

CITY HALL  
EVANSDALE, IOWA, FEBRUARY 2, 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: Seible, Dewater, and Loftus. Absent: Walker and Nichols. Quorum present.

Dewater/Loftus to approve the February 2, 2016 agenda. Ayes-Three. Motion carried.

Mayor Faas presented the Bunger Middle School Student of the Month with the student of the month certificate for the month of January 2016: Zachary Nichols. Due to the weather and the Waterloo Schools closing we will present the remaining students on our next agenda.

Seible/Dewater to approve the following items on the February 2, 2016 consent agenda, with the exception of item b) Resolution 5918 authorizing payment of bills and transfers. a) Approval of January 19, 2016 regular meeting minutes. Roll call vote: Ayes-Three. Motion carried.

Dewater/Loftus to approve item b) Resolution 5918 authorizing payment of bills and transfers. Councilman Seible questioned the invoice to Black Hawk Electric in the amount of \$860.95 for the replacement of flag pole lights. Chief Jensen responded that they replaced lights as well as conduit. Mayor Faas read a description from the invoice of the work that was completed. Seible also questioned why we're paying the City of Elk Run Heights for building permits. Faas responded that we helped them with inspections, as they lost their inspector, until they found a replacement. They paid the city 65% of permits collected and the invoice represented their 35% revenue. Seible also questioned fund 302. City Clerk responded that the fund represents the capital improvement projects to include River Forest Road Reconstruction Project engineering fees. Roll call vote: Ayes-Three. Motion carried.

Dewater/Seible to approve Resolution 5919 approving temporary construction easement agreements for the River Forest Road Reconstruction project in the amount of approximately \$4,700. Roll call vote: Ayes-Three. Motion carried.

Loftus/Seible to approve Resolution 5920 amending list of signatories on the City of Evansdale's financial accounts and safe deposit box. Roll call vote: Ayes-Three. Motion carried.

Seible/Loftus to approve Resolution 5921 approving 28E agreement with the City of Elk Run Heights regarding Police Officer services. Councilman Seible questioned why we are not serving the City of Elk Run Heights for Ambulance and Fire services as well. Mayor Faas responded that he was uncertain why Elk Run Heights voted to deny the services. We will go forward and provide excellent law enforcement services this next fiscal year and approach their council again next year for the additional services. Roll call vote: Ayes-Three. Motion carried.

Dewater/Seible to approve Resolution 5922 approving naming of private drive. Ayes-Three. Motion carried.

FY 2017 Budget Workshop: Mayor Faas went over minimal changes to include the following: decrease in camp fee collector fees to \$7,500 from 10,000; increase in the police departments building and grounds maintenance in the amount of \$1,200; increase in the street departments other professional services in the amount of \$10,000 for the NE Industrial Road Survey and reduce street maintenance by the same amount, but to include the \$10,000

in the capital improvement funds projects line item. The sewer fund is currently in the deficit, but, we will leave it that way to fund some of the upcoming compliance projects for the sewer plant. There are reserves in the amount of approximately \$335,000 in the sewer fund and as a reminder the lagoon liner will need to be replaced next spring, we currently are uncertain of the damages. We also have to keep in mind the replacement of the jet truck. Municipal Pipe Tool has a jet truck for sale, information will be provided at the next meeting. We have spent \$8-9,000 in the last couple months subbing out jet truck services. Councilman Seible questioned if this jet truck has the full package that we had discussed at an earlier council meeting. Faas responded that Public Works Director, Chris Schares, will look into it. Councilman Seible stated that he would like to see some of the library capital funds cut, as they are not utilizing the funds they were given this fiscal year. Faas responded that a large share of their materials are purchased toward the end of the fiscal year. Library Director, Shannon Jensen also responded that the purchasing of books and the subscription contracts are due at the end of the fiscal year by direction of the library board.

Councilman Seible questioned the capital expense of safety equipment for the fire department in the amount of \$10,000. Fire Chief, Ryan Phillips, responded that they are required to purchase new equipment every ten years according to the NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) and that they received a grant approximately ten (10) years ago to purchase equipment, but no equipment has been purchased since then. Councilman Loftus questioned when this ruling was put into place as the city of Waterloo is still utilizing their old equipment. Fire Chief, Phillips responded that he wasn't certain. Councilman Dewater questioned why the police department vacation, overtime, and comp time, etc. was not budgeted last year. City Clerk, Kobliska responded that the council requested during the last budget, that the benefits be broken down. Dewater also commented on the overtime budgeted for the building inspector, as overtime hasn't been paid in the past as it was a salaried position. Mayor Faas stated that it is not a salaried position and there will be incidents, during training time, which overtime will be inevitable. Dewater stated that we should place the building inspection position as salary. Faas responded that with the salary increase changes that are for salaried positions, it wouldn't be beneficial. City Attorney, Laura Folkerts stated that the increase for the salaried position is likely to occur during the next fiscal year, and that we would have to come into compliance within 30 days after the ruling passes.

Dewater also questioned where we could cut the budget and stated that he would be in favor of the budget as presented by increasing the tax levy to 7.41756 to accommodate the budget. Councilman Seible expressed concern with the levy increase and would like to see the budget cut by \$10,000.

Public Discussion: Mayor Faas stated that there will be an open house on Thursday for the River Forest Road residents that received an easement letter. City Engineer, Jerry Shoff stated that the final plans for the River Forest Road Project have been submitted and that it will be letting at the Iowa Department of Transportation the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of April 2016. He also stated that the River Forest Road Levee Trail Project will be bid in March as we have received final approval to move forward on that project. Councilman Loftus questioned the amount of trees that would be cut down. Shoff responded that there would be trees on both sides of River Forest that would be removed.

Loraine Atkins, 625 River Forest Rd., wanted to thank all citizens that gave blood at the last blood drive as it was the best drive yet. She also questioned why she did not receive an easement letter. Mayor Faas responded that her property did not apply.

There being no further discussion, Loftus/Seible to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 p.m. Motion carried.

**ATTEST:**

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**Doug Faas, Mayor**

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**DeAnne Kobliska, City Clerk**