

CITY HALL
EVANSDALE, IOWA, APRIL 1, 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: Nichols, Dewater, Loftus, Walker, and Seible. Absent: None. Quorum present.

Walker/Nichols to approve the April 1, 2014 agenda. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Loftus/Dewater to approve the following items on the April 1, 2014 consent agenda: a) Approval of March 18, 2014 regular meeting minutes b) Resolution 5678 authorizing payment of bills and transfers. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Consent
Agenda

Loftus/Dewater to approve Resolution 5679 authorizing retirement plan for Police Chief Smock where the City shall contribute 8% of the Police Chief's gross wages, to be paid retroactively since March 2012, which is when Smock was appointed Police Chief. Councilman Seible asked why this is coming up now versus when he was hired as Police Chief and how the 8% was determined. The Mayor responded that amount was agreed upon by himself and Smock. He added that under the police pension, the City would pay 30% of gross earnings, so this would cost the City much less. In fact, it's even lower than IPERS at 10%. The Mayor stated that when Smock was hired, it was assumed that he would receive a retirement but which one has been up in the air because of legalities that needed to be researched and worked out. Seible stated he was concerned that it was being done retroactively. City Attorney Craig Ament stated that Iowa Code states that if the Police Chief cannot serve 20 years before he turns 55 years old, then the City wouldn't have to contribute under the MFPRSI police pension system, however if the City doesn't contribute under the MFPRSI, the City must contribute to a different retirement plan, which is what is up for approval. Seible asked if the City legally needs to retro pay. Ament responded yes. Councilman Nichols asked whether it is legal for Smock to draw compensation from two positions, police chief and fire Chief, at the same time. Ament responded that if this would be a true concern, a solution would be to rename the position Public Safety Director, which is what Cedar Falls did. Councilman Dewater pointed out that Building Inspector Rick Reuter serves as Animal Control officer and gets paid for each. Ament stated that he would look it up. There was also discussion about an upcoming pay increase for the Police Chief starting in the new fiscal year; however the Mayor explained that a resolution fixing pay would be presented for approval of the Council at that time. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Res. 5679
Retirement
Plan

Nichols/Seible to approve Resolution 5680 establishing no parking zones in front of Poyner Elementary School. Police Chief Kent Smock stated that the proposal was brought forward by the school to improve safety and flow during the morning drop off. The resolution proposes the following no-parking zones: Beginning 50' west of the most west driveway into the parent/employee parking lot to 50' east of the bus/front entrance driveway there be no stopping, standing, or parking at any time. From 50' east of the bus/front entrance driveway (in front of school) to 100' west of Roosevelt, there be no stopping, standing, or parking between the hours of 8:00am and 9:00am, Monday – Friday. Smock explained that when the school was designed, it was intended for parents dropping off their kids to use the Hug & Go lanes, which is on the west side of the building. But in recent years, parents got away from that and used the front driveway initially designated for the buses, where kids would run between double parked cars and safety issues arose. Smock explained that he observed and timed parents drop off their children using the Hug & Go lane on the west side of the building and found that it takes about 90 seconds to pull in, drop off, and pull out. Councilman Walker stated that he was hesitant to limit street parking for nearby residents. Smock emphasized that parking would be available daily in front of the school after 9:00am. Kathy Bailey complained that she doesn't have time to go through the Hug & Go lane because she is a daycare provider and has to make another school stop in the morning. Instead, she drops her children off at the corner or Central and Roosevelt. She suggested that those following the rules shouldn't be penalized and instead, those double parking and breaking the rules should be ticketed. Kenny Nichols stated that he has seen several people park on Central and block the sidewalk leading up to the front doors. Jill Jillinick asked why no parking on Central in the afternoon wasn't brought up. Smock responded that double parking isn't an issue in the afternoon. Councilman Nichols stated that the proposal would probably be okay after a few minor tweaks. Councilman Walker stated that though safety is his main concern, he questioned how a no-parking in front of the school would stop children from running between the bus lanes. Roll call vote: Ayes-Dewater and Loftus, Nays-Nichols, Walker, and Seible. Motion failed.

Res. 5680
No-parking
Poyner School

John Peverill stated that Planning and Zoning discussed the hobby car permit and recommended that Council end issuing the said permit. However if Council doesn't wish to stop issuing, the following is recommended: charge a fee, give the issuing responsibility to Code Enforcement instead of the Police Chief, stop allowing 90 days to come into compliance. Councilman Walker stated that he thinks the current ordinance is okay the way it is and long as it's enforced. He added that 3-4 weeks is long enough for a donor car to sit in a driveway to get the parts pulled off. The Mayor stated he would get with Code

Discussion

Enforcement and the Police Chief and take ideas from the Council on the issue. He added that if Council likes the ordinance the way it is, it will be left alone.

Loraine Atkins stated that the public was told there would be public input meetings on the reconstruction of River Forest Road but there have been none so far. The Mayor responded that the project wouldn't be done this year and that funding is in the works. The earliest would see the road project is next year. It would be put on a future agenda to give Council an update.

Councilman Seible asked if Lafayette Road would be repaired. The Mayor responded that he would look at it together with the City Engineer and Public Works Director.

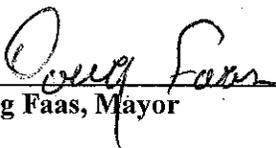
Councilman Nichols pointed out a no-parking discrepancy at the 1200 block of Evans Rd. Police Chief Smock responded that the correct signage is being ordered according to a Council resolution. Nichols asked the Mayor about a memorial for former Mayor Vondracek. The Mayor responded that former Councilman Wyant was interested in putting up a park bench at Meyers Lake island and that he would pursue the memorial if that's what everyone wanted. Nichols asked the Mayor what he found out about the Meyer's Lake level. The Mayor responded that he will allow the lake to fill up to the cut off and see where it ends up at the retaining wall. Nichols responded that the Corps of Engineers put a permanent seal so the level couldn't be manipulated, however it was cut off. Councilman Walker stated that the grass carp have overtaken the lake and the oxygen levels have been depleted.

The Mayor stated that at the last meeting, the Council approved up to \$7,500 to televise the sewer lines, however for an additional \$1,500 we can have the lines on River Forest televised, which would be necessary to start the River Forest Construction project. Adding on to the existing job that they are currently working would save \$800 in mobilization fees.

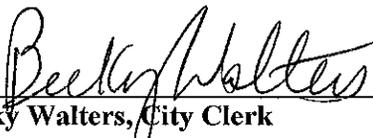
There being no further discussion, Loftus/Seible to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 p.m. Ayes-Five.

Adjourn

ATTEST:



Doug Faas, Mayor



Becky Walters, City Clerk