/a = Not Available): Treasurer/Expense Report (Jan), Police Dept (Jan), Library Minutes (Jan), Library Statistics (n/a), Library Circulation Report (Jan), Building Inspector (Jan), EWW Minutes (Jan), EWW Treasurers Report (Jan), Parks Minutes (Jan/Feb), Fire Dept (Jan), Ambulance (Jan), Evansdale Municipal Housing (Jan), Cable TV Commission (March), Planning & Zoning (n/a), Hardship & Grievance (Jan) d) Liquor license renewals: Dollar General #1458 - expires 02/28/2013. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Consent
Agenda

Hibben/Miller to approve the request from the Public Works Director Dustin Kreger to purchase street name plate signs in the amount of ~~\$6,380.63~~ ^{\$6,830.00}. Kreger explained that the replacement of street signs is necessary to be compliant with MUTCD standards, which requires larger letters and higher reflectivity. He added that the replacement will take place in three sections of town, with this round being the first of three. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Street
nameplate
signs

Correction
Approved at
5-7-2013
Council
meeting

Loftus/Dewater to approve request from Public Works Director to purchase four wedge assemblies in the amount of \$1,480. Kreger explained that the wedges keep a tight seal on the floodgate, and it was discovered that four of the six wedges were broken on the 72" flood gate behind Bunger School during a routine inspection. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Floodgate wedge
assemblies

Walker/Dewater to approve Resolution 5589 approving property tax exemption for property located at 304 Evans Road. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Res. 5589
Tax exemption
304 Evans Rd

Hibben/Dewater to approve Resolution 5590 amending the Commercial Tax Rebate Plan. The Mayor explained that the proposed changes would allow the new hardware store to qualify for a rebate. The existing rebate plan states that a development agreement must be in place *prior to* starting the improvements and that improvements must be started before the rebate plan was adopted. The Mayor stated he was under the assumption that the plan was similar to the residential tax abatement plan, where the improvements just had to be completed prior to the year receiving the abatement. As a result, he relayed incorrect information to the businesses making improvements, which would disqualify them. The proposed language would allow the improvements to be *completed* after the rebate plan was adopted. The Mayor stated that the hardware store improvements may have been started before the plan was adopted, and he didn't want to exclude the hardware store from the rebate plan. He added that the rebate plan is a guideline and gives Council the flexibility to deviate and act on a case by case basis. Since it was unknown if the hardware store improvements were complete and had an occupancy permit, so it was decided that the *completion date* of a project improvement or construction should be after the adoption of Resolution 5570, which initially approved the rebate plan, in order to receive a property tax rebate. The Mayor pointed out that the language in the plan can be amended at any time for any reason. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Res. 5590
Commercial Tax
Rebate Plan

Discussion: There were no items brought up during discussion.

Discussion

The Mayor pointed out all of the expenditures in the proposed budget that changed from the last budget workshop. The proposed tax rate is 6.31/\$1000 in valuation, down from 6.88 in the FY2013 budget. City Clerk Becky Walters pointed out that the budget hearing notice will be published on February 22nd and the total figures for each program couldn't increase after that point. Councilman Hibben asked how workers comp premium was budgeted. Walters responded that though the claims experience improvement should cause the premiums to decrease, next year IMWCA will have an additional factors that go into premium pricing which could cause an increase of around 10%.

FY2014
Budget
Workshop

Loftus/Hibben to approve Resolution 5591 setting date of FY2014 Budget hearing for March 5, 2013.

There being no further discussion, Loftus/ Hibben adjourned the meeting at 6:24 p.m. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

ATTEST:


Chad Deutsch, Mayor


Becky Walters, City Clerk