

CITY HALL
EVANSDALE, IOWA, APRIL 5, 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: Seible, Dewater, Loftus, Walker, and Nichols. Quorum present.

Loftus/Walker to approve the April 5, 2016 agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Mayor Faas presented the Bungler Middle School Students with a student of the month certificate for the month of March 2016: Dara Mwekto, Ethan Geiger, Brady Boehmer, Madison Tieskotter, Emma Edwards, and Dailen Johnson-Warren.

Police Chief Jensen, Mayor Faas, and City Council recognized Sergeant Randy Weber for 25 years of service to the city.

Dewater/Seible to approve the following items on the April 5, 2016 consent agenda, with the exception of item b) Resolution 5939 authorizing payment of bills and transfers. a) Approval of March 15, 2016 regular meeting minutes and March 18, 2016 special meeting minutes. c) Liquor license renewal for Station Mart Liquor & Tobacco (3594 Lafayette St.) – Term expires 05/05/2016 and Station Mart Liquor & Tobacco (1119 River Forest Rd.) – Term expires 05/05/2016. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Loftus/Walker to approve item b) Resolution 5939 authorizing payment of bills and transfers. Councilman Nichols questioned the attorney's invoice and invoices for tree removal. Councilman Seible questioned the Grade III Waste Water invoice. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Presentation from Dan Connell – Mid-Iowa Solid Waste Equipment Co., Inc., jet truck and street sweeper video. Councilman Seible requested annual average maintenance cost information. Councilman Nichols questioned the previous ownership of the jet truck. Connell responded that he would provide the additional information requested via email. Councilman Dewater would like to move forward with the purchases and would like the final figures provided at the next council meeting.

Dewater/Walker to approve request from Ken Kneeskern with Skerns Mobile Bait & Tackle for peddlers license. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Dewater/Walker to approve request from Public Works Director to proceed with street repair-crack sealing in an amount not to exceed \$20,974.82. Mayor Faas went over the comparison provided to council. Councilman Nichols liked the comparison and stated that we should review other areas that could be resourced out. Roll call vote: Ayes-Three. Nays-Two. (Nichols, Seible). Motion carried.

Dewater/Seible to approve Resolution 5940 approving property tax abatement for 321 Dixie Circle. Councilman Nichols stated that he didn't think the improvements would qualify for the abatement. Mayor Faas responded that the county assessor's office would make the final determination. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Nays-One. (Nichols). Motion carried.

Seible/Dewater to approve Resolution 5941 approving property tax abatement for 703 Brookside Avenue. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Dewater/Loftus to approve Resolution 5942 authorizing the destruction of City records. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Walker/Loftus to open public hearing-River Forest Road Levee Trail Project at 7:07 p.m. Motion carried.

John Peverill, 543 East End Ave., what portion of the project will be paid by the city. Mayor Faas responded that the total project was estimated at \$504,982.15 the low bid was \$398,913.58, the federal portion of the project is \$369,000. The city bonded \$228,000 for the project. Bill Nichols, 221 Oakwood Dr., was glad to see the project progressing.

Walker/Loftus to close the public hearing at 7:12 p.m. Motion carried.

Seible/Walker to approve Resolution 5943 approving the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract, cost estimate, and accepting low bid for the project in the amount of \$398,913.58 to Vieth Construction Corp., of Cedar Falls, Iowa, and authorizing Mayor to sign said documents for the River Forest Road Levee Bike Trail Project. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Walker/Dewater to approve Resolution 5944 approving setting the date of public hearing for May 3, 2016 6:00 p.m. to approve final plans, specifications, form of contract, and cost estimate for the River Forest Road Reconstruction Project. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Walker/Loftus to approve Ordinance 645 approving 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, second reading. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Dewater/Walker to approve request approving a one-time payment to salaried positions of Chief of Police (\$3,999.05) and City Clerk (\$2,494.80), for unused comp time, vacation, and/or casual days. Councilman Seible and Nichols were both opposed to payment. Roll call vote: Ayes-Three. Nays-Two. (Nichols, Seible). Motion carried.

Discussion-No Parking on Brookside Avenue from Evans to Dodge Street. Mayor Faas addressed the council with the growing issues of parking on the south side of Brookside and the narrow passageway that at times restricts passing traffic. Councilman Nichols stated that there should be no parking on the side of the street that mail is delivered to according to city ordinance. Councilman Dewater questioned if the no parking would cause a hardship to the residents that are parking on the street and what if they start parking in their grass which is against our ordinance as well.

Public discussion-non agenda items: Loraine Atkins, 625 River Forest Rd., produced a petition against the River Forest Road Project. Bennie Atkins, representing Loraine Atkins, questioned several items concerning the River Forest Road Project.

Jan Nichols, Grand Blvd., questioned why the city would curb and gutter Brookside Avenue when Grand Blvd. is a major thruway and needs to be reconstructed. Mayor Faas agreed and stated that Grand Blvd. will also need to be addressed.

Public Discussion: Mayor Faas discussed the River Forest Road public meeting to be held on the 7th of April at 6:30 p.m., street sweeper demonstration on the 8th of April at 1:00 p.m., Kwik Star road reimbursement is progressing, and the need to either replace or repair the lagoon liner and referenced the recent notification received by the DNR stating immediate action needs to be taken this spring. Councilman Dewater questioned if we had the reserves to repair or replace the liner in the lagoon, the Mayor responded yes. Council Seible questioned the lack of respect amongst council, residents and the mayor.

There being no further discussion, Loftus/Dewater to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Doug Faas, Mayor

DeAnne Kobliska, City Clerk