

CITY HALL
EVANSDALE, IOWA, FEBRUARY 5, 2013
CITY COUNCIL
CHAD DEUTSCH, 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. Members present in order of roll call: Dewater, Hibben, Loftus, and Walker. Newly appointed Councilmember Jessica Miller took a seat and participated in the meeting after she was appointed and sworn in. Quorum present.

Hibben/Walker to approve the February 5, 2013 agenda. Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Dewater/Loftus to approve the following items on the February 5, 2013 consent agenda: a) Approval of January 15, 2013 regular meeting minutes b) Resolution 5585 authorizing payment of bills and transfers c) Liquor license renewals: The Other Place III and Lofty's. Roll call vote: Ayes-Three, Abstentions-Loftus. Motion carried.

Consent
Agenda

Hibben/Loftus to approve the appointment of Jessica Miller to serve as Councilmember of Ward 2, for the remainder of the unexpired term ending December 31, 2013 and until such time a person is elected in the manner required by law. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Council
Appointment

Newly appointed Councilmember Jessica Miller was sworn in by Mayor Deutsch.

Sworn in

Hibben/Loftus to temporarily allow 90 feet of parking on the east side of Jones starting fifty feet north of the Central and Jones corner until September 1, 2013. Troy Everts, the property owner who made the request to allow parking, stated that he was dissatisfied with the decision on a temporary allowance because after speaking with the Police Chief, it sounded like it would be more permanent. Police Sergeant Jeff Jensen showed Mr. Everts the proposed street parking on a map. The Mayor responded that the temporary allowance is an attempt to work with Mr. Everts while he installs off-street parking. Mr. Everts stated that he didn't know if he would have off-street parking ready by September 1st because of the cost. The Mayor added that the no-parking zone on Jones Road was approved because of visibility issues that present safety concerns. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Parking on Jones
Road

Loftus/Walker to approve a new tobacco license for Dollar General Store. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Tobacco License
Dollar General

Hibben/Walker to approve request from Fire Chief to send one firefighter to EMT training for \$1,546. Councilmember Loftus asked why the training was so expensive. Assistant Fire Chief Justin Smock responded that the pricing is comparable to other satellite classes held by University of Iowa or Hawkeye and has only slightly increased from last year. The class is in Denver, IA and members are responsible for their own transportation there. Councilmember Dewater pointed out that the course is subject to repayment should the member leave the department prematurely. Smock agreed that the members sign a years of service agreement and have a deadline to complete their EMT certification. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Request from
Fire Chief

Loftus/Dewater to approve setting the date of City-wide Garage Sale for April 26-28, 2013 and the Spring Clean-up for May 3rd from 8:00am to 4:00pm and May 4th from 7:30am to noon. John Peverill complained that the weather has been brutal for the last couple of years on that weekend. The Mayor stated that if it was moved up a week, it would compete with the City of Hudson's city-wide garage sales and the World's Largest Garage Sale held at the Cattle Congress. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

City-wide
Garage Sale &
Spring Cleanup

Loftus/Miller to amend previously passed Resolution 5561 changing bond redemption date from December 15, 2012 to March 1, 2013. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Amend Res. 5561

Miller/Hibben to approve Resolution 5586 authorizing publication of 2012 salaries. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Res. 5586
Publication of
salaries

Walker/Dewater to approve Resolution 5587 approving property tax exemption for property located at 1759 Timberline Dr. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Res. 5587
Tax exemption
1759 Timberline

Discussion: John Peverill stated that the snow removal efforts were poor after the most recent snow. The Mayor responded that because it rained prior to snowing, applying salt brine wasn't an option prior to the snow. However, temperature became very cold fast and in those conditions, salt won't break up ice and packed snow when the temp gets below twenty degrees. Peverill stated that a plow didn't pass his house on East End until a day and a half following the snow. The Mayor stated that perhaps they missed a street and he would look into it. Peverill pointed out that there was a car illegally parked in the yard on the corner of East End and Evans Road.

Discussion

The Mayor stated that in past years, he revised expenditures, as needed, before the 1st budget meeting. However, this year he didn't change what the department heads asked for unless the fund didn't balance. The Mayor added that Council could go through the requests line by line and make adjustments as needed. Councilman Loftus stated that he was opposed to a new squad car and uniform purchases. The Mayor stated that according to the vehicle rotation plan, the PD could either purchase one this year and have the next three years off or skip this year but have to purchase 2 in the next four years. Dick Dewater was concerned with utility expenses at the CRC Building because it was supposed to be such an energy efficient building. He suggested looking into a MidAmerican Energy audit. Park Board member Steve Seible stated that he is continually trying to find grants and they require matching funds. Councilmember Dewater stated that he thought private funding would pay for the Meyer's Lake memorial on the island. Seible stated the Park Board supports those endeavors. The Mayor stated that the Parks asked for \$15,000 for a memorial for Lyric and Elizabeth, however he didn't think that the City could fund a memorial. But if the project was named for a specific project say, the bridge to the island, that should be okay. In addition, \$20,000 of campground improvements and \$3,000 of Friday night Rec are coming directly out of tax askings. Councilman Walker asked the Mayor to move the Friday Night Rec to a non-tax asking fund.

There being no further discussion, Loftus/ Hibben adjourned the meeting at 7:06 p.m. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

ATTEST:



Chad Deutsch, Mayor



Becky Walters, City Clerk