

CITY HALL
EVANSDALE, IOWA, JANUARY 17, 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: Walker, Loftus, Dewater, and Seible. Nichols absent. Quorum present.

Loftus/Seible to approve the January 17, 2017 agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Mayor Faas read proclamation declaring the month of January as National Mentoring Month. Volunteer Ben of Big Brothers Big Sisters spoke about the benefits of the program in our community. Ashley from Big Brothers Big Sisters also explained activities and the positive effects of the program for those involved.

Loftus/Walker to approve the January 17, 2017 consent agenda. a) Approval of January 3, 2016 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 (n/a), Police Dept. (Dec), Storm Water Commission (n/a), and Water Works (Dec). c) Liquor License Renewal: The Other Place III - Expires 03-08-2018. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Walker/Seible to approve Resolution 6045 authorizing payment of bills and transfers. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Loftus/Walker to approve Resolution 6046 approving final payment to Tojo Construction in an amount of \$5,109.75 for project number seven (7) located at 1691 W. Gilbert Drive as part of the 2015 Evansdale Housing Rehabilitation Program. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Walker/Loftus to approve request from Fire Chief to send Jared Wright to Advanced EMT training at Hawkeye Community college in an amount not to exceed \$1,500. Councilman Loftus asked if this would require him to stay with the city for a certain amount of time. Mayor Faas responded that we have a reimbursement agreement that bases repayment on time spent on the job. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Loftus/Dewater to approve request from City Clerk to purchase 400 garbage carts in an amount not to exceed \$19,462.70 (to be split between FY17 & FY18 as budgeted). Mayor Faas explained that the carts will be slightly different, but should be more flexible and less likely damaged. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Dewater/Loftus to approve request from Evansdale Chamber of Commerce for FY18 donation in the amount of \$2,500. Councilman Seible asked what the Chamber does for our community. Mayor Faas responded that they are very active in our community and help with Evansdale events. Councilman Walker stated the Chamber provides flowers that are displayed annually throughout the city. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

FY18 Budget Workshop discussion. Mayor Faas discussed the following budget items: Elk Run Heights law enforcement agreement; additional taxable valuation in the amount of 5 million; Police Dept.-additional funds budgeted for vests; Fire Dept.-\$30,000 budgeted for part time EMT; Parks-Engineer fees for bridge construction. Councilman Walker questioned other professional services and two flood line items. Mayor responded the need for tree removal, flood wages and flood related expenses. Mayor went on to explain that there is an increase in legal fees due to the upcoming union negotiations; building grounds maintenance, budgeted \$6500 for handicap accessible entryways; we added \$22,000 for the comprehensive plan with INRCOG, bringing our levy rate from 7.41756 to 5.58574, approximately a \$.11 per \$1,000 increase in

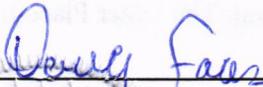
taxable valuation. Mayor also discussed capital expenses, street and road use projection, and employee benefits. Our capital improvements projects include the construction of Ellendale Drive. Councilman Dewater questioned the heating/cooling at the CRC and if MidAmerican could do an evaluation. Mayor responded he doesn't think they will do the evaluation but they could have some type of rebate program if we decided to convert back to a conventional system. Dewater requested a general summary of the budget.

Public discussion-non agenda items. Tom Nichols, 616 Grand Blvd., questioned the warranty on garbage carts. City Clerk DeAnne Kobliska explained when the carts are damaged by Black Hawk Waste they are billed for the damages. The new company will have a longer warranty period.

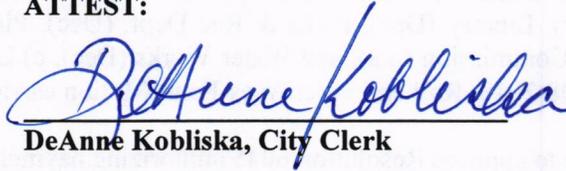
Mayor/Council Reports. Mayor Faas discussed the core report for Evans Road. Councilman Dewater questioned if we could repair Doris Drive in sections. Mayor responded that it wouldn't be cost effective. Councilman Seible questioned a development agreement for developers on Ellendale, he felt they should cost-share for the development of the street. Mayor responded that Ellendale was an existing street. Councilman Walker asked about putting up signs for "No Trucks Over 10 tons." Mayor responded that he feels we should leave the "10 ton Weight Limit" signs up and add no through truck traffic, rather than replacing them. Councilman Walker questioned semi-tractor parking time limits. Mayor stated there is an ordinance in place and there is a time limit on parking in residential areas.

There being no further discussion, Loftus/Walker to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 p.m. Motion carried.

ATTEST:



Doug Faas, Mayor



DeAnne Kobliska, City Clerk

