

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

Dewater/Walker to approve the December 3, 2013 agenda. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Walker/Loftus to approve the following items on the December 3, 2013 consent agenda: a) Approval of November 19, 2013 regular meeting minutes b) Resolution 5648 authorizing payment of bills and transfers. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Seible/Loftus to approve the appointment of Chad Adams to serve as Park Board member, for the remainder of the unexpired term ending December 31, 2015 and until such time a person is elected in the manner required by law. The City Clerk stated that two individuals showed interest in filling the vacancy: Heather Collins and Chad Adams. Councilman Walker stated that he recommended Adams because of his involvement in the community and softball league. Councilman Seible stated that he feels comfortable with the appointment after speaking with Adams about his role on the Park Board. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Park Board  
Appointment

City Attorney Craig Ament explained the changes that he recommended to Natel's proposed lease agreement that would allow Natel to install internet radio and antenna equipment to the water tower in exchange for 11 high speed internet connections at Deerwood Park, City Hall, Community Response Center, street garage, sewer plant, water plant, Doris Drive traffic light, and the lift stations and well houses at no monthly charge. The City would, however, have to purchase the equipment for the hookup at the eleven sites.

Wireless internet  
service

Councilman Loftus asked about the reliability of the internet service. Schill stated that the equipment used for this point to point wireless technology would be very robust. Justin Smock stated that the company that he works for has a client using the same equipment therefore he would report back on its service and quality at the next Council meeting. Councilman Nichols asked if the weather would affect the service since its wireless. Schill responded that this type of wireless isn't susceptible to rain fade or ice storms, but would be affected by a direct lightning strike.

Councilman Walker stated that during previous discussions, there was talk about receiving a percentage of the revenue generated from the use of tower signal. The Mayor responded that Natel would be installing a much smaller line than what's usually installed on cell towers so Natel would only pay \$200-\$500 per month for their line. However, the City would receive a much higher value by receiving the eleven connection sites at no charge. The City pays almost \$3,000 annually in internet to Century Link and Mediacom for four city sites that would be of no charge to the city under this agreement and would gain seven more sites at no charge. Plus, the City could generate revenue from selling wireless to camping patrons since Deerwood Park would be one of the connection sites. Walker asked how much the equipment would cost for the Park. Schill stated he would gather a proposal but estimated a range from \$5,000-\$10,000 but wouldn't be an ongoing cost, just an initial cost. The Mayor stated that he took several requests in the past to get internet at the Park but Mediacom quoted several thousands of dollars. The Mayor also pointed out that the City wouldn't have to pay for the internet bandwidth it would be

selling – it would be free so the revenue generated would be direct profit. Dewater/Loftus to approve the rental agreement with Natel, Inc. subject to the Water Works Board of Trustees approval of usage of water tower. The agreement would then come back to Council for final approval by resolution. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

City Engineer Jerry reported that Grand Boulevard received a federal grant for the installation of the sidewalk between Central and Brookside that was originally funded at 100%, however the estimates to construct were too low and, as a result, will only fund the project at 70% percent. When using federal money, federal regulations must be followed, specifically; the Department of Justice has increased the design requirements for all ADA sidewalks. The DOT has accepted the completion of the project as it currently is. Shoff added that great time was spent making sure the sidewalk would be compatible with a future street, however there are certain segments at the intersections and at a couple storm intakes that would need to come out.

Grand Boulevard  
Sidewalk project

Councilman Nichols expressed his disappointment in the sidewalk with regard to the rollercoaster appearance, expansion joints, and different widths. Shoff responded that the sidewalk grade matches the future grade of the street and the sidewalk is a five foot sidewalk but is different in width in some areas to accommodate a few driveways. Nichols Sidewalks jogs over from the tree. Shoff stated that Public Works Director would be putting reflectors on the tree. Shoff spoke with the adjoining property owner, who wanted to preserve the tree. Shoff stated the tree and the retaining wall could be removed if the property owner consented. Tom Nichols asked if it was common practice to seal expansion joints with tar. Shoff responded yes, in fact, it's required by the DOT. Shoff explained that new requirements put forth by the Department of Justice where several elevations that need to be met and are verified by DOT.

It was decided to have an informational meeting at the actual site of the sidewalk to answer some any remaining questions. Posting notice would be necessary in case that there would be a quorum of Council members.

Dewater/Loftus to approve Resolution 5649 fixing compensation for City employees. Councilman Seible asked if it was a typical time of year to be doing reviews and increases for department heads. The Mayor responded yes and was budgeted. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Res. 5649  
Fixing  
compensation

Discussion: John Peverill commented that there are seven vehicles parked on grass between his house on East End and River Forest Road and requested they be given a warning letter.

Discussion

There being no further discussion, Loftus/Seible to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 p.m. Ayes-Five.

Adjourn

**ATTEST:**

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**Chad Deutsch, Mayor**

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**Becky Walters, City Clerk**