

HARDSHIP AND GRIEVANCE COMMISSION
EVANSDALE CITY HALL
JANUARY 23, 2014 - 5:30 P.M.

The Hardship and Grievance Commission met on January 23, 2014. Acting Chairman Sandy Clements called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Members present: Sandy Clements, Charles Schumacher, Gene Walker, and Dottie Wear. Absent: Steve Seible. Also in attendance was City Clerk Becky Walters.

Walker/Schumacher to approve the January 23, 2014 agenda. Ayes - Four. Motion carried.

Schumacher/Walker to approve the July 18, 2013 minutes. Ayes - Four. Motion carried.

Election of officers:

Wear/Schumacher to nominate Gene Walker as Chairperson. Ayes - Four. Motion carried. At this point, Chairperson Walker assumed the chair, and the meeting continued.

Walker/Clements to nominate Dottie Wear as Vice-Chairperson. Ayes - Four. Motion carried.

Wear/Walker to nominate Sandy Clements as Secretary. Ayes - Four. Motion carried.

Review current applications submitted:

There were sixteen (16) applications for exemption from garbage collection fees submitted prior to the filing deadline of January 20, 2014. Eleven (11) of the applications were approved for garbage exemption; one (1) was approved subject to correct completion of the exemption form; one (1) was approved subject to the applicant putting utility services in his name at the Evansdale Water Works office; and three (3) were denied due to their total income exceeded income guidelines.

Review & update application form:

The commission discussed ways to help citizens understand that all types of income are required to be verified in writing. Schumacher/Wear to update the application form as follows: add "etc." at the end of the examples given under the income type "Other"; add "all" to the sentence near the top of the form which will now state: "Proof of all income is required"; and eliminate the blanks for Social Security numbers from the form. Ayes - Four. Motion carried.

Discussion:

The commission will look at income guidelines of other agencies for discussion at the July meeting, to see if our guidelines need any updates or modifications.

Schumacher/Clements to adjourn. Ayes - Four. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Sandra E. Clements
Sandra E. Clements, Secretary