

CITY HALL  
EVANSDALE, IOWA, SEPTEMBER 3, 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: Miller, Dewater, Loftus, and Walker. Absent: None. Quorum present.

Loftus/Miller to approve the September 3, 2013 agenda. Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Walker/Dewater to approve the following items on the September 3, 2013 consent agenda: a) Approval of August 20, 2013 regular meeting minutes b) Resolution 5626 authorizing payment of bills and transfers. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Dewater/Loftus to table Troy and Angie Everts' request to make the 600 block of Jones Road permanent parking to reevaluate the measurements. The Mayor stated that in February, Mr. Everts was temporarily allowed 90 feet of parking on the east side of Jones Road until September 1st to allow him time to pave an offstreet area for extra parking. The Police Chief and Public Works Director have inspected this portion of Jones Road from Central Ave to the curve and recommend that there be no parking there because of visibility issues. In addition, there are federal regulations requiring a certain amount of cleared space to allow visibility, which is known as traffic triangle. Angie Everts explained that though they have intentions to pave a parking lot, they have faced financial constraints but hope to get it done next year. She added that they are only asking for space for three cars. Council member Loftus recommended that Council vote with the recommendation of the Public Works Director and Police Chief. The Mayor suggested to Ms. Everts that a temporary solution would be to apply roadstone to the new off street parking area this fall, which could be parked on over the winter, then concrete the area in the spring. Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Request to open  
600 block of  
Jones Rd.

Loftus/Dewater to approve Resolution 5627 approving property tax exemption for property located at 203 Heather Avenue. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Res. 5627 tax  
exemption

Dewater/Walker to approve Resolution 5628 endorsing the use of Metropolitan Transportation Alternative Program Funds to develop the trail along the Cedar River levee. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Res. 5628 Cedar  
River Trail

Walker/Miller to approve Resolution 5629 fixing compensation for Emergency Medical Technician. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Res. 5629 Fixing  
compensation

The Mayor introduced the discussion on establishing a golf cart ordinance by explaining that a resident contacted the Mayor asking for the City to allow golf carts on the streets. The Mayor added that the City Attorney prepared a draft of an ordinance covering golf cart regulations. He asked Council if they would wish to include UTV's in the ordinance since they are a similar vehicle. Councilmember Loftus responded that he would not be in favor of allowing UTV's because they can go too fast. Councilmember Dewater stated that he didn't think it would be a bad idea to have UTV's. The City Attorney answered questions on the proposed ordinance. Joan Thompson pointed out that by not allowing golf cart travel on W. Gilbert, one wouldn't be able to go to Fareway by golf cart because the proposed ordinance wouldn't allow travel on the following streets with speed limits above 25 mph: Grand Blvd, W. Gilbert, River Forest Rd, and Lafayette Rd. Councilmember Walker stated that he wouldn't be in favor of an ordinance blocking anyone from utilizing it, but recommended to omit a section of W. Gilbert from McCoy to Grand Blvd from the listing of streets that are restricted. Loftus/Miller motioned to place the proposed golf cart ordinance on the next Council agenda to be acted upon. Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Discussion to  
establish Golf  
Cart Ordinance

Discussion: Councilmember Dewater asked if there had been progress at Angel's Park. Mayor Deutsch responded that a sprinkler system and conduit for electricity was recently installed and the island was seeded. Loraine Atkins asked what the compensation for the Emergency Medical Tech was approved for. The Mayor responded \$38,000 per year. Joan Thompson shared her concern regarding drainage on First Street. She explained that water has been channeled towards her house. The Mayor responded that though residents are responsible for their own drainage, the City took tile and a beehive to neighbor Dave Frank to install, however it hasn't been installed yet. The Mayor stated that he would discuss the issue with the Public Works Director. Ms. Thompson also voiced her concern that several properties on Oakwood Drive are caving into the Cedar River. The Mayor responded that he has addressed the issue with the City Engineer. FEMA wouldn't address the problem during the 2008 flood because it's on private property. He added that a wing dam may help prevent the erosion and the City Engineer has contacted the Army Corp of Engineers.

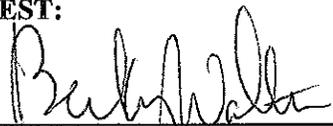
Discussion

There being no further discussion, Loftus/Miller adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m. Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Adjourn

ATTEST:

  
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Chad Deutsch, Mayor

  
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Becky Walters, City Clerk