

CITY HALL
EVANSDALE, IOWA, JANUARY 28, 2014
BUDGET WORKSHOP
DOUG FAAS, MAYOR, PRESIDING

The City Council of the City of Evansdale, Iowa met in special 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. Members present in order of roll call: Dewater, Loftus, Walker, and Seible. Absent: Nichols. Quorum present.

The Mayor presented a preliminary draft of the City Budget by fund with a City tax rate of 6.79/\$1,000 in assessed valuation. He explained that it would be an increase from the prior year's tax rate of 6.31/\$1,000 but a decrease from the rate two years ago and prior. He explained that the increase is needed to cover loss of revenue from the Black Hawk County Landfill's annual distribution of \$36,000 and increasing expenses such as hiring a full-time paramedic.

The Mayor reported that he had just received the Library's budget request that morning and explained the requested increases. The topic of whether to allocate funds again to the Chamber and Alliance was discussed but no decision was made on the matter. The Mayor and Council discussed raising taxes to cover a \$71,000 shortfall in the general fund. The Mayor explained that the City could use the \$70,000 from Fox Meadows to cover the shortfall. He explained that the City initially granted Fox Meadows the land for the construction of the facility in the early 1990's and there was a clause in the development agreement if Fox Meadows sold the building before a certain time period, they were to repay the City. It was decided to look at different levels of tax rates in increments of \$.10/\$1,000 in assessed valuation and see how it would affect a reduction in the general fund deficit. The City Clerk stated she would put this information together for the next budget workshop. There being no further discussion, Loftus/Seible to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 p.m. Ayes-Four.

ATTEST:

Doug Faas, Mayor

Becky Walters, City Clerk