

CITY HALL
EVANSDALE, IOWA, MAY 17, 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: Walker, Nichols, Seible, Dewater, and Loftus. Quorum present.

Dewater/Walker to approve the May 17, 2016 agenda. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Loftus/Dewater to approve the following items on the May 17, 2016 consent agenda. a) Approval of May 3, 2016 regular meeting minutes. b) Accept and place on file the minutes and reports from the following Departments, Boards, and Commissions: Ambulance & Fire Report (April), Building Inspection Report (April), Clerk/Treasurer Report (March), Code Enforcement Report (April), Evansdale Municipal Housing Authority (April), Library (April), Parks & Rec Dept. (April), Planning & Zoning (Feb), Police Dept. (April), and Water Works (April). c) Approval of Yard Waste contract with City of Raymond. d) Approval of Yard Waste contract with City of Elk Run Heights. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Dewater /Loftus to approve Resolution 5956 Authorizing payment of bills and transfers. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Walker/Loftus to open the Public Hearing-General Obligation Vehicle Acquisition Loan Agreement at 6:03 p.m. Proof of publication on file, no public comments were received. Dewater/Seible to close public hearing- General Obligation Vehicle Acquisition Loan Agreement at 6:04 p.m. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Dewater/Seible to approve Resolution 5957 approving taking additional action to enter into a General Obligation Vehicle Acquisition Loan Agreement in an amount not to exceed \$450,000 and Water Improvement Loan Agreement in an amount not to exceed \$175,000. Larry Burger, Speer Financial, explained the finance options to the council. Burger stated general obligation bond rates are at approximately 1.28% with local bank rate at 2.99%. It would save the city over \$30,000 over the 7 year term requested. Mark Atkins, 909 3rd Ave., questioned if we negotiated with local bank. City Clerk, Kobliska, responded yes. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Loftus/Dewater to approve request from Public Works Director to have annual levee maintenance (weed control spraying) not to exceed \$3,097.50 as budgeted for FY16. Councilman Seible questioned if the street department could maintain the levee. Mayor Faas responded that it requires a special license and the product and risk is extremely high. Motion carried.

Dewater/Walker to approve request from Public Works Director to purchase replacement slide-in sander for snow removal truck in an amount not to exceed 19,325 as budgeted under other capital outlay for FY16. Councilman Seible questioned what vehicle it would be utilized for and the life expectancy of the unit. Public Works Director, Chris Schares, responded with the vehicle type and the standard steel boxes purchased in the past would last maximum 9 years, while the stainless steel it will be a little more upfront cost, but the life expectancy is 3 times higher. Motion carried.

Discussion/Possible Action – placement of the Evansdale Logo on the water tower in an amount not to exceed \$7,500. General consensus of the council was not to proceed.

Seible/Loftus to approve Resolution 5958 setting date of public hearing for FY2016 budget amendment. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Public discussion-non agenda items: Mark Atkins, 909 3rd Ave., questioned the timing of the publishing of the minutes, River Forest Road street light updates, storm water pumping into the sewer system, and that it is Lime Disease Awareness month. Bill Nichols, 221 Oakwood Dr., stated that he appreciated the streets in the heights being cracked sealed, he also asked if the cities easement that borders his property could be repaired, as it was damaged during snow removal. Mayor Faas responded that he would have the street department look at it in the morning. Margaret Stocks, 711 Home Acres Ave., questioned why all the trees were removed on River Forest Road, how residents, especially the elderly, were expected to get around during the construction, and how would ambulances get in and out of there. Mayor Faas responded due to the reconstruction and the new elevation of River Forest Road the trees had to be removed. He also stated that the city has made arrangements for ambulance services as well as elderly or handicapped access for residents on the road.

Mayor/Council Reports: Mayor Faas discussed reimbursement from Kwik Star, and gave an update on the lagoon liner. Councilman Loftus questioned what happened with getting a quote to merge Elk Run Heights, Raymond and the city's sewer systems together. Mayor Faas responded that the city mayors are meeting on the 26th with the engineer to determine the next step.

Mayor Faas reminded everyone of the Evansdale Community Days to be held July 30th. The events to include mud volleyball, 1st annual Fireman's dance, a barbecue cook-off and several children events uptown. He also stated that work will begin on the River Forest Road Levee Trail project on the 23rd of May. Councilman Nichols questioned why he had received three different responses why the trees had been cut down on River Forest Road (RFR). Mayor Faas responded that we did have a time line to remove trees due to the bat issue, but the basic reasons are two-fold, first as stated earlier due to new elevation and 2nd some trees were removed because they were dead or close to it. Councilman Seible questioned the detour route during the RFR construction project. Mayor Faas responded W. Gilbert Drive and Evans Road.

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

ATTEST:

Doug Faas, Mayor

DeAnne Kobliska, City Clerk