

CITY HALL  
EVANSDALE, IOWA, MAY 20, 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: Seible, Nichols, Dewater, and Loftus. Absent: Walker. Quorum present.

Loftus/Seible to approve the May 20, 2014 agenda. Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Dewater/Seible to approve the following items on the May 20, 2014 consent agenda: a) Approval of May 6, 2014 regular meeting minutes b) Resolution 5689 authorizing payment of bills and transfers c) Liquor license renewal: Hoochies-expires June 25, 2014 d) Accept and place on file the minutes and reports from the following Boards, Departments and Commissions (n/a = Not Available): Ambulance (April), Building Inspection (April), Clerk/Treasurer (April), Fire Dept (April), Parks & Rec (April), Police Dept (April), Library (March, April), Water Works (Jan-April), Cable TV Commission (n/a), Evansdale Municipal Housing (March), Hardship & Grievance (n/a), Planning & Zoning (March, April), Storm Water (n/a). Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Consent  
Agenda

Police Chief Kent Smock presented Cassidy Dietz with the Officer of the Year Award. Smock explained that one of the things that made Deitz stand out was his expertise in drug use cases. Smock presented Jason Dolf with the Reserve Officer of the Year Award. Smock explained that Dolf works at a company that makes aerial maps, and Dolf was instrumental in providing maps to the department during the missing girls search. Smock stated that though only two are personally recognized, every officer contributes to the success of the department.

Officer of the  
Year award

Dewater/Seible to approve request from Chamber of Commerce for \$2,500 for 2014 Lafayette Road Tree Planting project. Chamber of Commerce President Dona Frickson stated that in past years, the Chamber requested money for fireworks, however, since the Chamber isn't having a fireworks this year, they are asking for the budgeted funds to be used to remove the ash trees and replant new trees on Lafayette in the downtown area as Jeff Dawson present. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Tree project

Loftus/Seible to approve request from sewer foreman to complete sewer repairs on McCoy Road in an amount not to exceed \$7,000. The Mayor explained that during the recent routine televising of the lines, two voids were found on McCoy Road. The proposed fix, with an estimate of \$6,200 from Central Iowa Televising, involves putting sleeves in the lines, which is much more cost effective than tearing up and replacing the road. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Sewer repairs-  
McCoy Road

Dewater/Loftus to approve Resolution 5690 approving a development agreement between the City and Evansdale Investments for property tax rebate for improvements made to 3550 Lafayette, which is known as Ted's Hardware Store. The Mayor explained that this item was originally tabled at the end of 2013 because the owner was going to add a restaurant to the strip mall and include those improvements into the rebate; however those plans have since changed. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Res. 5690  
Tax rebate-  
Hardware Store

Loftus/Seible to approve Resolution 5691 approving property tax exemption for property located at 640 Dodge Street. Councilman Nichols questioned whether offering tax abatement is really helping the City attract new constructions. The Mayor stated that the original intent of the plan was to encourage new housing starts. Nichols stated that the City's taxes are so low that the City shouldn't need to give away taxes. Councilman Loftus agreed. The Mayor pointed out that only \$75,000 of the assessed value is

Res. 5691  
Property tax  
exemption

abated for up to five years depending on the value. He added the resident is still being taxed on any remaining value. Councilman Seible stated that he would like to see a report that shows what was actually brought to the City by offering the abatement. Sharon Loftus responded that taxes are charged a year and a half in the rear, so it wouldn't be possible to know until then. Councilman Dewater supported the tax abatement program citing that the City should give a little to get a little. The Mayor stated to Council that it's their tax abatement plan and they can make any changes to it that they wish. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Loftus/Seible opened the public hearing at 6:23 p.m. to hear comments concerning FY2014 budget amendment. Proof of publication received and on file. No written comments were received prior to the meeting. After no questions or comments from the public were made, Dewater/Loftus closed the public hearing at 6:24 p.m. Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

PH-Budget  
Amendment

Nichols/Loftus to approve Resolution 5692 amending the FY 2013/2014 Budget. Councilman Seible asked if the paramedic wages were included in the upcoming fiscal year budget so that amendments wouldn't be necessary. The Mayor responded yes, the wages were included in the FY2015 budget. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

