

CITY HALL
EVANSDALE, IOWA, JANUARY 3, 2017
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, Walker, Loftus, Dewater and Seible. Quorum present.

Seible/Loftus to approve the January 3, 2017 agenda. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Loftus/Walker to approve the following items on the January 3, 2017 consent agenda. a) Approval of December 20, 2016 regular meeting minutes. b) Cigarette Permits New (January 3, 2017 – June 30, 2017): Station Mart. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Nichols/Walker to approve New Class E Liquor License for Station Mart at 3594 Lafayette Rd., new license will become effective upon council approval. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Dewater/Loftus to approve Resolution 6041 authorizing payment of bills and transfers. Councilman Seible was concerned about the tardiness of the Shoff Engineering invoices. Jerry Shoff, Shoff Engineering, explained with the sale of the business they needed to close files and invoice for projects completed. Jerry also expressed that the new owners will bill monthly with up to date invoicing. Councilman Walker stated he appreciated the goodwill adjustments that the firm extended. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Appointments:

Walker/Dewater to approve appointment to the Planning and Zoning Commission: Loraine Atkins-new term expiring 12-31-21 and Mark Brandes-new term expiring 12-31-21. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Walker/Dewater to approve appointments to the Municipal Housing Board: Pete Curtis-term expires 12-31-18 and Sandy Roberts-term expires 12-31-18. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Presentation by Jerry Shoff with CGA concerning upcoming projects for the remainder of FY17 and FY18 to include: Brustkern Deerwood Project; Bridge Scour Analysis; Meyers Lake Pump Station Study; Lafayette Road Reconstruction Project; Ellendale Reconstruction Design; Elk Run Creek Flood Prevention; Doris Drive Reconstruction; Councilman Nichols questioned entry onto Deerwood Road. Mayor Faas explained there are several options that are currently being explored, it will be brought back to council before anything begins. Nichols also questioned who would be responsible for the cost of sewer on Ellendale. Shoff responded the city would make that decision. Councilman Dewater asked if the projects that were discussed will be handled by the new firm. Jerry responded that Shoff would complete current projects.

Seible/Walker to approve a request from the Mayor Doug Faas to complete an engineering study concerning the pump station at Myers Lake done in an amount not to exceed \$15,000. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Dewater/Walker to approve request from Mayor Doug Faas to televise the sanitary sewer line and soil testing on Doris Drive in an amount not to exceed \$5,000. Councilman Nichols questioned if

Pilot would participate in the cost. Mayor responded he agrees with Jerry Shoff in the fact that we are going to need to provide proof to Pilot they built the road incorrectly before we can ask for their participation. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Dewater/Loftus to approve Resolution 6042 approving preliminary plans, specifications, and preliminary cost estimate; and authorizing Clapsaddle-Garber Associates, to prepare final plans and specifications and advertise for quotes for the Ellendale Drive Sanitary Sewer Extension Project-Third Division. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Nays-One (Nichols). Motion carried.

Walker/Dewater to approve Resolution 6043 revised Employee Policy Manual. Councilman Walker questioned if there were any changes made. Mayor Faas responded there were only 2 changes in sentence structure since the last meeting. Councilman Seible again questioned the addition of the Mayor's vacation information into the handbook. Mayor explained again he only added it because of the request of a council member. Roll call vote: Ayes-Three. Nays-Two (Nichols, Seible). Motion carried.

