

CITY HALL  
EVANSDALE, IOWA, APRIL 7, 2015  
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, and Walker. Absent: Nichols. Quorum present.

Seible/Loftus to approve the April 7, 2015 agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Seible/Loftus to approve the following items on the April 7, 2015 consent agenda with the exception of item b) Resolution 5784 authorizing payment of bills and transfers: a) Approval of March 17, 2015 regular meeting minutes, c) Approval of a liquor license for Station Mart—LE001663 and Station Mart II—LE0001664.

Seible/Loftus to approve Resolution 5784 authorizing payment of bills and transfers. Councilman Seible questioned the large amount of repairs on The Body Shop invoice. DeAnne Kobliska, City Clerk, explained that invoices from October, November, and December had not been submitted for payment until March. Councilman Seible asked if the Sewer Foreman had taken his Grade II test. Mayor Faas reported that the Sewer Foreman took the test earlier in the day. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Dewater/Loftus to approve Resolution 5785 Awarding General Obligation Corporate Purpose and Refunding Bonds, Series 2015. Maggie Burger of Speer Financial explained the bond bidding process and reported that the awarded low bid came in at 1.922648%. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Loftus/Dewater to approve Resolution 5786 approving the sale of property to L&D Becker, LLC, by quit claim deed in the amount of \$1.00 and other good and valuable consideration. Craig Ament, City Attorney, explained that notice of the sale was published under their previous name. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Loftus/Dewater to approve request from Public Works Director to accept bids for the sale of Ingersoll-Rand DD35 Smooth Drum Roller, with a minimum bid of \$2,000 and 1996 New Holland Alamo Mower, with a minimum bid of \$10,000, with bid opening to be held at 4:00 p.m. on April 21, 2015. Motion carried.

Loftus/Seible to approve request from interim Police Chief to dispose of old equipment (computers, light bars, and radar equipment). Motion carried.

Seible/Loftus to approve Resolution 5787 approving street light agreement. Mayor Faas stated the resolution is based on discussion from previous meetings. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Loftus/Seible to approve Resolution 5788 authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Agreement with Goodwill Industries of Northeast Iowa, Inc. and fixing a date for a hearing on the proposed issuance of revenue bonds or notes. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Loftus/Dewater to approve Resolution 5789 setting date of public hearing on selling land to CC Greens Organic Farm, LLC in Prairie Industrial Park. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Loftus/Seible to approve Resolution 5790 approving collective bargaining contract between City and Chauffeurs, Teamsters, and Helpers Local 238. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Discussion—Resident appreciation signs. Mayor Faas proposed instituting a program, which recognizes residents who keep their yards clean. Councilman Seible stated that it sounds like a positive program and he would support the program if Council does. Mayor stated he would get pricing on the signs and bring them to the next council meeting.

Discussion—Automation of curbside recycling. DeAnne Kobliska, City Clerk, stated that Black Hawk Waste is switching to fully automated recycling pick up. Approximately 669 residents recycle. 38 percent of residents who recycle will need to purchase carts and the city has 142 carts left to sell. Councilman Loftus asked if recycling was now mandatory. Kobliska explained that recycling is not mandatory, but in July, it will be mandatory that those who choose to recycle use a recycle cart. Councilman Walker stated that he is in favor of residents making two payments to purchase the recycling carts.

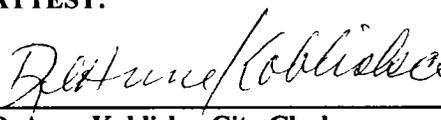
Discussion—Part-time Mayor. Councilman Loftus asked what the rate of pay is for a part time Mayor and if the Code stipulates what they receive for benefits and time off. Mayor Faas reported that the part time Mayor works less than 40 hours per week, receives \$10,000 per year and City Code does not stipulate the amount of time off or benefits they receive. A full time Mayor works 40 hours per week, is paid \$43,430 annually, and does not stipulate the amount of time off the full time mayor can take. Loftus stated the City should amend the ordinance to specify that the part time Mayor must work at least 15-20 hours per week. Mayor Faas reported that the City Clerk researched the organization of cities with a similar tax base and found that cities with part time mayors had city administrators. In these governments, the mayor presides over the council meetings and the city administrator runs city business. John Peverill, 543 East End, expressed concern about the work expectations of a part time mayor. Craig Ament, City Attorney, explained that the council would have to decide if they want a full or part time mayor prior to the election. If they chose to elect a part time mayor, Ament recommended hiring a city administrator. Tom Nichols, 616 Grand Boulevard, stated that Evansdale only needs a part time mayor. Jan Nichols, 616 Grand Boulevard, stated the part time mayor should receive half of the full time mayor's salary. Councilman Dewater added that the part time mayor should receive benefits. Darrel Loveless, 930 McCoy and former Mayor of LaPorte City, stated that Evansdale could not run efficiently with a part time mayor and that it is difficult to put a requirement on how many hours a part time mayor should work as the workload varies significantly each week based on what is going on in the city. Councilman Dewater asked to see a job description for a city administrator to see if the City Clerk could assume any of the responsibilities.

Discussion: Mayor Faas thanked the construction workers who saved the children from a house fire on Bellefontaine Avenue. Loraine Atkins, 625 River Forest Road, thanked the Street Department for fixing a streetlight near her home.

There being no further discussion, Loftus/Walker to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

  
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Doug Faas, Mayor

  
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DeAnne Kobliska, City Clerk

