

CITY HALL  
EVANSDALE, IOWA, JANUARY 4, 2022  
CITY COUNCIL  
DEANNE KOBLISKA, 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: Smock, Nichols, Beam (by telephone), Seible, and Osborne. Quorum present.

Mayor Kobliska took a moment to swear in new Councilors Smock & Nichols and Park Board Officials Ames & Wright.

Smock/Nichols to approve the January 4, 2022 agenda. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Beam/Smock to approve the December 21, 2021 regular meeting minutes. Roll call vote. Ayes-Five.

Mayor Kobliska announced the following City Appointments – Justin Smock as Mayor Pro Tem. Councilors Charles Beam and Steve Seible to the Insurance Committee. Councilors Kristi Osborne and Justin Smock to the Personnel Committee. Councilors Charles Beam and Ronald Nichols to the Investments Committee.

Osborne/Beam to approve appointment of Rebecca Stansbery to the Hardship and Grievance Commission – term expiring 12-31-24. Councilors Justin Smock and Kristi Osborne as the Council Members for the Hardship and Grievance Commission, term expiring 12-31-23. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Smock/Beam to approve appointment of Chad Borwig and Kelly Parker to the Planning & Zoning Commission – terms expiring 12-31-26. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Beam/Seible to table for 30 days the appointment of Dottie Wear to the Water Works Utility Board to allow more time for other interested residents to apply. Councilors Nichols and Seible stated there should be a larger number of people on the board. Councilor Osborne stated the meetings should be held in the evenings when more people could attend. Ayes-Four. Nays-One (Smock). Motion carried.

Seible/Nichols to approve the Resolution Calendar as amended by request to remove Resolution 6570 and act on it separately. a. Resolution 6569 authorizing payment of bills and transfers. c. Resolution 6571 setting date of public hearing and bid letting – Deerwood Campground Sanitary Sewer Project. d. Resolution 6572 approving RISE Grant application. Roll call vote. Ayes-Five.

Seible/Nichols to approved amended Resolution 6570 setting date of public hearing for the disposal of City Property. Councilor Seible stated the City should place the minimum bid at \$10,000 to help recoup expenses. Councilor Smock stated the City is not spending money maintaining currently so there is time to sell. Roll call vote. Ayes-Five.

Budget Workshop: Mayor Kobliska went over the budget highlights. A 2.75% increase in union contract wages for the police dept., 2.5% for city non-union employees and 2.75% for IBEW union employees. Police Dept. – purchase of a new server up to \$30,000, and installation of a heat pump \$3,000. Fire Dept. replace garage door, new computer for Fire Chief \$1,500, EMT training program for 2 people \$2,000 each, installation of a heat pump \$3,000, and routine repairs/maintenance to equipment. Parks Dept. engineer fees \$29,000, Deerwood Campground expansion \$320,215, and Dog Park \$30,000 offset by grant \$15,000. Councilor Seible questioned why the cost for the Dog Park had gone up from the \$10,000 originally agreed upon. Park Chairman Tom Nichols responded that the

additional money would help to cover incidentals such as water for the dogs and new trees to replace the dead/damaged ones that were removed. General Government River Rd. trail access budgeted again as project wouldn't be completed this fiscal year. Public Works Dept. Central Ave. overlay & curb replacement – Evans to Dodge St., Levee Maintenance – gate inspections. Capital projects Eagles Landing Project – Phase II – if RISE grant received. Wastewater Dept. WWTP rehabilitation, Collection system maintenance (sewer lines north of Lafayette) \$100,000, and Michigan Lift Station rehabilitation \$620,000 using American Rescue Funds. Mayor Kobliska stated the City would try to cut costs by eliminating 2 squad cars, but would revisit after one year.

Council to consider Eagles Landing Deed of Dedication: Mayor Kobliska would like the Council to update permitted uses and requirements within 6 weeks for the final plat.

Public discussion: Non-Agenda Items. Kelly Parker, Marion Ave., thanked the Council for increasing the minimum bid on Resolution 6570. Mark Atkins, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave., questioned the new ward boundaries and the specific streets affected. Mayor Kobliska stated we do not have the detailed map available yet. Atkins stated we should utilize the Planning & Zoning Commission more.

Mayor/Council Reports: Mayor Kobliska questioned the Council when they would like to hold the next budget workshop. Council chose 01/11/22 at 6:00 p.m. as the next meeting. Smock and Beam stated they would be available via phone.

There being no further discussion, Seible/Nichols to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

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DeAnne Kobliska, Mayor

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Megan Cross, City Clerk