

CITY HALL  
EVANSDALE, IOWA, SEPTEMBER 20, 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.

Seible/Loftus to approve the September 20, 2016 agenda. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Loftus/Dewater to approve the following items on the September 20, 2016 consent agenda. a) Approval of September 6, 2016 regular meeting minutes. b) Accept and place on file the minutes and reports from the following Departments, Boards, and Commissions: Ambulance & Fire Report (Aug), Building Inspection Report (Aug), Clerk/Treasurer Report (n/a), Code Enforcement Report (Aug), Evansdale Municipal Housing Authority (Aug), Library (n/a), Parks & Rec Dept. (Aug), Planning & Zoning (n/a), Police Dept. (Aug), and Water Works (Aug). Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Seible/Loftus to approve Resolution 6000 authorizing payment of bills and transfers. Councilman Seible questioned Menards flood gate repair bills. Mayor Faas responded that the invoice was replacement parts and lubricant for flood gate repairs. Seible also questioned The Sled Shed invoice for a trimmer for the Parks Dept. Mayor Faas responded that it was approved by the Parks Dept. Councilman Nichols questioned the use of Benjamin Franklin plumbing from Cedar Rapids. Mayor Faas responded that a lift station went down over a weekend and they were the only company that would respond. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Loftus/Walker to approve Resolution 6001 awarding the lowest, most responsible bid to C & R Construction for project five (5) located at 759 Burr Oak Avenue in the amount of \$14,935 for the 2015 Evansdale Housing Rehabilitation Program. Cindy with INRCOG reported the recommended bid. Councilman Nichols asked to be removed from bidding list. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Walker/Seible to approve Resolution 6002 awarding the lowest, most responsible bid to Tojo Construction for project six (6) located at 1737 Enid Street in the amount of \$11,994 for the 2015 Evansdale Housing Rehabilitation Program. Cindy with INRCOG reported the recommended bid. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Loftus/Walker to approve Resolution 6003 awarding the lowest, most responsible bid to Tojo Construction for project seven (7) located at 1691 W. Gilbert Drive in the amount of \$20,760 for the 2015 Evansdale Housing Rehabilitation Program. Cindy with INRCOG reported the recommended bid. Councilman Loftus questioned what the city was contributing to these projects. Mayor Faas responded \$3,000 for each rehabilitation. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Nichols/Seible to approve Resolution 6004 approving retaining Iowa Northland Regional Council of Governments (I.N.R.C.O.G.) for the update of the city's Comprehensive Plan. Brian Schoon with INRCOG discussed the facilitation process and reviewed the check off list that the city would utilize while upgrading the city's comprehensive plan. Councilman Seible questioned why the cost increased from \$25,000 to \$35,000. Brian responded that the cost is \$25,000. Mayor Faas stated that INRCOG would be flexible in the payment plan. Councilman Nichols asked what percentage of objectives would get completed. Brian responded that the council would have to hold the community and committees assigned accountable to follow through. Nichols also stated that there are several areas that need to be reviewed. Councilman Dewater questioned if the plan would be specific to economic development or could we focus on streets and sewer. Brian responded that it would be up to the council to decide the direction of the plan. Councilman Seible questioned if we could just focus on three areas of the plan. Brian responded, all areas have to be included, but you could adjust the chapters accordingly. Mark Atkins, 909 3rd Ave., questioned community involvement. Mayor Faas responded that the council members would each choose three people in the community that would be involved. Bill Nichols, 221 Oakwood Dr., stated that he was for the plan. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Loftus/Walker to approve Resolution 6005 fixing compensation for Chief Deputy City Clerk and welcoming

