

CITY HALL  
EVANSDALE, IOWA, MARCH 4, 2014  
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. Members present in order of roll call: Seible, Nichols, Dewater, and Loftus. Absent: Walker. Quorum present.

Nichols/Loftus to approve the March 4, 2014 agenda. Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Dewater/Seible to approve the following items on the March 4, 2014 consent agenda: a) Amend January 7, 2014 regular meeting minutes by amending provisions pertaining to sidewalk scribe lines in the paragraph approving pay request for the Grand Boulevard Sidewalk Project b) Approval of February 18, 2014 regular meeting minutes c) Resolution 5674 authorizing payment of bills and transfers. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Consent  
Agenda

Loftus/Nichols to approve request from the Police Chief to purchase five new mobile computers for the police department in the amount of \$25,092.72 to be partially offset by a grant received from the Black Hawk Gaming Association in the amount of \$12,500. Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Police Dept  
Mobile  
computers

Mayor Faas reported that the 2009 Dodge Charger police vehicle was in an accident over the weekend and was probably totaled, however damages to the car would be covered by the insurance company of the person who struck the police car. Its blue book value was around \$10,000, and so as a result, the City would have to put up the rest of the funds if the City wishes to replace the vehicle new, which would be around \$15,000. Faas added that the Police Chief found a new Dodge Charger for \$27,000 but would probably get the insurance company to also pay for the equipment installation and painting costs. Councilman Loftus stated that there should be no hurry to replace the car as there are other squad cars. Justin Smock responded in the Police Chief's absence stating that the car was the only way to safely transport the canine because the vehicle has special equipment that partitions the dog. Police Chief Kent Smock arrived and stated that he is obtaining two estimates for repairs and would keep the Mayor and Council posted on the issue.

Discussion

Evansdale resident John Peverill stated that he contacted the Mayor to have an item put on this agenda but the item didn't show up on the agenda. Peverill explained that his agenda request was regarding the Library selling tickets for an event held by the Evansdale Economic Development Corporation (EEDC) and wanted to know why it wasn't on the agenda. Peverill stated that he thought selling tickets for an EEDC event was a conflict of interest. He added that the Jewitt School building has been an eyesore for some time with graffiti and boarded up windows and doors and something should be done by the City. The Mayor responded that he told Peverill that his request wouldn't go on the agenda until he had a chance to speak with the Library Board and its meeting isn't until March 17th. He welcomed Peverill to said meeting to express his opinions. EEDC Member Ron Kettwig addressed Peverill's comments about the EEDC and its school building by stating that the group has built two condos so far to raise money to tear down the east end of the old school building. Kettwig added that all the funds generated from the sale of the condos go to the renovations of the school and not to its members but actually, the contrary, where members have donated some of their own funds into the EEDC. In addition, the EEDC has allowed the Library to store their old books at the old school and allowed to use the building for its fundraiser. Discussion continued on whether the library should and could sell tickets for the upcoming EEDC fundraiser. City Attorney Craig Ament recommended that the issue be the Library Board's decision. Councilman Nichols stated that he thought it should be a Council decision by resolution. The Mayor encouraged Council to consider that the City helps the Chamber with the mud volleyball and other causes when making a decision on Library selling tickets for the EEDC. Councilman Loftus stated that he would like the Mayor to report back at the next Council meeting, after the Library Board has met and after Councilman Nichols and the City Attorney have met on the issue of the Library Board being a separate entity.

Councilman Seible acknowledged that Mayor Faas resigned from the EEDC as a member to avoid conflicts of interest when he became Mayor but encouraged the Mayor's wife to resign as well. The Mayor responded he would not ask his wife to resign because there is no conflict of interest.

Loraine Atkins expressed that she has an issue with the EEDC because there is a misconception that the EEDC is a function of the City. Ron Kettwig of the EEDC stated that the group has never told anyone the group was part of the City. Atkins asked if the Water Works was going to give residents a break on their water bills if their pipes are frozen. Water Board Member Sharon Loftus responded that it would be considered and discussed at the next meeting, and that the particulars would have yet to be decided.

Kenny Nichols commended the City Street Department for their excellent work on snow removal this

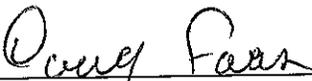
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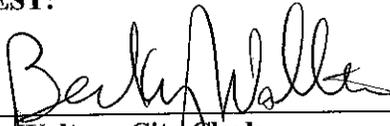
John Peverill shared his concerns on a property on the 500 block of East End that was recently given a hobby permit for what appeared to be several junk vehicles sitting in the front yard. Police Chief Smock responded that the property owner was given 60 days to make significant strides in getting the property cleaned up. After that if no progress is made, the owner will be given a notice to abate. He added that one of the vehicles sitting in the yard is licensed and drivable but recently gelled up. Peverill suggested that the junk car ordinance will be reviewed at future planning and zoning meetings.

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

Adjourn

ATTEST:

  
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Doug Faas, Mayor

  
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Becky Walters, City Clerk