

CITY HALL
EVANSDALE, IOWA, MARCH 1, 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: Loftus, Walker, Nichols, Seible, and Dewater. Quorum present.

Walker/Seible to approve the March 1, 2016 agenda. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Mayor Faas presented the Bunger Middle School Students with a student of the month certificate for the month of February 2016: JoAnn Cameron, Shataviana Crawford, Justus Walker, Ismael Rivas, Austin Tieskotter, Nay Paw, Aalissa Ford, and Payton Decker.

Seible/Dewater to approve the following items on the March 1, 2016 consent agenda, with the exception of item b) Resolution 5928 authorizing payment of bills and transfers. a) Approval of February 16, 2016 regular meeting minutes. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Loftus/Seible to approve item b) Resolution 5928 authorizing payment of bills and transfers as amended deleting sales tax in the amount of \$2.98 from the KNM invoice. Councilman Seible questioned the invoice for the sealing of the CRC (Community Response Center) floors. Police Chief Jeff Jensen responded that it was not a part of the original estimate to seal the tile and that we wanted to protect our investment. Seible also questioned why we are continuing to spend funds on the jet truck. Public Works Director Chris Schares responded that we are making minor repairs in order to keep the truck running until it can be replaced. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Police Chief Jensen recognized Officer Michael Dean as Officer of the Year. Jensen acknowledged Dean's skill both as the K-9 Officer and investigative officer. Chief Jensen also recognized Heather Dolf as both the Reserve Officer of the year for her countless hours spent logging case details and for twenty years of service, one of the longest serving reserve officers for the Evansdale Police Department.

Loftus/Nichols to approve request from Police Chief to send part-time officer, Dustin Mooty, to Iowa Law Enforcement Academy in the amount of \$2,263, and authorize Mayor to sign said agreement. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Walker/Loftus to approve Resolution 5929 approving property tax abatement for 348 River Forest Road. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Dewater/Loftus to approve Resolution 5930 setting date of public hearing for the rezoning of property located directly at the intersections of River Forest Road and Deerwood Park Road from "U-1" Unclassified to "C-1" Recreational-Commercial District. Mayor Faas stated that the plans are preliminary and we are merely approving rezoning the parcel. Both Councilman Nichols and Dewater questioned the adequacy of the fill and if core samples have been ordered. Nichols also stated that there are traffic issues on Deerwood Road and this would add to the congestion. Mayor

Faas responded that both the city engineer and the developer's engineer are aware of the traffic issues. Councilman Walker questioned the DNR's (Department of Natural Resources) approval on filling in the land as the DNR has not allowed it to be filled in in the past and that Walker would like to see documentation that they had approval to do so. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Walker/Dewater to approve Resolution 5931 approving Bunger Park Suspension Bridge Lease Agreement with the City of Elk Run Heights and authorize Mayor to sign said document. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Loftus/Dewater to approve Resolution 5932 approving 28E Agreement concerning Middle Cedar Watershed Management Authority and authorizing mayor to sign said document. Councilman Nichols asked what the agreement is and Mayor Faas explained. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Walker/Dewater to open the Public Hearing-FY2017 Budget at 6:22 p.m. Proof of Publication on file and no comments were received. Councilman Seible asked how the increase will effective the citizen's taxes. Mayor Faas responded that the increase amounts to approximately .42 cents per \$1,000 of assessed value, less approximately 56% rollback and homestead credit for residential property.

Seible/Walker to approve Resolution 5933 adopting the fiscal year budget ending June 30, 2017. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Public Discussion: Mayor Faas discussed the need to either replace a street air compressor or possibly rent an air compressor going forward. Councilman Seible is opposed to subcontracting the crack sealing maintenance of the streets. Faas stated the city does not have the equipment nor the man power to handle the crack sealing of all the streets. Public Works Director Chris Schares stated that crack sealing involves a minimum of six employees and expense of purchasing additional equipment. Councilman Walker stated that it is a viscous cycle, you purchase additional equipment, hire additional staff, then within a matter of three or four years start the process all over again with the maintenance and expense of repairing the equipment.

Mayor Faas updated the council on the possibility of going through the state to purchase a jet truck and street sweeper, as the state negotiates a competitive price for all its entities.

Loraine Atkins, 625 River Forest Rd., expressed concern with finding information on the city's website. Numerous examples were given to her on how to access information.

There being no further discussion, Loftus/Seible to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 p.m. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Doug Faas, Mayor

DeAnne Kobliska, City Clerk