

CITY HALL  
EVANSDALE, IOWA, FEBRUARY 7, 2017  
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, Nichols, and Walker. Quorum present.

Walker/Seible to approve the February 7, 2017 agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Loftus/Seible to approve the following items on the February 7, 2017 consent agenda. a) Approval of January 17, 2017 regular meeting minutes and January 19, 2017 special meeting minutes. b) Liquor License Renewal: Dollar General - Expires 02-28-2018. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Dewater/Walker to approve Resolution 6047 authorizing payment of bills and transfers. Councilman Seible questioned the salt spreader and sand container. Mayor Faas stated that they are two separate items. The Public Works Director, Chris Schares responded that we had a structure built to store salt spreader and sander. Councilman Nichols questioned how department heads spending limit of \$1000 is expected to be used; ex. \$1000 per month/day/etc. Mayor responded it is per purchase and that it was approved by council. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Walker/Loftus to approve Resolution 6048 pay request #1 to French Construction in an amount of \$9,613.80 for project number two (2) located at 1757 W. Gilbert Drive as part of the 2015 Evansdale Housing Rehabilitation Program. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Dewater/Walker to approve Resolution 6049 authorizing publication of salaries and compensation of City officials and employees. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Walker/Loftus to approve Resolution 6050 approving 28E agreement with the City of Elk Run Heights regarding law enforcement services. Mayor Faas explained the changes to the agreement. Councilman Dewater commented that the arrangement must be going well. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Nichols/Loftus to approve Resolution 6051 approving final payment to C&R Construction in an amount of \$16,570 for project number five (5) located at 759 Burr Oak Avenue as part of the 2015 Evansdale Housing Rehabilitation Program. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Dewater/Seible to approve request from Mayor to repair and facilitate repairs to traffic light at the intersections of Doris Drive and Evansdale Drive in an amount not to exceed \$3,200. Mayor Faas explained the City of Waterloo will work with Rhythm Engineering to resolve traffic light issues. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Nichols/Walker to approve request to issue payment to Deannalyn Leistikow for the Fran Addition rebate agreement in the amount of \$5,681.97 (approved by Resolution 5972 on July 5, 2016). Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Dewater/Loftus to approve request from Public Works Director to contract Affordable Tree Services to remove trees and grind stumps at 610 Home Acres in the amount not to exceed \$1700. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Walker/Dewater to approve request from Public Works Director to purchase Hydraulics hose Crimper, not to exceed \$3500. Councilman Nichols questioned the expense of buying our own. Councilman Dewater questioned cost savings. Public Works Director, Chris Schares explained the cost savings and the value of having supplies on hand in case of breakdown on the weekends. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Seible/Walker to approve request from Public Works Director to purchase a GLS Sampler from Teledyne Instruments, Inc. to replace the existing for the Waste Water Dept., not to exceed \$1,400. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Walker/Loftus to approve request from Mayor to approve purchase agreement as amended for land and property located at 3573 Lafayette Road, and authorizing mayor to sign said agreement on behalf of the City. Councilman Nichols questioned the cost of the property. Mayor Faas responded \$120,000, he went on to discuss further development. Loraine Atkins, 625 River Forest Rd., questioned the price of the property. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Loftus/Seible to approve Ordinance 648 amending Chapter 47, Park Regulations, of the Evansdale Code of Ordinances sections 47.03 and 47.12, first reading. Tom Nichols explained the changes. Roll call vote. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Discussion – FY18 Budget. Mayor Faas provided the council with documentation on different levy rates and comparisons. Mayor stated there were only a few revenue changes. Councilman Walker questioned if the amount being extended is per fiscal year. Mayor responded yes. Councilman Dewater stated that he was in favor of the 8.10 levy rate, however, since we just raised sewer rates, hold off the larger increase until next year. Councilman Seible questioned the increase in the attorney's fees. Mayor responded there are upcoming union negotiations. Dewater stated that we also need assistance with the nuisance ordinance and to utilize their legal services. Seible questioned whether it was necessary for the Police Dept. to purchase a new squad car. Mayor and Police Chief, Jeff Jensen explained the need for replacing patrol car. Seible stated he would like to see the Street Department utilize their equipment for crack sealing. Public Works Director, Chris Schares responded that the crack sealer we have is not in working condition. Walker stated that we spent a lot of money on the sealer a few years ago and it only ran for 2 days. Mayor discussed the condition of the streets and the key to longevity is proper care, which includes crack sealing. Dewater requested obtaining estimates to repair the sealer. Mayor went on to ask the Council what levy rate they are leaning towards; Dewater, Nichols, and Seible were in favor of 7.58574 levy rate. Mayor stated that they need to keep in mind the projects that had previously been discussed. Walker stated that we should be at 8.10, but doesn't want to raise it two years in a row. Seible

questioned why all budget items increase every year. Mayor directed him to the 1<sup>st</sup> page of the budget report and stated 60% of the items are the same. Councilman Loftus questioned the increase in the part time EMT position. Mayor responded that is for the new part time EMT position which will cover up to 36 hours a week. Walker pointed out that the volunteers are burnt out.

Seible/Nichols to approve Resolution 6052 setting February 21, 2017 as the date of public hearing on the proposed FY 2018 budget. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Public discussion – non agenda items. Loraine Atkins, 625 River Forest Road, asked what our current tax rate is. Mayor Faas gave her the current rate. Loraine continued to voice her concern that property value is going up, which will increase her taxes as well. Loraine then asked what the city employee's pay for their portion of insurance. Mayor responded \$50/single \$100/family. Fred Jones, 3330 Mt. Vernon Dr., Waterloo, stated the traffic has picked up at the Pronto Store, but people are hitting the curb. He asked the council to keep the curb cut in mind. Mayor responded that they would.

Mayor/Council Reports: Mayor Faas discussed issues with the following streets Doris Dr., Colleen Ct. at Central Ave., Lawrence Ave. and Feldt St., and Roosevelt Rd. Mayor also explained that Roosevelt, Evans, and Lafayette could be milled and overlaid to get another 10 years out them; but stated that we need to start making a plan to address the road issues and how to accumulate the funds. Councilman Seible questioned the vehicle around the corner from his house. Mayor responded that the Building Inspector issued a Hobby Permit, but the home owner will need to prove substantial progress within 90 days. Councilman Walker questioned the wording on the new ordinances, and stated the new language needs to be clear and binding in case it's challenged in court. Mayor responded he would bring back to council soon. Councilman Dewater asked about the tree replacement at Grand Ave. and Gilbert Drive. Mayor responded that the council turned it down, but he will bring it back.

There being no further discussion, Seible/Walker to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m. Motion carried.

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Doug Faas, Mayor

  
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DeAnne Kobliska, City Clerk