

CITY HALL
EVANSDALE, IOWA, FEBRUARY 15, 2022
CITY COUNCIL
DEANNE KOBLISKA, 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: Smock, Nichols, Beam, Seible, and Osborne. Quorum present.

Nichols/Beam to approve the February 15, 2022 agenda. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Beam/Osborne to approve the February 1, 2022 regular meeting minutes. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Seible/Beam to approve the Consent Agenda – All items listed under the consent agenda will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a request is made prior to the time Council votes on the motion. a. Accept and place on file the minutes and reports from the following Departments, Boards, and Commissions (n/a = not available): Ambulance & Fire Report (Jan), Building Inspection Report (Jan), Clerk/Treasurer Report (Jan), Code Enforcement Report (n/a), Evansdale Municipal Housing (n/a), Library (Jan), Parks & Rec Dept. (Jan), Planning & Zoning (n/a), Police Dept. (Dec/Jan), Storm Water Commission (n/a), Wastewater (Jan), and Water Works (Jan). b. Liquor License Renewal: The Other Place III – LC0011675 – effective 03/09/2022. c. Liquor License Renewal: Dollar General #1458 – BC0029891 – effective 03/01/2022. d. Request from Pony Express Riders of Iowa to hold annual collection point (Lafayette/Evans intersection) and parade on Friday, April 8, 2022 at about 3:00 p.m. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Smock/Nichols to approve the Resolution Calendar – All items listed under the Resolution Calendar will be enacted by one vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a request is made prior to the time Council votes on the motion. a. Resolution 6582 authorizing payment of bills and transfers. b. Resolution 6583 setting date of Max Levy hearing for March 1, 2022. c. Resolution 6584 approving the lowest bidder and contract with Baker Construction for the Deerwood Campground Sanitary Sewer Project in the amount of \$278,770. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Beam/Smock to open the Public Hearing for disposal of city property at 6:02 p.m. Proof of publication on file no public comments were received. Mayor Kobliska stated that no bids were received and would like direction from council on the next step. Dick Dewater, 930 2nd Ave., questioned how council had set the minimum bid for this property at \$10,000 when the lot isn't buildable. He also stated that the city would usually sell a non-buildable lot for .10 per square foot. Councilor Nichols responded that it was a buildable lot and that it was the going rate in today's market. Councilor Smock stated that council considered the city expense in the property as part of setting the minimum bid for the property. Seible/Nichols to close the public hearing at 6:06 p.m.

Beam/Seible to table Resolution 6585 approving the sale of city property until May 2022. Mayor Kobliska questioned what council would like to do next. Councilor Nichols suggested advertising the property and holding off having it on the agenda for a while. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Beam/Seible to approve request from Mayor to accept the lowest bid for FY22 auditing services with BerganKDV in the amount of \$16,000. Mayor Kobliska stated that the city received a letter from the State Auditor's office stating that they would not perform our audit in the future and the city would need to seek a new service. Council approved the request to seek quotes several weeks ago and we sent out requests for quotes to three different accounting firms and only received one quote in return. Councilor Smock stated that he was abstaining from the vote as it was his employer, however, he worked for a different division of the company. Ayes-Four. (Smock-Abstained). Motion carried.

Beam/Smock to approve request to review and approve Design Standards for Eagles Landing. Mayor Kobliska stated that she had discussed the design standards with Chris Fischels, Fischels Commercial Group and Chris stated that he would work with the city during site review process. Councilor Beam stated the design standards were a standard that the prospective buyers would have to meet. Councilor Smock stated that he appreciated the feedback we received from a prospective buyer. Councilor Osborne stated that she reviewed the standards and was in approval to move forward. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Nichols/Beam to approve Resolution 6586 setting date of public hearing to dispose of city property. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

FY2023 Budget Workshop: Mayor Kobliska stated that we had set the date of the max levy hearing, however, council had not come to an agreement on the Elk Run Heights law enforcement contract. Councilor Nichols questioned what the proposed contract stated. Mayor Kobliska responded a three-year agreement with increases at 1%, 3%, and 3%. Nichols responded that he doesn't normally back down but heard of their increased costs with their wastewater project. Councilor Osborne stated that the agreement with Elk Run had been controversial and that it wasn't personal, but regarding city finances and expenses. Councilor Seible stated that going forward we needed to review agreements several months in advance so all aspects of the agreement would be discussed with the parties involved. He also stated that it was not personal for himself as well, but about city expense to provide a service.

Public discussion: Non-Agenda Items. No comments received.

Mayor/Council Reports: Councilor Beam discussed the open city clerk position and the need to review the salary so that when we receive information on a qualified candidate we aren't so far away on pay. Councilor Seible responded that he didn't think we were out of line but had time to review.

There being no further discussion, Seible/Beam to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 p.m. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

DeAnne Kobliska, Mayor

Justin Smock, Mayor Pro tem