

CITY HALL
EVANSDALE, IOWA, APRIL 15, 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: Dewater, Loftus, Seible, and Nichols. Absent: Walker. Quorum present.

Dewater/Seible to approve the April 15, 2014 agenda. Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Loftus/Dewater to approve the following items on the April 15, 2014 consent agenda: a) Approval of April 1, 2014 regular meeting minutes b) Resolution 5681 authorizing payment of bills and transfers c) Liquor license renewal(s): Millenium Hall-expires May 23, 2014 d) Accept and place on file the minutes and reports from the following Boards, Departments and Commissions (n/a = Not Available): Ambulance (March), Building Inspection (March), Clerk/Treasurer (March), Fire Dept (March), Parks & Rec (March), Police Dept (March), Library (n/a), Water Works (March), Cable TV Commission (n/a), Evansdale Municipal Housing (n/a), Hardship & Grievance (n/a), Planning & Zoning (February), Storm Water (n/a). Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Consent
Agenda

Mary Kettwig, president of the Evansdale Economic Development Corp (EEDC), briefed the Council on the group's fundraising activities that benefit the community and partnership with the Library. She gave each Council member the informational welcome booklet published by the EEDC that is passed out to each new Water Works customer. She also explained that the east and west wings of Jewitt School would soon be removed.

EEDC
Presentation

Tom Nichols explained to the Council that the Angels Memorial Group was approached by a representative from CUNA Mutual in Waverly who has offered to donate funds for a splash pad. He explained that a splash pad is a glorified sprinkler system for children as an alternative to a swimming pool. The Park Board has chosen a preliminary site to be Gardner Park because it's centrally located and has a shelter, new playground equipment, and is used by the schools as a part of its summer program. Dona Frickson added that the proposed splash pad would be about 40 square feet with 5 square feet around the splash pad for benches. Tom explained that though the Park Board would manage the project and maintain the splash pad, the grant giver has asked for support from the City Council on the project. Loftus/Seible to authorize Mayor to send a letter of support for a splash pad on behalf of the Council. Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Splash pad
project

Loftus/Dewater to approve request from Countryside Vineyard to block off Brown Street from Lafayette Road to Industrial drive for a youth concert on August 15, 2014 starting early morning until 11:00pm. Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Concert request-
Road closure

Loftus/Dewater to approve request to dispose of Code Enforcement's 2004 Crown Victoria on E-bay with a starting bid of \$1,000. Councilman Nichols asked how many miles the vehicle has. The Mayor responded that it has around 80,000-90,000 miles that are mainly stop and go miles driven in town. The vehicle needs new tires and has battery problems. Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Dispose of
vehicle

City Engineer Jerry Shoff was scheduled to present an update on various projects, however he wasn't present so the Mayor moved to discussion in anticipation of Shoff arriving thereafter.

Discussion

Discussion: The Mayor stated he would come up with some proposals on amending the hobby ordinance

and present them at the next Council meeting. Councilman Dewater asked the City Clerk to find the City Council minutes when the hobbyist permit ordinance was adopted to find discussion on what the original intent of the ordinance was. The Mayor stated that the recent hobbyist permit issued to the East End property expired on May 1, 2014. Smock suggested that he would grant an extension on the hobbyist permit until receiving more direction from Council at the next Council meeting. In addition, he would ask the owner whom he recently issued the hobbyist permit to come and address the Council directly.

Tom Nichols asked when the Grand Boulevard Sidewalk project was going to be revisited. The Mayor responded that an onsite walk-through meeting would be scheduled soon. The five percent retainage was being held back for some punch list items. Councilman Dewater requested to have someone representing the DOT and the contractor there for the walk-through.

Bonnie Happel stated there is accumulating junk and a sinkhole in the back yard of the second house from the corner of Central and Evans. The Mayor stated he would let Code Enforcement know.

City Engineer Jerry Shoff arrived and presented on the following projects:

River Forest Road Reconstruction – Shoff explained that an estimated cost of the project including engineering would total approximately \$2,150,000. The MPO Board at INRCOG approved \$1.1 million in funding and recently approved another \$654,000 leaving the City match of \$430,000. Shoff pointed out that the above cost would be for a two lane; however he would present four alternatives with the corresponding city matches at a future Council meeting. He added the project could be let late this year but not constructed until next year.

River Forest Road Levee Bike Trail – Jerry explained that an additional \$51,000 in federal matching funds was requested by Bill Cary and the Mayor and the request was granted. The total project cost is estimated to be \$461,000, and so with the additional funds obtained the total local match would be \$203,000.

Dubuque Road Bridges-Shoff handed out photographs of the damaged bridge abutments and explained the repairs that are involved. His estimate including engineering is \$250,000 and could be let this spring.

Grand Boulevard Sidewalk Project – Shoff explained that the IDOT has completed the audit and field review. He explained that there were some punch list items yet to be completed. He suggested that the City should fix Jack Hoffman’s driveway from a prior storm water project and Mrs. Grey’s wall. He asked Council if they would like to schedule an onsite walk-through as a follow-up from the winter. The Mayor stated he would set up a time.

2013 Evansdale Street Reconstruction-Shoff reported there are punch list items remaining with a 5% retainage being held back.

Shoff briefly explained tentative plans to extend Doris Drive to the east to facilitate development. He also discussed ideas of Gilbertville Road improvements to accommodate truck traffic for future development. For illustration, he passed out an aerial map.

There being no further discussion, Loftus/Seible to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. Ayes-Four.

Adjourn

ATTEST:

Doug Faas, Mayor

Becky Walters, City Clerk