

CITY HALL  
EVANSDALE, IOWA, AUGUST 6, 2013  
CITY COUNCIL  
CHAD DEUTSCH, 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: Loftus, Walker, Miller, and Dewater. Absent: None. Quorum present.

Dewater/Loftus to approve the August 6, 2013 agenda. Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Loftus/Miller to approve the following items on the August 6, 2013 consent agenda: a) Approval of July 16, 2013 regular meeting minutes b) Resolution 5618 authorizing payment of bills and transfers. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Consent  
Agenda

Miller/Loftus to approve correction to appointment term of Library Board of Trustees Kathy Pritchett, Mary Kettwig, and Gary Hansen to expire on 6/30/2016 instead of the original appointed term expiring 06/30/18. Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Library  
Appointments

Loftus/Dewater to approve the request from Knights of Columbus to hold Tootsie Roll Drive collection point on August 16th and 17th, 2013 at intersections of Lafayette/Evans Rd and W. Gilbert/River Forest Rd. Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Tootsie Roll  
Drive

Loftus/Miller to approve the request from Police Chief Kent Smock for disposal of equipment. Smock stated that the vest is expired and no longer valuable to the city. A past officer has expressed an interest in the vest as is. Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Disposal of  
Equipment

Dewater/Walker to authorize the Mayor to sign Memorandum of Understanding with INRCOG for grant writing services for a REAP grant submitted by the Parks Dept. Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Authorize  
Mayor to sign  
MOU Parks  
grant

Walker/Loftus opened the public hearing at 6:04 p.m. to hear comments concerning Grand Boulevard Sidewalk Project. Proof of publication was received and on file. No written comments were received prior to the meeting. Resident Mildred Bauler of 455 Grand Blvd asked what the project was about. The Mayor stated that the Grand Blvd sidewalk project is part of the safe routes to school grant and that the south section from Central Ave to W. Gilbert Dr doesn't have a sidewalk forcing children to walk on the street to get to school. Walker/Loftus closed the public hearing at 6:05 p.m. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

PH-Grand  
Blvd  
Sidewalk  
Project

Walker/Loftus to approve resolution 5619 approving final plans, specifications, and form of contract; authorize Mayor to sign contract; and approve temporary construction easements for the Grand Boulevard Sidewalk Project. The council accepted the low bid in the amount of \$113,147.86 which was awarded to Vieth Construction Corporation. The City portion of the project would be \$57,927.86. Councilman Loftus asked if the funds are available within our budget. The Mayor stated they are. Loftus also stated that we need to go forward with projects that are going to improve our town and its appearance. Walker and Miller added that the importance of the project is the safety of our children traveling to school. Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Res 5619  
Approving  
Grand Blvd  
Sidewalk  
Project

Loftus/Walker to approve resolution 5620 approving preliminary plans, specifications, form of contract, and preliminary cost estimate; setting dates of public hearing and letting; and authorizing engineer to advertise for bids for the 2013 Street Reconstruction Project. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Res 5620  
Setting PH  
2013 Street  
Reconstruction

Walker/Miller to approve resolution 5621 setting date of public hearing and authorizing City Clerk to advertise for sealed bids for sale of property located at 115 Joy Drive. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Res 5621  
Setting PH  
Sale of  
property

Walker/Dewater to approve request from Fire Chief Kent Smock to proceed with steps to hire an EMT. Chief Smock stated the need to pursue the establishment of a fulltime position. Smock relayed that we currently have 3 EMT's available during daytime hours, but will be losing 2 of them in the fall due to other commitments. Last year at this time we ran 310 of our 568 ambulance calls. He spoke with Waterloo Fire Rescue about entering into a contract for coverage, but they do not have the availability to assist at this time. He also spoke with Covenant Medical Center. They proposed an arrangement where they would supply a full time person for around \$72,000 a year. We would supply the ambulance and all the supplies, and we would still be able to invoice all of the calls. The other option would be to hire our own full time person. He suggested a starting salary of \$38,000. Adding full time benefits and health care coverage would bring total cost to \$53,000 if they chose a single coverage plan or just over \$61,000

Request to  
establish an  
EMT position

if they chose a family plan. Chief Smock envisioned this position doing other things between calls, such as mowing, janitorial services, and administrative duties. We could offset approximately \$4,200 in the current budget for these services. Walker asked if we would need to purchase another lawn mower for the CRC facility. Smock stated that the Street Dept. is currently mowing the property and will allow the Fire Dept. to use the mower, thus freeing up their personnel to work on other Street Dept. duties. He would like permission to advertise and accept applications for the position. Council person Miller stated that she would like the council to review the job description and also discuss what the plans would be to cover this position when the employee is on vacation or taking sick leave. Attorney Craig Ament advised the first thing that needs to be done is to see if this position falls into one of the union contract positions. The position would fall under the Chief's supervision and if there are tasks that are being handled by unionized employees that would be something you would need to take into consideration. Resident John Peverill asked what this would do for the morale of the other rescue volunteers. Mayor Deutsch stated that he was worried about that as well, but honestly having talked with department members, he believed the majority of them will be thankful since a dedicated volunteer feels responsible when they can't respond to a call. Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Discussion: Resident Sharon Loftus questioned Chief Smock on the necessity of issuing the tickets for open container at the recent Mud Volleyball event. The Chief relayed what happened at the event and hoped it would help prevent further illegal actions for the remainder of the event and in the future.

Discussion

Councilman Walker stated the need to receive support letters from the community in regards to the Meyers Lake Aeration Project. Park Board Member Steve Seible stated that they are applying for grants and any support would be appreciated.

There being no further discussion, Loftus/Miller adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m. Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Adjourn

ATTEST:

  
Chad Deutsch, Mayor

  
DeAnne Kobliska, Deputy City Clerk