FY2014  
Budget  
Amendment

Seible/Dewater to approve Ordinance 635 amending and adding provisions pertaining to the hobbyist permit in its first reading. Councilman Seible said that he was happy with the revision presented of the ordinance because it is more simplified. The Mayor read the new specifications for the hobbyist permit as follows:

Ord. 635  
Hobbyist  
Permit

*51.04 (4) Hobbyist Permit. Any junk vehicle covered under a hobbyist permit for the restoration or repair of up to two (2) non-operating, wrecked, junked, or partially dismantled vehicles on any premise used for residential purposes. The permit shall be obtained from the Evansdale Code Enforcement Officer. A) Application for the hobbyist permit shall be filed in writing with the Evansdale Code Enforcement Officer on a form provided by the City and shall contain the name and address of the applicant and the make, model, year, location and vehicle identification number of each vehicle to be restored or repaired. B) The vehicle(s) to be restored or repaired shall be owned by the applicant and proof of ownership shall be required at the time of application. C) The permit shall cover the vehicle(s) only and does not authorize the storage of miscellaneous vehicle parts or junk contained in, on, or near the vehicle(s). D) The fee for such hobbyist permit shall be \$25.00 per vehicle. E) All hobbyist permits shall expire on the 90th day following the issuance thereof. F) If the applicant demonstrates just progress toward the restoration or repair of said vehicle(s), prior to the expiration of the hobbyist permit, the Evansdale Code Enforcement Officer may renew the hobbyist permit, but only one time, for an additional 90 days. The applicant shall pay a fee of \$25.00 per vehicle at the time of renewal. G) No individual may hold hobbyist permits for more than two (2) vehicles and no property may contain more than two (2) vehicle(s) to be restored or repaired at any given time. Enforcement of this section shall be within the jurisdiction of the Code Enforcement Officer.*

Seible asked how many permits are normally issued. The Police Chief responded that there have been three issued in the last three years. Councilman Dewater commented that the way the ordinance reads, it suggests that two permits can be issued at the same time. The Mayor responded that one permit would be issued for a project containing two vehicles such as a project and parts car. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Councilman Dewater recapped the following issues on the Grand Boulevard Sidewalk Project from the walk-through work session on May 15, 2014. First, Dewater stated that he would like to have the tree taken down on at the corner of Brookside and Grand. Seible reported that it was already taken down. The Mayor stated the stump will be taken over the weekend. Sieble asked if the property owner cut the tree down. The Mayor responded that the City hired someone to take it down for \$300 because the

Discussion

property owner didn't feel comfortable doing so, however the City cut it up to be hauled away. Dewater asked if the retaining wall would be taken out then. The Mayor responded yes, that was an item on the contractors punch list. Dewater pointed out that he thinks the City should correct the section of the sidewalk on Grand from Bellefontaine to the south where water pools and sits. He added that there is about 40-50 feet where there is a dip and it comes back that should be corrected. Dewater estimated that would cost about \$6,000 to fix that section. The Mayor stated that the drain on Tom Nichols property would need to be jetted. In addition, the City would need cut two other drains down to grade level. The Mayor stated that he would have Jerry Shoff at a future meeting to go over the remaining punch list items and offered that time for Council to determine what the City will do to get that portion of the sidewalk fixed. Dewater suggested sending a registered letter to the contractor to put pressure to get punch list completed. Councilman Nichols asked if these state and federally funded projects are required to follow City ordinance because code calls for compacted gravel, which probably wasn't used. Loraine Atkins complained that the straw socks around the beehive drains are backing up water in to the yards. The Mayor responded that they are for erosion control and are required for 70% completion. The Mayor concluded that he was going to have Engineer Jerry Shoff come to a future Council meeting to go over the punch list and give Council an opportunity to address their concerns.

Councilman Seible brought up the discussion on whether the local pole barns are too tall. Discussion took place on whether it would need to go to Planning and Zoning (P&Z) first or could just be amended by Council. The City Clerk said she would review the Code to see whether P&Z could be circumvented.

There being no further discussion, Seible/Loftus to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 p.m. Ayes-Four.

Adjourn

**ATTEST:**

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**Doug Faas, Mayor**

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**Becky Walters, City Clerk**