

CITY HALL  
EVANSDALE, IOWA, OCTOBER 4, 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: Nichols, Seible, Dewater, Loftus, and Walker. Quorum present.

Nichols/Seible to approve the October 4, 2016 agenda. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Loftus/Walker to approve the following items on the October 4, 2016 consent agenda. a) Approval of September 20, 2016 regular meeting minutes. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Dewater/Loftus to approve Resolution 6008 authorizing payment of bills and transfers. Councilman Seible questioned the flood mitigation invoice from Shoff Engineers. Mayor Faas stated that they were billable hours for 3 representatives with Shoff Engineering, they worked with Chris and myself to mitigate flood waters as well performed elevation shots up and down W. Gilbert Drive to determine how high to build berms around the storm water drains anticipating flood levels similar to the 2008 flood. Faas also stated that he had been in touch with Shoff and that they would consider negotiating the charges and asked Seible how much he wanted to see cut on the invoice. Seible responded 50%. Seible also questioned the Terracon invoices for the core testing on both River Forest Road projects and was concerned if it was included in the original project costs. Ryan, Shoff Engineering responded that every time they pour they have to take a sample, could be several times per days if pouring at different locations. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Loftus/Dewater to approve Resolution 6009 approving 3rd payment to Peterson Contractors, Inc., Reinbeck, IA, for the River Forest Road Reconstruction project in the amount of \$363,154.58. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Dewater/Walker to approve request for authorization to accept proposal from Shuck-Britson for bridge inspections in an amount not to exceed \$3,250 (Iowa DOT requirement). Councilman Nichols questioned how often the tests were required as we just rebuilt the Dubuque Road Bridge. Mayor Faas responded every two years. 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. He read off the different rates that he has proposed with the minimum proposal needs to be at least \$15/quarter increase. Faas also stated that we will spend a minimum of 6 million to merge with Waterloo and a minimum of 10-11 million to build individually or with the cities of Raymond and Elk Run Heights. Councilman Dewater stated that we would never have the cash on hand to complete a project of this size without bonding. Faas responded that we only have 7 million left in borrowing capacity and we can't depend on bonding alone, we have to accumulate, in a separate fund, for waste water improvements including infrastructure, lift stations and plant. Councilman Seible stated that he agreed with Councilman Dewater that in fact we would have to bond for the improvements and he wasn't in favor of a large increase at this time and would consider \$5 a quarter, but wanted to know the approximate cost of the project. Councilman Walker stated that he was thinking \$45 the first year, then 5-7% increase per year thereafter. Councilman Dewater stated that if we raise waste water fees this year then increase it every year thereafter, residents are going to wonder when it will end, and was in favor of a larger increase initially. Councilman Loftus would like to see the increase at \$10 per quarter. Mayor Faas stated that we need to consider at least a \$15 increase per quarter. Councilman Walker stated that it cost money to run a city and we are way below other cities in taxes and utility fees. Councilman Nichols stated that our taxes are low but our evaluations are higher compared to a home in Waterloo. After much deliberation it was the consensus of the council to bring an ordinance to the next meeting with an increase of \$15/quarter.

Mayor Faas also wanted to address our I & I issues (inflow/infiltration) and our current ordinance addressing sump pump, roof drain run-off, and exterior foundation drains. Faas explained that our daily waste water usage at this time last year without a flood event was at 400,000 gallons per day and today it is at 800,000 gallons per

day. We have been televising our lines, but they are in pretty good shape, the majority of the increase has to be coming from sump pumps. Councilman Nichols doesn't agree that we have any roof drain run-offs attached to the sump pumps as the system wasn't put in until the late 60's early 70's. Councilman Walker stated he would like to address the public and encourage them to volunteer for the inspection. Councilman Dewater stated that we should start now with a voluntary program to address the issues and he would be the first on the list. Mark Atkins, 909 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave., recommends we adopt an ordinance similar to Cedar Falls.

Mayor Faas wanted to personally thank some groups and individuals that worked very hard during the recent flood event. First the volunteer fire fighters the men and women and some of their spouses really stepped up to the plate, some of them worked over 20-30 hours helping to protect our city—they filled sandbags, built sandbag berms, patrolled the levee and on and on. 2<sup>nd</sup> our Public Works Department, Chris, Craig, Barry, Jason, Dakota, and Matt worked countless hours to insure that all equipment was in place to mitigate flooding within the city. Lucas Asphalt employees donated time and equipment and worked exclusively to protect the homes in Timber Creek Addition. Regal Plastics donated wood pallets. Ron & Mary Kettwig not only donated their time filling sand bags but also loaned equipment. Ted's Hardware provided supplies and volunteered to help fill sand bags. The Dawson family donated food and their time; The Boys and Girls Club, Cedar Falls High School students, Fred Morris, Gosse family, Dottie Wear, and Gene Walker donated time. We want to say thank to everyone that helped!

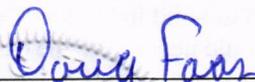
Public discussion – non agenda items: Loraine Atkins 625 River Forest Road, stated that her yard still hadn't been repaired and has been very unsatisfied with the whole project. Mark Atkins, 909 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave., questioned if we would charge empty lots with the waste water increase. Faas responded that if you currently get a sewer charge than you will receive an increase. Mark also questioned locating the easement that he signed for his property. Faas responded that we spent countless hours looking for easements at city hall, as well as contacting the city attorney on record during that time, and they were never recorded with the county court house.

Councilman Seible stated that he has received a lot of complaints about the home on 303 Miner Drive, he also believes that when the building inspector is hanging door hangers that he should knock first to see if anyone is home and he hadn't heard a response in regards to the 237 Wema junk issues. Councilman Nichols stated that when we choose the three people to be involved in the comprehensive plan that it should be from the ward the councilman represents. Mayor Faas responded in agreement. Mayor Faas discussed new LED lighting placement on River Forest Rd., volunteer fire fighters interest in purchasing his old equipment, and asked that building inspection permits be waived for flood victims. He also stated that the city has spent approximately \$33,000 on flood mitigation and there is uncertainty if we will receive flood relief from FEMA or the State of Iowa.

There being no further discussion, Loftus/Walker to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 p.m. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

  
DeAnne Kobliska, City Clerk

  
Doug Faas, Mayor

