

CITY HALL
EVANSDALE, IOWA, AUGUST 5, 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. Council members present in order of roll call: Walker, Seible, Nichols, Dewater, Loftus. Absent: None. Quorum present.

Walker/Loftus to approve the August 5, 2014 agenda. Motion carried.

Dewater/Loftus to approve the following items on the August 5, 2014 consent agenda: a) Approval of July 15, 2014 regular meeting minutes b) Approval of July 21, 2014 special meeting minutes c) Resolution 5703 authorizing payment of bills and transfers d) Liquor license renewals: Casey's General Store—3601 Lafayette Road—Expires September 3, 2014. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Consent
Agenda

Walker/Seible to authorize the Mayor to sign grant application and Memorandum of Understanding with INRCOG for grant writing services for a REAP grant submitted by Parks Department for Angel's Park bridge. Considerable discussion focused on whether or not the City could apply for two REAP grants at the same time. Mayor Faas told council that he spoke with a representative from REAP and they assured him that the City could apply for two grants in the same year. Kevin Blanshan of INRCOG also stated the City can apply for two REAP grants. Park Board Director Tom Nichols addressed Council with specifications on the bridge project and explained that further funding for the project will come from grants or donations. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

REAP grant
Angel's Park
Bridge

Nichols/Seible to authorize the Mayor to sign a grant application and Memorandum of Understanding with INRCOG for grant writing services for a REAP grant for the River Forest Road levee bike trail. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

REAP grant
Levee bike trail

Walker/Dewater to approve request from Evansdale Youth Sports Association (EYSA) for ball diamond maintenance in the amount of \$2,000.00. Discussion focused on whether EYSA continues to need a yearly budgeted line item. Councilman Nichols asked what the EYSA dues cover. Councilman Walker explained that dues are used to help replace equipment. Councilman Seible stated that he was on the committee for years and struggles with continuing to budget money for the organization because they are a non-profit that makes money. Tom Nichols stated that the line item has been in the budget for years and the original intent was to help EYSA offset some of the cost of maintenance. Council agreed it would be reasonable to see the EYSA's financial statements next year before budgeting future funds. Seible stated that because the funds are in the budget this year he would vote yes on the motion. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

EYSA funding
request

Dewater/Loftus to approve request from Fire Chief to send member, Randy Schilling, to Hawkeye Community College paramedic program in the amount of \$2,500.00. Fire Chief Kent Smock explained the City would pay a portion of the program cost and Schilling would need to pay for the rest. Schilling is required to work for the city for four years. If he leaves prior to working for four years, he must reimburse the City the \$2,500.00. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Request from
Fire Chief

Loftus/Walker to approve request from Police Chief to send part-time police officer, Ryan Hall, to ILEA Intermediate Recruit course in the amount of \$1,286.00. Police Chief Kent Smock stated Hall would not be paid wages while attending training. Hall would be required to reimburse the city if he leaves training early or quits working for the city prior to eighteen months. Smock stated Iowa law requires ILEA students to pay back the City if they leave prior to completing eighteen months of service. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Request from
Police Chief

Walker/Dewater opened the public hearing at 6:27 p.m. to hear comments regarding the issuance of revenue bonds on behalf of Goodwill Industries of Northeast Iowa, Inc. Proof of publication received and on file. There being no comments or questions, Walker/Loftus closed the public hearing at 6:28 p.m. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

PH-Goodwill
bond

Dewater/Loftus to approve Resolution 5704 authorizing the issuance of revenue bonds or notes in an amount not to exceed \$1,700,000.00 on behalf of Goodwill Industries of Northeast Iowa, Inc. and the execution of a loan agreement and related documents. Councilman Loftus asked to clarify if the bonds would cost the City. Mayor Faas explained the City would make some money from the bonds. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Res. 5704 for
Goodwill bond

Walker/Dewater opened the public hearing at 6:29 p.m. to hear comments regarding the Dubuque Road bridges repair project. Proof of publication received and on file. There being no comments or questions, Loftus/Walker closed the public hearing at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried.

PH-Dubuque
Road bridges
repair

Walker/Seible to approve receiving bids for the Dubuque Road bridges and table acceptance of said bids. Mayor Faas explained that the project bids came in considerably higher than the engineer anticipated. Tabling the bids allows Shoff Engineers to work with the contractors for future bids and hopefully get their prices to reduce. Councilman Seible asked if having the engineer negotiate construction costs with the contractors would increase the price of engineering. Faas explained the price of engineering will not change unless the project needs to be re-engineered. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Table Dubuque
Road bridge
bids

Nichols/Loftus to deny request from Brandon Skinner for storage unit facility on River Forest Road. Mayor Faas stated Planning and Zoning recommended denying Skinner's request. Planning and Zoning Member John Peverill stated they denied the request because the committee believed the land could be put to better use. Council agreed with Planning and Zoning. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Storage unit
facility request

Dewater/Walker to approve request from Troy Everts to make permanent 90 feet of temporary parking on Jones Road. Mayor Faas explained that a sunset clause on the temporary parking expires on September 1, 2014. Everts said he has constructed eleven parking spaces on his property and has not seen any of the tenants park on the street. He is requesting that 90 feet of temporary parking be made permanent to provide parking space for tenant visitors. Faas reported that the Public Works Director said parking on that street makes plowing snow difficult. Police Chief Kent Smock reported that visibility on Jones Road is limited due to the sharp curve of the road and trees and fences along the side of the road impair a driver's ability to see oncoming traffic around the curve. Councilman Nichols asked how often tenants have visitors that parks in the street. Everts said he has not seen anyone park in the street but he uses it when he goes to the property. He would like to have that capability available for the future. Councilman DeWater asked Smock if any accidents have been reported on the street. Smock reported that no accidents have been reported but on street parking makes the road congested and he does not want an accident to happen. Lorraine Atkins remarked that this motion creates a dangerous traffic problem. Roll call vote: Ayes-Three. Nays-Nichols and Loftus. Motion carried.

Parking on
Jones Road

Mayor Faas gave a report on the project with Natel, Inc. The Department of Transportation's subcontractor Trans Core placed equipment on the tower and the equipment is utilizing bandwidth that Natel, Inc. requires to work properly. A meeting is scheduled for August 7, 2014 to work through the equipment and bandwidth issue.

Natel, Inc.
update

Discussion: Mayor Faas distributed to council project specifications from Shoff Engineering for the potential Norma Avenue Street extension. Faas noted the project would not be discussed at the current meeting but would be on the agenda for the next council meeting.

Discussion

There being no further discussion, Walker/Seible to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 p.m. Motion carried.

Adjourn

ATTEST:



Doug Faas, Mayor



Kelley Rouchka, City Clerk