

CITY HALL
EVANSDALE, IOWA, JANUARY 21, 2020
CITY COUNCIL
TROY BEATTY, 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: Beam, Dewater, Seible, Bender, and Walker. Quorum present.

Dewater/Seible to approve January 21, 2020 agenda. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Seible/Dewater to approve the following items on the January 21, 2020 consent agenda. a. Approval of January 7, 2020 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 (n/a), 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. Request for refund: The Watering Hole-liquor license cancellation (new ownership). d. Request for refund Station Mart-liquor license cancellation (new ownership). e. Liquor license renewal: The Other Place III-LC0011675 effective 03/09/2020. f. Liquor License Renewal: Sol & Luna-LC0045081 effective 01/21/2020. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Walker/Seible to accept high bid on the 2009 Dodge Charger in the amount of \$1,526.69 to Ryan Phillips. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

McClure Engineering: Wastewater Plant Discussion. Mayor Beatty introduced McClure Engineering and thanked them for their openness and willingness to have a conversation with us. Derek Anderson, McClure Engineering wanted to thank the City for having them back. We want to begin by re-engaging the process of decision making with the City by answering any questions, ensure the recommendations made are understood, and that the City would have clarity on the process before we move forward. The City is in its third year of a five-year compliance schedule and McClure will re-engage with the IDNR with the scheduled plans and processes as the City moves forward. Mayor Beatty updated the council with the information given to the City of Waterloo and stated that there would be a meeting at INRCOG on the 27th of January representing all Cities interested in regionalization for the future.

Shive-Hattery Engineering: Council to consider Lafayette Road Rehabilitation Project options. Marcus Januario with Shive-Hattery Engineering discussed the different options for the City to consider that would include Option A: continue with the project as bid at the \$1.9 million that included the interlayer and the widening of the roadway to twelve (12) feet as well as reconstructing the shoulders. Option B. Crack, seat, and overlay the roadway as it exists with the roadway at ten (10) feet and minor rehabilitation to the shoulders with approximate cost of \$1.4 million. Option C. Crack, seat, and overlay the roadway but expand roadway to twelve (12) feet and reconstruction of shoulders approximate cost of \$1.8 million. The City has the option of Accepting current bids, rejecting bids, rejecting all bids and redesign plans as requested. Councilor Beam questioned the time frame for each option. Barrett Hubbard with Shive-Hattery Engineering responded that option A could be constructed this summer, option B and C would include redesign of the original plans and construction wouldn't begin until summer of 2021. The City has the option of having the plans prepared and bidding the project in May, however, traditionally bidding a project that late in the season could increase the project by 10-15% as most of the contractors have their schedule set for the season. Councilor Dewater questioned if we could accept PCI's bid.

Barrett responded no, as they were considered a non-responsive bidder. Councilor Beam suggested rejecting all bids. Mayor Beatty stated that he had spoken with Shive-Hattery on some other options that may include waiting for federal funds that may be available in the future. Beam/Walker to reject all bids on the Lafayette Road Rehabilitation Project. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Walker/Seible to approve the request to upgrade control panel and back-up float at Arbutus lift station in the amount of \$9,984 in addition to the original quote with Electric Pump. Chris Even, Wastewater Foreman stated that the council approved the purchase and installation of a pump controller and 3-float backup for the East End Ave. lift station back in December 2019, however, we found that the Arbutus Lift Station needed the same components installed and asked Electric Pump to give us a quote for both lift stations. We found that it would be a cost savings of \$3,000 to upgrade both systems at the same time and reduce the chance of the controller/float backup failing at the Arbutus Lift Station. Councilor Beam questioned if we could get a quote for some type of maintenance agreement for the lift stations and their components to reduce failures in the future. Even responded that he would request quotes. Councilor Walker questioned if failures in the system were due to a lack of maintenance in the past. Even responded no, it was the way mechanics were originally set up. Mayor Beatty stated that the controller would throw an alarm but there wasn't a way to know what the high-level/low-level alarm was indicating at the lift station plus with a manual shut-off it would physically have to be reset at the lift station. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Dewater/Walker to table request from Mayor Beatty to purchase sound system in the amount of \$12,888 with Pro Sound until a full quote including video would be received. Jay Heydlauff, owner Pro Sound Ames discussed the product, installation, 5-year warranty, support, and the video option as the equipment would be video ready. Councilor Beam discussed the quality of the equipment and that the company representing the equipment would be there if the equipment went down. Councilor Seible questioned the video and the approximate cost. Mayor Beatty questioned the cost of the software. Mr. Heydlauff stated that he could quote both video and the software for the system. Councilor Walker would like the total package price before votes on the quote. Ayes-five. Motion carried.

Seible/Bender to approve the appointment of the Utility Board of Trustees Mark Atkins for a 6-year term from 01/01/2020-12/31/2025. Councilor Bender questioned why alternates weren't included and also stated that this wasn't the best appointment for the board. Mayor Beatty stated that it was his decision to appoint and council therefore to approve/deny. John Peverill, 543 East End Ave., stated that he disagreed with the vote and that Mr. Atkins is a very intelligent man and deserves a chance on the board. Ayes-Two. Nays-Three. Dewater, Bender, and Walker. Motion failed.

