

CITY HALL
EVANSDALE, IOWA, JANUARY 5, 2016
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: Walker, Nichols, Seible, and Loftus. Absent: Dewater. Quorum present.

Walker/Nichols approving the January 5, 2016 agenda. Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Mayor Faas read proclamation declaring the month of January as National Mentoring Month. Director Katie of Big Brothers Big Sisters spoke about the benefits of the program in our community.

Seible/Nichols to approve the following items on the January 5, 2016 consent agenda, with the exception of item b) Resolution 5908 authorizing payment of bills and transfers. a) Approval of December 15, 2015 regular meeting minutes. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Loftus/Walker to approve item b) Resolution 5908 authorizing payment of bills and transfers, with the exception of invoice to Winters Equipment Co. for snowplow bumper guards in the amount of \$578.83. Councilman Seible questioned the purchase of bumper guards if purchased for the new plow. Mayor Faas responded that he wasn't certain what plow they were purchased for. Seible stated that if we needed guards for the new plow it should be part of the total purchase price originally presented to the council. Seible also questioned the Courier invoice since it was printed 3 times in last week's paper. City Clerk, Kobliska stated that the Courier made the error and we would not be charged for it. Councilman Nichols questioned the \$1,000 limit that department heads are authorized to spend. Councilman Loftus stated that the department heads are in communication with the Mayor and City Clerk in regards to expenditures. Councilman Seible also questioned the repair of the brakes on the sewer department jet truck. Mayor Faas responded that the \$117 was for brake fluid, and that the estimated repair of the brakes was well over \$2,000 for the jet truck. The council requested 2 quotes on brake repairs for jet truck. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Appointments:

Seible/Loftus to approve appointment of Gene Walker, Mayor Pro Tem. Ayes-Four. Motion carried

Seible/Loftus to approve appointment of DeAnne Kobliska, City Clerk. Ayes-Four. Motion carried

Seible/Nichols to approve appointment of Laura Folkerts- Dutton, Braun, Staack, & Hellman, PLC, as City Attorney. Councilman Seible asked that if an attorney's presence is not needed will we be able to dismiss the city attorney for those meetings. Mayor Faas responded yes. Ayes-Four. Motion carried

Loftus/Walker to approve appointments to the Hardship & Grievance Board: Steven Seible-term expires 12-31-2017, Gene Walker-term expires 12-31-2017, Joelle Strader-term expires 12-31-2018, and Charles Schumacher-term expires 12-31-2018. Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Walker/Seible to approve appointments to the Municipal Housing Board: Darnell Jones-term expires 12-31-17 and John Mardis-term expires 12-31-17. Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Nichols/Seible to approve appointment to the Planning and Zoning Commission: Mike Cahoe-term expiring 12-31-20. Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Loftus/Walker to approve appointment to the Planning and Zoning Commission: Jennifer Mahan-term expiring 12-31-20. Ayes-two. Nays-Two (Nichols and Seible). Motion failed.

Walker/Seible to approve appointment to the Water Works Board of Trustees: Sharon Loftus-term expires 12-31-21. Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Loftus/Walker to approve appointments to the Storm Water Commission as follows: Char White-term expires 12-31-17, Kenny Loftus-term expires 12-31-17, Richard Clements-term expires 12-31-17, Rick Reuter-term expires 12-31-17, and Brian Wirtz-term expires 12-31-17. Loraine Atkins, 625 River Forest Rd., expressed her displeasure of not being re-appointed. Councilman Loftus stated that he did not want to be re-appointed at this time. Ayes-Two. Nay-Two (Nichols, Seible). Motion failed.

Mayor Faas appointed the following city committees: Insurance-City Clerk, Steve Seible, and Ron Nichols. Personnel-Gene Walker and Dick Dewater. Investment-Mayor, City Clerk, and Kenny Loftus.

Seible/Walker to approve Resolution 5909 authorizing the termination of the retirement plan with ICMA-RC (put in place for previous Police Chief). Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Nichols/Walker to approve Resolution 5910 approving property tax abatement for 717 Jordan Dr. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Walker/Seible to approve Resolution 5911 approving property tax abatement for 621 Trail Ave. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Nichols/Seible to approve request from Police Chief to dispose of miscellaneous property. Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Public Discussion: Mayor Faas stated that he will be meeting with the Mayor of Elk Run Heights and Raymond to have a preliminary discussion on sharing waste water services. Next week the police chief, fire chief, EMT and myself will be attending the Elk Run Heights City Council meeting Tuesday the 12th in regards to sharing ambulance, fire, and police services. Mayor Faas questioned if the council would like to hold a special meeting next week to discuss the budget or wait until the next council meeting on the 19th. The council agreed to wait until the next council meeting.

Loraine Atkins, 625 River Forest Rd., questioned the quote in the last minutes in regards to the Lafayette apartments. Her intent was that through the planning and zoning commission the Lafayette area should be rezoned so that apartments are not allowed. The Mayor stated the zoning of the area allows for apartments but no single family dwellings and it has been zoned that way for several years. Councilman Nichols stated that it needs to be rezoned as it was intended originally to not allow for apartments. Atkins also stated that she has not been treated fairly by prior administration, current planning and zoning administration, and current administration. She stated that she has always had the best interest of the city in mind.

There being no further discussion, Seible/Loftus to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Doug Faas, Mayor

DeAnne Kobliska, City Clerk