

CITY HALL  
EVANSDALE, IOWA, FEBRUARY 6, 2018  
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: Loftus, Dewater, Seible, Bender, and Walker. Quorum present.

Mayor Faas Presented the Bungler Middle School Students of the Month for January 2018: Brock Kiewiet, Bailee Nichols, Kyle Gardner, K'lin Schilling, Tye Shellhorn, Sam Edmondson, and T'Aira Sykes.

Seible/Walker to approve the February 6, 2018 agenda. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Jack Schlesselman with the Lions Clubs gave a presentation to the council that showed interest in starting a group within our city. The primary focus of the Lions clubs is aiding the disabled, feeding the hungry, and disaster relief.

Dewater/Loftus to approve the following items on the February 6, 2018 Consent Agenda: a. Approval of January 16, 2018 regular meeting minutes. b. Liquor License Renewals: i. The Other Place III – LC0011675 – Effective 03/08/2018, ii. Dollar General – BC0029891 – Effective 02/28/2018. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Seible/Dewater to approve Resolution 6186 authorizing payment of bills and transfers. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Loftus/Bender to approve Resolution 6187 authorizing the destruction of City records. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Loftus/Walker to approve Resolution 6188 setting February 20, 2018 as the date of public hearing on the adoption of the proposed “Code of Ordinances of the City of Evansdale, Iowa”. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Walker/Seible to approve Resolution 6189 authorizing publication of salaries and compensation of City officials and employees. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Dewater/Walker to approve Resolution 6190 approving tax abatement for 750 Central Avenue. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Walker/Dewater to approve Resolution 6191 approving tax abatement for 649 Hunter Drive. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Seible/Dewater to approve Resolution 6192 approving tax abatement for 1731 Timberline Drive. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Dewater/Loftus to approve Resolution 6193 approving payment #5 for Retainage to Aspro, Inc., Waterloo, Iowa for the 2017 Street Rehabilitation Project in the amount of \$66,673.09. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Seible/Walker to approve request from Building Inspector to make repairs to 2011 Ford F-150 in the amount of \$1,093. Councilman Seible questioned the request. Mayor Faas responded that the repairs will extend the life of the vehicle. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Loftus/Walker to approve request from Pony Express Riders of Iowa to hold annual collection point (Lafayette/Evans intersection) and parade on Friday, March 30, 2018 at about 3:15 p.m. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Seible/Walker to approve request from Public Works Director to purchase motor for blower fan at Waste Water Treatment Plant in the amount of \$1,840.86. Councilman Seible requested an explanation. Public Works Director, Chris Schares, explained that the blower keeps the microbotics alive and is part of a four-blower system that runs 24/7. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

FY19 Budget discussion/workshop: Mayor Faas discussed the changes to the budget since the last meeting, none of which have impacted the proposed 8.10 levy rate. Councilman Seible read a letter stating his thoughts on the budget process in general, and his opposition to the proposed levy rate. Mayor Faas brought up a request from Operation Threshold to contribute as part of the city's health & social services fund. Currently the city has been donating \$2,411 annually to Pathways and has been for several years. He also stated that Operation Threshold serves and contributes to our community, but, wanted council's thoughts on how to proceed. Councilman Seible questioned if we can split between the two. Councilman Dewater stated that he was in favor of a contribution to Operation Threshold. The consensus of the council was to donate to Operation Threshold. Councilman Walker questioned removing \$26,000 from flood line in Road Use. Mayor Faas responded that it was taken from Road Use fund and placed in the Waste Water fund as they will be sharing the equipment. Loraine Atkins, 625 River Forest Rd., wasn't in favor of employee wage increases with health insurance increasing for the city. Ken Nichols, 610 East End Ave., wanted to express his appreciation and thank both the police department and fire rescue staff for the help they provided for his family as well as the City of Evansdale for providing the ambulance service to their residents. John Peverill, 543 East End Ave., questioned what the insurance increase was. Mayor Faas responded that at this time we are budgeting a 12% increase, but it is not final, we are still reviewing other possibilities. Walker stated that the Teamsters union employees were paying a higher deductible beginning in FY19.

Loftus/Dewater to approve Resolution 6194 setting February 20, 2018 as the date of public hearing on the proposed FY2019 budget. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

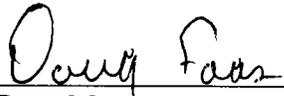
Public Discussion: non-agenda items. Jeff O'Brien, 939 Mc Coy Rd., questioned why city vehicles are going to Cedar Falls for lunch. Mayor Faas responded that if he wanted to discuss personnel issues with him, he could stop in his office. Leon Mardanes, 1722 Timberline Dr., questioned if the budget would be available for review. Mayor Faas responded that it would be available at City Hall, the Clerk's office, and online for review.

Mayor/Council Reports: Mayor Faas stated that he would be meeting with UnityPoint clinic organization on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February to discuss the possibilities of bringing a larger clinic with urgent capabilities to the city. Angel's Island bridge project set to attentively start on the 1<sup>st</sup> part of April. The city will be lowering Meyers Lake for the project by approximately 2 feet. The Mayor also discussed the hand out on the utility survey to show council where the city stands on rates compared to other city's as well as a copy of a sump pump ordinance from the City of Cedar Falls. We will be required by the DNR to get a handle on the sump pump issue within the city as soon as possible and will be included on the next agenda. Councilman Walker questioned why there are only a few aerators running in Meyers Lake. Mayor Faas responded that he didn't know why they

were disabled. John Peverill, 543 East End Ave., questioned if a study was ever prepared on the effectiveness of the aerators. Mayor responded, not to his knowledge.

There being no further discussion, Loftus/Dewater to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

  
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Doug Faas, Mayor

  
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DeAnne Kobliska, City Clerk