

CITY HALL
EVANSDALE, IOWA, OCTOBER 7, 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: Loftus, Walker, Seible, Nichols, and Dewater. Absent: None. Quorum present.

Dewater/Seible to approve the October 7, 2014 agenda. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Walker/Nichols to approve the following items on the October 7, 2014 consent agenda: a) Approval of September 16, 2014 regular meeting minutes b) Resolution 5719 authorizing payment of bills and transfers. Councilman Seible asked about a payment to Digital Alley for a camera for the 2013 Tahoe. The Mayor responded that the camera was beta tested by the department for a reduced price and was approved two years ago. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

IBEW Local Union 288 Union Representative Richie Kurtenbach presented the bargaining unit's opening issues for the FY2016 Union Contract. They were as follows: 1) Amend the probationary period to ninety days (Section 5.2) 2) Amend contract to read, "employees will be paid two times their regular rate for time worked on holidays or as applicable" (Section 9.1B) 3) Amend contract to read, "an employee who is required to be on 'standby' on a day on which he is not regularly scheduled to work, shall be paid two hours of standby pay at his regular straight time hourly rate for each day in which the employee is required to standby" (Section 10.1) 4) A fair and equitable wage increase for all classifications each year of the agreement (Section 12.1, Appendix A) 5) Amend contract to read, "payment of the premium for health insurance coverage shall be paid by the City" (Section 26.2) 6) One-year to three-year agreement (Section 32.4). The Mayor stated that he would have a response at a Council meeting in the near future.

IBEW Opening
Proposals
FY2016

The Mayor issued a proclamation designating October as "National Anti-Bullying Month."

Anti-bullying
proclamation

Loftus/Seible to establish date and time for Trick or Treat to be Friday, October 31, 2014 from 6pm – 8pm. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Trick-or-treat

Nichols/Loftus to approve Resolution 5720 rescheduling the November 4th City Council meeting for November 5, 2014 due to the General election. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Res. 5720
Reschedule
Council meeting

Dewater/Loftus to approve Resolution 5721 authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Agreement with Cedar Falls Lutheran Home and fixing a date for a hearing on the proposed issuance of revenue bonds or notes. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Res. 5721
Setting PH date
Lutheran Home

Dewater/Seible to approve Resolution 5722 approving property tax exemption for property located at 231 Heather Ave. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Res. 5722
Property tax
exemption

Loftus/Walker to approve Resolution 5723 setting date for public hearing on urban renewal plan amendment. City Clerk Becky Walters reported that though a public hearing was previously set, it must be rescheduled because correspondence to the school and county was required but not sent. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Res. 5723
Setting PH date
Home Acres
Amendment

Walker/Seible to approve Resolution 5724 approving 28E Agreement with the City of Elk Run Heights for the maintenance and repair of the south Dubuque Road Bridge. The Mayor stated that per the agreement

Res. 5724
28E
Agreement

Elk Run will pay for 18.5 percent of any future southern bridge repairs because that bridge lies within Elk Run's borders. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Walker/Seible to approve the second reading of Ordinance 637 adding parcels to the Northwest Urban Renewal Area and providing for the division of taxes levied on the taxable property in the 2014 addition to the Northwest Urban Renewal area, pursuant to Section 403.19 of the Code of Iowa. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Ord. 637
Northwest
Urban Renewal
area

Walker/Dewater to waive the third reading of Ordinance 637. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Ord. 637
Waive 3rd Reading
& Adoption

Loftus/Walker to adopt Ordinance 637. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Discussion: Assistant Fire Chief Justin Smock announced that the Evansdale Fire Association is hosting its annual open house, in recognition of National Fire Prevention Week, at the fire station from 6-8 p.m. on October 8, 2014 for the public to attend.

Discussion

Councilman Ron Nichols asked the Mayor about requiring businesses on Doris Drive to have hard surfaced parking lots. The Mayor responded that he would need to speak with the City Attorney on the issue. Nichols asked what plan is in place for inspecting sidewalks. The Mayor responded he had not received reports of bad sidewalks. Nichols pointed out that on Evans Road at the intersection of Brookside there is a badly damaged section as well as many other sections all over town. The Mayor stated that he would check out the area but the City does not have the manpower to inspect every sidewalk. Nichols stated that having a five-year improvement plan in place would help prioritize. The Mayor responded that it would not be a bad idea and that he would get a committee together.

Loraine Atkins asked if the advisory committee was formed for the River Forest Road Reconstruction project. The Mayor responded yes, that a meeting was set for October 16, 2014 at 6:00pm and reported the following members on the committee: Mayor Faas, Councilman Steve Seible, Councilman Dick Dewater, Police Chief Kent Smock, Street Foreman Craig Sutton, City Clerk Becky Walters, Building Inspector Rick Reuter, City Engineer Jerry Shoff, and Evansdale residents Tom Little, Joan Thompson, and Mark Brandes. The Mayor stated that he was made aware of a crack in the new sidewalk on Grand Blvd. He stated that he would speak with Engineer Jerry Shoff about it and ask for an estimate on how much it would be to take out the huge slopes on the sidewalk south of Bellefontaine.

Councilman Dewater suggested sending correspondence or holding a meeting on the recent discussion with representatives from the Army Corps of Engineers with the Casebeer Heights residents who are affected by the erosion into the Cedar River. Dewater stated he was surprised to learn that surface erosion is contributing to the problem of the bank falling into the river when it was previously believed to be solely caused by river erosion.

Sewer Operator Matt White stated that the perimeter of the yardwaste center needs to be cleared of overgrown trees and shrubs and he received a quote from Planetary Tree Service for \$2,000. The Mayor stated that the request was previously tabled but could be put on a future agenda since Council knows more about why it needs to be done.

There being no further discussion, Walker/Loftus to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m. Motion carried.

Adjourn

ATTEST:

Doug Faas, Mayor

Becky Walters, City Clerk