

CITY HALL
EVANSDALE, IOWA, FEBRUARY 10, 2020
CITY COUNCIL
TROY BEATTY, MAYOR, PRESIDING

The City Council of the City of Evansdale, Iowa met in a 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. Council members present in order of roll call: Seible, Bender, Beam, and Dewater. Absent: Walker. Quorum present.

Dewater/Bender to approve February 10, 2020 special meeting agenda. Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

FY21 Budget: Mayor Beatty directed council toward the park and rec budget regarding the replacement of playground equipment and the need to budget a large portion of the project again for next year. The Mayor questioned the City Clerk if it was best to budget now or amend later once we know the amount that would rollover. Clerk Kobliska stated that it would be better to budget now. Councilor Seible questioned if we would be spending any of the budgeted equipment replacement this year. Tom Nichols, Park Board Chair stated that we would have to spend some of the grant funds as we are on a timeline. Travis Nichols, Park Board member stated that we would move forward when we had an idea on the budget and continue with the cooperative purchases for the playground equipment. Rick Nolan, Park Board member, stated that we didn't have a line item for playground equipment repairs last year and that the line item would be necessary in the future to keep up with the equipment wear items. Councilor Dewater questioned if the mowing changes were working out. Nichols responded yes. Travis Nichols stated that we weren't replacing all the playground equipment but keeping the functioning pieces. The park budget was discussed further, and the majority agreed to increase the capital improvement line item. Mayor Beatty directed the council to the Library budget. Councilor Seible stated that he was willing to concede on the rent but wanted the budget to remain around \$106-108,000. Councilor Bender questioned the reduction of the rent. Mayor Beatty responded that the reduction of rent was one way that we could concede to keep the single plan insurance coverage in the budget. Bender questioned if other departments paid rent. Beatty responded not at this time. Dewater questioned if insurance was always included in the library budget. Jan Nichols, Library Board President, stated that since the Director started insurance has been included in the budget. The Mayor stated that the budget amount has been set. If the board wants to include insurance coverage, they will have to decide what line item they want to pay it from. Bender stated that we should continue the single plan insurance coverage as that was part of her original hiring agreement. After a lot of deliberation, it was decided to increase the budget by \$6,000 to include single coverage insurance.

There being no further discussion, Seible/Bender to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Troy Beatty, Mayor

DeAnne Kobliska, City Clerk