

CITY HALL
EVANSDALE, IOWA, JANUARY 16, 2018
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: Dewater, Seible, Bender, and Walker. Absent: Loftus. Quorum present.

Dewater/Seible to approve January 16, 2018 agenda. Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Walker/Dewater to approve the following items on the January 16, 2018 consent agenda: a. Approval of January 2, 2018 regular meeting minutes. b. Accept and place on file the minutes and reports from the following Departments, Boards, and Commissions (n/a = not available): Ambulance & Fire Report (Dec), Building Inspection Report (Dec), Clerk/Treasurer Report (Dec), Code Enforcement Report (Dec), Evansdale Municipal Housing (Dec), Library (Dec), Parks & Rec Dept. (Dec), Planning & Zoning (Oct), Police Dept. (Dec), Storm Water Commission (n/a), and Water Works (Dec). c. Liquor License: Dollar General #1458-Ownership change. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four.

Seible/Walker to approve Resolution 6180 authorizing payment of bills and transfers. Councilman Seible questioned when billing would be up-to-date with city attorney. City Clerk Kobliska responded that invoice was dated from November-December 2017 and that we were current. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four.

Dewater/Seible to approve Resolution 6181 approving tax abatement for 549 East End Avenue. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four.

Walker/Dewater to approve Resolution 6182 approving tax abatement for 155 Joy Drive. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four.

Discussion: DNR visit Friday January 5th concerning Waste Water Treatment Facility. Heather Thomas, Clapsaddle-Garber Associates (CGA), discussed the three possibilities the city was considering as follows: merging with City of Waterloo, combing a new plant with Elk Run Heights & Raymond, or upgrade the existing plant. The DNR stated that Waterloo had a special operating permit through 2021 mandated by the EPA and might be an option down the road, but wasn't advised by DNR at this time, plus she stated that their current ordinance read that if a city were to combine with them they would be charged two times Waterloo's rate. Elk Run Heights plant would be an option, however, not cost effective as all the current infrastructure moves waste west and would have to be changed to move waste east, which is cost prohibitive at this time. But to make the necessary upgrades to the city's plant we would have to undergo a flood-way analysis which could be upward to 100k, but since the City of Waterloo had compiled information through Aecom Engineering, CGA would be working with them on some of the details. Councilman Dewater questioned if that was a no-rise certification, which is very costly. Heather responded yes. Councilman Seible questioned if we would have some rough numbers within the next month. Heather responded that the facility plan, permit amendment, plant analysis, etc. would take up to 3-4 years to complete before any type of upgrades would even start. Mayor Faas discussed working with INRCOG administrative services to apply for SRF funds and a block grant to assist with the engineering fees and future changes at the plant. Councilman Walker stated his concern with the future of the plant and it being in the flood-way, because after 2008 flood, these options weren't available. Mayor Faas stated that part of the upgrades would include a monitoring system, without that, DNR would not be moving forward with this option. Heather also responded that the plan, once established, would be a twenty (20) year plan. Mayor Faas was confident that the DNR will work with the city. Dewater

questioned combining with Elk Run Heights. Jason Miller, MSA, responded by reviewing his finding regarding the condition of the plant. He stated overall that we were in a good place, besides the DNR required upgrades. Seible questioned what would happen if we didn't comply. Jason responded that it was funny you asked, as he had just been through this with a city who didn't comply. Jason stated that the DNR has the authority to review and mandate compliance with the State of Iowa's regulations regarding waste water plants. If a city doesn't come into compliance after a period time, it will go to the federal regulators and the city and council will be fined until compliance is satisfied.

Walker/Seible to approve request from Chris Even to have Iowa Pump Works repair and replace the pump at the Arbutus Lift Station in an amount not to exceed \$13,000. Ayes: Four. Motion carried.

Walker/Dewater to approve request from Mayor to authorize MMS Consultants of Iowa City to re-survey property adjacent to Flying J and to generate a final plat in an amount not to exceed \$2,500. Mayor Faas stated that the city accepted the final plat and deed of dedication back on May 7, 2002, however, it was never filed with the county. Councilmen Seible questioned if Flying J were going to help with repairs on Doris Drive. Mayor Faas responded no. Ayes: Four. Motion carried.

Seible/Dewater to approve request from Waste Water Foreman to approve revised agreement with Test America in the amount of \$15,834 through June 30, 2019 for required testing with the DNR. Ayes-Three. Abstained-One (Walker).

Dewater/Seible to approve request from City Clerk to enter into a five (5) year copier lease agreement with Advanced Systems, Cedar Falls, IA in the amount of \$79.20 per month. Ayes: Four. Motion carried.

FY19 Budget discussion/workshop: Mayor Faas discussed increasing the levy rate to 8.10 to balance the budget and not go in the deficit. He also discussed the items that had changed in the budget to include the following: Hiring a full-time person that would be split between Waste Water, Parks, and the Street Department. Hiring of another full-time police officer which would reduce part-time hours, scheduling difficulties, and overtime. He also discussed street improvements that would be made. Councilman Seible questioned the purchase of a new squad car. Chief Jensen stated that we had rotated vehicles out that were over five years old and that several of the vehicles are past the 100,000-mile mark. Seible questioned why we're not budgeting to fund an ambulance or firetruck in the future as it is such a huge expense. He also questioned the capital outlay of \$160,000 in the road use fund. Mayor Faas responded that one of the plow/dump trucks needed to be replaced as it is a 1995 model. Dewater questioned if we budgeted repairs to the youth softball field as we discussed last year. Seible also questioned their funding if they weren't willing to give us an update on the what the money is being spent for. Mayor Faas stated that the council could fund repairs to the softball field he also suggested that in lieu of a police vehicle that we budget another monitor for the ambulance, thinking that it was already included. Seible questioned if the parks agreed with splitting a full-time employee with the city. Tom Nichols, Park Chair, responded that the park board agreed.

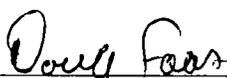
Public Discussion: non-agenda items: Tim Swope, Elk Run Heights Mayor, stated that it would be great if we can combine staff for the waste water plant as they have a full-time grade IV that could work with the city's grade III. He also stated that his council had agree to another year of the law enforcement agreement. Loraine Atkins, 625 River Forest Rd., was opposed to the property tax increase.

Mayor/Council Reports: Mayor Faas wanted to thank Chris, Chris, and crew for all their hard work with the Arbutus lift station, as it was appreciated. He also wanted to thank Chris and crew for keeping the streets of Evansdale as clean as they could. He also discussed hiring a real estate developer to help with the sale of the lots across the street, but would bring proposals to council. He also questioned council if

they would like an extra budget meeting to have the budget wrapped up by the end of February. The council agreed to the 30th of January for a budget workshop beginning at 5:30 p.m. Councilman Walker questioned who authorized overtime at the library for Councilman Seible to hold his town meetings there. Shannon, Library Director, stated that the board had left her the authority to make those decisions.

There being no further discussion, Seible/Walker to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. Motion carried.

ATTEST:



Doug Faas, Mayor



DeAnne Kobliska, City Clerk