Walker/Dewater to approve request to appoint Craig Young to fill a vacancy for the Park Board with term expiring on 12/31/2021. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Seible/Dewater to approve Resolution 6378 authorizing payment of bills and transfers. Councilor Seible questioned the Public Works Director if the capacitor purchased was for the new air compressor and wondered if it was under warranty. Chris Schares, Public Works Director responded that it wasn't under warranty and that when it was installed it was placed too far away from the electrical unit and burned up. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Dewater/Bender to approve Resolution 6379 approving application to Black Hawk Gaming Association for SCBA gear for the fire department and authorizing the Mayor to sign said document. Fire Chief Ryan Phillips explained that the request was for 25 SCBA units including

accessories and that we would be applying for grants not only through Black Hawk Gaming but also FEMA and The NE Community Foundation. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

FY2021 Budget Workshop: Mayor Beatty went over the budget as follows: We budgeted an increase for the law enforcement agreement in the amount of 3% with the City of Elk Run Heights; local grant would include a 50% match for SCBA equipment; Councilor Seible questioned if the revenues from the Library is backfilled back into the Library fund. Clerk Kobliska responded that it does offset their budget. The Mayor went over the expenses stating that the 2nd column from the right is the proposed changes. He went over capital expenditures for the CRC that would include a heat pump, garage door, and LED replacement lighting. He also stated that Police Chief Dean and Sergeant Weber have been reviewing their budget to come up with a plan to reduce the overtime for the department; Councilor Beam questioned the increase in fire dept. budget. Mayor Beatty responded that \$100k was budgeted for the SCBA equipment; Mayor Beatty stated that we cut overtime out of Building Inspection and placed in Wastewater for sump pump inspections. Councilor Seible questioned the Building Inspector's hours. Mayor Beatty responded that we were discussing the budget not the hours that employees are currently working. Councilor Dewater questioned if we were going to participate in the trap and neuter program with the Humane Society. Councilor Walker stated that the residents had to be involved by picking up the cage and delivering the animal to the Humane Society. Mayor Beatty stated that the Animal Control team is placing animals with a rescue mission and also keeping the pets longer to see if we can place pet back in the home, which has been successful; Mayor Beatty also discussed organizations that the city is currently donating too and that in the future we would receive an audit comment as the auditors didn't believe the organizations that received donations served the public purpose; He also discussed reducing the library director's salary that hadn't been increased from last years budget, however, the director was not working full-time as originally planned. We would also like to reduce the education/training line item by \$300 and operational/office supplies by \$500. The council requested that \$7,000 be removed from the capital line item for books, DVD's, etc. Mayor Beatty stated that the Public Library Board has to work with the funds that the City Council has allowed them. He went on to discuss the grant match for parks in the amount of \$82,000 that may be leftover reserves for the grants that the parks received in FY20. He also stated that there were some other items that were cut in the Parks budget and that we would go over the budget cuts with the Parks Dept. Moving on to Hotel/Motel funds the Mayor stated that we would continue to donate to the Boys & Girls Club as they are benefitting many families in our community. Councilor Walker stated that it is a good program. Councilor Beam stated that it helps the community by having a place for the children to be cared for. The Mayor also stated that we would be taking over the City flower purchase and watering. Councilor Walker questioned who was running the fireworks. Clerk Kobliska stated that we would pay the company for the fireworks display during the Community Days. Council approved the Christmas light contest donated funds and it would be added back into the budget. Councilor Seible questioned the Mayor's pay and that Mayor Beatty get an increase. Mayor Beatty responded that a raise is passed by Ordinance only before the City election. We discussed lowering the tax asking's to reduce our levy rate and use some of the reserves do to so. The Mayor also discussed reducing the Road use and Wastewater budgets around \$50,000 each and looking at ways to reduce our employee benefits.

Public discussion-non-agenda items: Bill Nichols, 221 Oakwood, stated that the Council still had the same three-votes and that other citizens should be considered and placed on boards within the city. Councilor Bender responded that she was voting as the residents had requested. Mark Atkins, 909 3rd Ave., stated that he can work with people and get answers to some of the issues with this board, but wasn't given a chance. Bill Nichols, a re-vote should be taken.

Mayor/Council Reports: Councilor Bender questioned if the city would be creating a Facebook page to communicate with the residents. Mayor Beatty responded yes and that he wanted to keep

the city informed. Councilor Walker questioned the new dump truck. Mayor Beatty responded that we would discuss later. Councilor Seible questioned why Mr. Atkins wasn't appointed when it has often been stated that we need new blood on some of these boards. Bender responded that her vote was due to resident's at large population. Councilor Walker stated that he was in favor of Mr. Azbill. Mayor Beatty stated that he had met with Bolton & Menk discussing some of the plans that they had worked on for the city, and that they were halting spending more funds supporting W. Gilbert Drive Reconstruction. He also discussed the reason for setting up the new council email addresses.

Walker/Seible to go into closed session at 8:15 p.m. pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(c) to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Walker/Seible to close closed session at 8:38 p.m. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Walker/Bender to accept contract as agreed upon. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Walker/Dewater to go into closed session at 8:40 p.m. closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(c) to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Seible/Walker to close closed session at 9:04 p.m. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Dewater/Bender to proceed with action to abate nuisance. Ayes-five. Motion carried.

There being no further discussion, Bender/Seible to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Troy Beatty, Mayor

DeAnne Kobliska, City Clerk