Nichols/Walker to approve Resolution 6044 approving tax abatement for property located at 729 Hunter Drive. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Loftus/Walker to approve request from Bob Klein to transfer city property located at the junction of Shipp and Randall. Mayor Faas stated Mr. Klein would pay for the cost of the survey and the transfer of the land. Mr. Klein stated he intends to put a fence up for safety purposes. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Dewater/Walker to approve request from Mayor to hire permanent part time Paramedics/EMT's in an amount not to exceed \$20,000 for remainder of FY17. Mayor Faas announced that our current EMT had resigned, but we still need to hire additional personnel to staff our ambulance services. Additional staff will provide 36 hours of coverage per week. Councilman Walker asked how we are going to handle coverage until we get a new full time EMT on board. Chief Phillips stated the department is working together to provide services. Mayor stated we are still waiting for the information requested from Waterloo and Covenant. Bill Nichols, 221 Oakwood, stated he doesn't feel the ambulance service is up to par and also questioned service going forward. Councilman Dewater stated we have an excellent ambulance and fire crew. Councilman Seible stated concern with the current ambulance services. Mayor explained we will begin the search for a new paramedic tomorrow and seeking a long term solution. Jan Nichols, 616 Grand Blvd., questioned hiring a new EMT when we may be outsourcing the service. Mayor responded we are looking at all aspects. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Nays-One (Nichols). Motion carried.

Discussion only: Wording and language change to Chapter 66 of Evansdale Code (Load and Weight Restrictions). Mayor Faas explained the truck route signs throughout our city. He suggested placing "No Through Truck Traffic/Local Deliveries Only" at all of the entrances into town. He also stated that if we limit local deliveries it will cause some dissatisfaction with our business owners. Councilman Walker stated our main concern is the 48' and 53' trucks and trailers. Tom Nichols, 616 Grand Blvd., stated it would be better to put a weight limit on our signs rather than have our officers follow a truck through town to see if they are making a delivery. Mayor asked the council their preference. Councilman Dewater stated he liked the "Local Deliveries Only." Councilman Seible questioned if our ordinance would be amended. Mayor responded yes.

Discussion only: Issues and possible solutions regarding ordinance updates. Councilman Dewater questioned if the concern came from code enforcement. Mayor Faas responded it was partly due to code enforcement and also about discussions they have had in council meetings. Mayor went over the possible changes to our nuisance abatement ordinance. He also stated our goal is not to

be completely restrictive but address the issues today that we cannot enforce. He went on to discuss several areas that need to be added or changed so we can enforce junk vehicles and private property maintenance of driveways/parking lots. Dewater stated there is an area in his neighborhood that is using the street as a storage unit. Councilman Seible stated he was in full agreement to move forward. Councilman Walker stated if you can't prosecute something, don't write it into the ordinance.

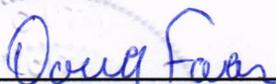
Public discussion – non agenda items. John Peverill, 543 East End, questioned Brian Wirtz, Code Enforcement, about a pick-up without a motor, truck frame, and part of a truck front in the front yard. Mayor Faas responded this resident had requested a hobbyist permit, but hadn't come into City Hall to fill one out, he then asked Brian to look into it. Loraine Atkins, 625 River Forest Road, she was not in agreement with a statement in the handbook. Atkins also questioned what was being done on 3rd St. Mayor responded the engineers have already proceeded and will move forward come spring. Sandy Francis, 312 River Forest Road, stated the road is nice, but between the sidewalks and driveways there are gaps, she has concerns about damages. Mayor responded that he was aware of the gap and that Shoff is working on it.

Mayor/Council Reports: Mayor Faas asked if anyone had any input on the 2017 road projects. Councilman Nichols stated that there is a drop-off where they placed the new pavement at the corner of River Forest Road and Lafayette. Councilman Walker stated just east of Kwik Star on W. Gilbert there are a few panels that have dropped. Councilman Loftus brought up Lafayette. Mayor Faas stated that we have started the process for federal funding to repair Lafayette Rd. from the west entrance of the city to the bike trail. Nichols stated he doesn't believe Lafayette will last 5-10 years.

Mayor also discussed that the Meyers Lake weir had been installed and is functioning fine; we received an additional 4.6 million taxable evaluation for our FY18 budget; he also discussed that combining Waste Water services with Waterloo and Cedar Falls is at a standstill right now, but he would continue to go to any meetings that are held, and continue to work with Elk Run Heights and Raymond on the possibility of combining services.

There being no further discussion, Loftus/Seible to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Motion carried.

ATTEST:



Doug Faas, Mayor

DeAnne Kobliska, City Clerk