Julie Eastman to the City of Evansdale. Mayor Faas welcomed Julie to the city. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Nichols/Loftus to approve Resolution 6006 amending list of signatories on the City of Evansdale's financial accounts and safe deposit box. Councilman Dewater questioned the spelling of his name on the resolution he would like it to read Richard. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Loftus/Walker to approve Resolution 6007 approving, at the Request from Park Board, to place three (3) permanent stop signs in Deerwood campgrounds at the intersections of Deerwood Park Road and the entrance of Fogdale (unnamed street on the west side of Deerwood Lake). Mayor Faas stated temporary signs are currently located in the area and that the Police Dept. aren't able to enforce the laws because they aren't permanent. He also stated that the areas the signs are located at would be considered a safety hazard. Chief Jensen stated that he hasn't had any significant problems in the area. Councilman Nichols and Loftus stated that if the Parks Dept. has recommended the signs, they should be installed. Mark Atkins, 909 3rd Ave., questioned if the Police Dept. would enforce the signs. Mayor Faas responded yes. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Loftus/Seible to approve setting the date of Trick or Treat for October 31st from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Dewater/Loftus to approve request from Fire Chief to purchase 16 sets of gear at \$2,501.95 each set in an amount not to exceed \$40,031.20 as requested for the FY17 Budget and \$20,000 to be reimbursed by Black Hawk Gaming after the purchase. Chuck Reiter, Volunteer Fire Dept., stated that the NFPA Standards for gear is 10 years and ours are expired. He reiterated that we are not in compliance and that all cities are held to the same standards by the NFPA. Councilman Seible questioned how long the gear will last. Reiter responded 10 years. Councilman Nichols questioned if we would be able to donate our old gear. Reiter responded that it is not in compliance. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Loftus/Walker to approve request from Public Works Director to replace air compressor in the amount of \$1,779.99. Councilman Nichols inquired about the size of the compressor. Mayor Faas responded 80 pounds. Mayor Faas stated that the new air compressor is OSHA compliant. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Discussion Only-Water Waste Rates, Sump Pump Inspections: Mayor Faas discussed the need to raise our waste water fees anticipating the replacement/merge of our waste water system. Councilman Dewater questioned what the rates need to be in anticipation of the changes. Mayor Faas responded that it will take a minimum of 5-6 million dollars and that we need to start somewhere and suggested an initial increase of \$15 per quarter, then a percentage to follow. Councilman Loftus wasn't in favor of such a large increase. Sandy Clements, 218 Trail Ave., stated the current commercial rates. Councilman Seible not in favor of an increase at all. Sandy Francis, 312 River Forest Rd., stated that we have to take into consideration the senior citizen population that can't afford such an increase. Mayor Faas stated that the average, taken from several cities in Iowa, is \$38.87 per month and we are currently at \$15.50 per month. Councilman Walker stated that we have a lot of infrastructure, lift stations, and the sewer plant we need to address. Loraine Atkins, 625 River Forest Rd., disagreed with an increase and disagreed that Waterloo rates are higher than ours. Mark Atkins, 909 3rd Ave., questioned the where the drying beds at the sewer plant went and also stated that the City of Waterloo raided their sewer fund. Bill Nichols, 221 Oakwood Dr., stated that we could compromise at \$10 per quarter. Dewater stated that he would like hard costs to make a decision. After further conversation it was decided to bring it to the next council meeting with more figures on the future costs.

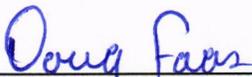
Mayor Faas also stated that we need to address our I & I issues (inflow/infiltration) our current ordinance addressing sump pump, roof drain run-off, and exterior foundation drains has no teeth. Faas explained the cost and the manpower to go door to door and address any issues at each residence. Councilman Walker stated that we needed to inform the public on what not to do and what direction they could in resolving the problem. Councilman Dewater stated that we should start now with a voluntary program to address the issues.

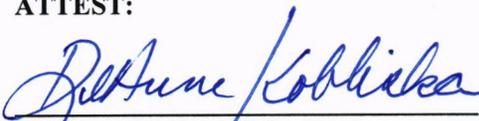
Mayor/Council reports: Ryan Fisher, Shoff Engineering, updated the council on the River Forest Road Project stating that they have completed the south portion and anticipate it opening by the end of the week. Contractors have assured us that he would have a crew here to pour cement. Councilman Seible questioned if they will clean the driveways off and if the expansion gap on the approaches is correct. Sandy Francis, 312 River Forest

Road, expressed concern with the access behind her house is torn up and hazardous to drive on and needs to be repaired. She also questioned if we anticipated completing the project this year. Mayor Faas responded that we have a contingency plan in place. Al Chidester, 176 River Forest Rd., was disappointed with the progress of the road and questioned if he had to pay garbage fees as he had to carry his garbage to the dumpster down the street. Loraine Atkins, 625 River Forest Rd., questioned again who authorized putting a notice in her mail box a notice stating if I wanted my driveway expanded I would have to pay for it. Mayor Faas responded that a gentleman up the street had requested a curb cut beyond what his original approach was poured. We decided that we needed to offer it to all residents within the area and three of the council members authorized that we pay the difference. Loraine responded that it wasn't poured correctly to begin with. Mark Atkins, 909 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave., stated that the sidewalk and approach wasn't installed correctly. He also questioned if the mayor had found the easements for his property. Mayor Faas responded that we found the resolution and researched the actual easements and they couldn't be found. Councilman Seible questioned the proper way to resolve the issue. Mayor Faas responded that a box drain would possibly resolve the issue.

There being no further discussion, Loftus/Nichols to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

  
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Doug Faas, Mayor

  
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DeAnne Kobliska, City Clerk