

CITY HALL
EVANSDALE, IOWA, FEBRUARY 17, 2015
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: Dewater, Loftus, Walker, and Seible. Absent: Nichols. Quorum present.

Walker/Seible motion to approve the February 17, 2015 agenda and move item 18, Public Discussion, above item 15, Discussion: setting compensation for the Mayor's position effective January 1, 2016. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Loftus/Dewater motion to approve the following items on the February 17, 2015 consent agenda: a) Approval of February 3, 2015 regular meeting minutes b) Resolution 5768 authorizing payment of bills and transfers, c) Approval of a liquor license for The Other Place III (d) Accept and place on file the minutes and reports from the following Departments, Boards, and Commissions (n/a = not available): Ambulance (Jan), Building Inspection (Jan), Clerk/Treasurer (Nov, Dec, Jan) Fire Dept (Dec), Parks & Rec (Jan), Police Dept (Jan), Library (Dec, Jan), Water Works (Nov, Jan), Evansdale Municipal Housing (n/a), Hardship & Grievance (n/a), Planning & Zoning (Jan), Storm water (n/a). Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Request from Chuck Rowe of the Boys and Girls Club to include funding for the Evansdale Boys and Girls Club in FY 2016 budget.

Dewater/Loftus motion to approve request from Chris Webb to close Lafayette Road from Sipple Avenue to River Forest Road from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for the motorcycle Ride & Drive on July 11, 2015, less the request from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Dewater/Seible motion to set the date for the City-wide Garage sale for April 24th, 25th, and 26th. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Loftus/Seible motion to set the date for the Spring Clean-up for May 1st and 2nd. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Seible/Loftus motion to deny request from Public Works Director to purchase snowplow blade for pick-up truck. Councilman Seible stated that he did not believe a snowplow blade was necessary at this time. Roll call vote: Ayes-Loftus, Seible, and Walker. Nays: Dewater. Motion carried.

Loftus/Seible motion to approve Resolution 5769 setting March 3, 2015 as the date of public hearing on the proposed FY 2016 budget. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Walker/Dewater motion to approve Resolution 5770 authorizing publication of salaries and compensation of City officials and employees. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Loftus/Walker motion to approve Resolution 5771 appointing D. Kent Smock as full time Police Chief. Mayor Faas explained that Smock was appointed interim Police Chief several years ago and never appointed full time Police Chief. IPERS recommended clarifying his job title. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Seible/Walker motion to approve Resolution 5772 authorizing the mayor to sign a memorandum of understanding with INRCOG for the preparation of a LAWCON grant for the Angel's Park Bridge Project. Councilman Dewater questioned if the City was aware that LAWCON grants apply to the land and water conservation fund and will place restrictions on any changes to projects down the road. Councilman Seible stated that the restrictions only apply if the City plans to sell the property. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Discussion: Setting compensation for the Mayor's position effective January 1, 2016. (Note: By ordinance, the council shall prescribe the compensation of the mayor, council members, and other elected city officers, but a change in the compensation of the mayor does not become effective during the term in which the change is adopted, and the council shall not adopt an ordinance changing the compensation of the mayor, council members, or other elected officers during the months of November and December in the year of a regular city election, Iowa Code §372.13(8)). Mayor Faas explained that the draft ordinance allows the Mayor's position four weeks of vacation and incremental raises. The first would be effective January 1, 2016 and raise the salary to \$47,500 and the second would be effective January 1, 2017 bringing the salary to \$49,900. Councilman Seible stated that a tiered increase of vacation would be appropriate. Councilman Walker proposed the Mayor's position receive two weeks of vacation during the first term and two additional weeks of vacation if re-elected for a second term for a total and cap of four weeks. Further,

circumstances may arise where additional time off is needed and could be requested at that time. Mary Kreger, 544 3rd Street, questioned why the Mayor's position needs a raise. An ordinance will be brought to Council for first reading stating the Mayor's position will receive a wage increase of \$2,500 on January 1, 2016 and another \$2,500 increase on January 1, 2017 and two weeks of vacation for the first term and an additional two weeks if re-elected to a second term not to exceed four weeks of vacation. Lorraine Atkins, 625 River forest Road, questioned if the Mayor's office receives any other benefits. Mayor Faas stated that the Mayor receives reimbursement for mileage if he leaves the City limits for City business.

Discussion: Update on River Forest Road project. Mayor Faas explained that it is unlikely the project will proceed this year due to traffic back up into Evansdale on River Forest Road because of DOT construction on Highway 20. In addition, the DOT and Federal Government still have not given clearance on the project due to the turn radius of the road by Pronto. Lorraine Atkins, 625 River Forest Road, asked if there would be additional meetings about the project. Councilman Walker asked if the City would have to purchase the CNC building in order to go to a four-lane road. Mayor Faas explained that federal guidelines for the project prohibit the City from discussing property purchases at this time. If the road is constructed as a four lane, the Federal Government may pull funding because the traffic count study showed the amount of traffic on River Forest Road does not justify a four-lane road. Councilman Dewater stated that this project has been discussed several times this past year and the traffic count study showed that River Forest Road has 30 percent less traffic than Gilbert Drive. Al Chidester, 176 River Forest Road, is opposed to reducing River Forest Road to a two-lane street. Councilman Dewater explained that the two-lane plan would save the City money whereas as a four lane will cost an additional million dollars to build.

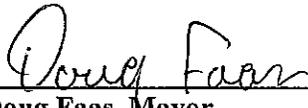
Discussion: Budget. Councilman Seible questioned why an additional \$20,000 was allocated to trees. Mayor Faas explained that Road Use funds would be utilized to detect and replace trees infected with the Emerald Ash Borer disease. Mayor Faas stated that the failed 28E Agreement with Elk Run Heights for ambulance services created a \$20,000 shortfall. Line items were cut out of the General Fund to make up for the shortfall and still resulted in a \$6,594 deficit. Unencumbered reserve funds will be used to balance the budget.

Discussion: Sharing City equipment with the Evansdale Water Works. Mayor Faas explained that three to four years ago the Evansdale Water Works (EWW) voted to pay for one third of the salary for the Public Works Director and merge the two entities together. Recently, the board voted to pay the Public Works Director on an hourly basis and unmerge the two entities. Since EWW is a separate entity, Mayor Faas proposed to track the use of City equipment by EWW for one year and then set up a schedule of fees for equipment use. He further explained that the only piece of equipment that was purchased by both the Street Department and EWW is a zero turn mower with trailer. Sharon Loftus, EWW board member, explained EWW initially paid for one third of the Public Works Director's salary because the former director had a Grade I certification and the newly hired plant manager was studying to get his certification. Once he achieved his Grade II, the former Public Works Director did not help with EWW duties except during water main breaks or filling in when the Plant Manager was absent. Dona Frickson, EWW board member, stated that she hopes to see continued teamwork between EWW and the Street Department. Councilmen Walker and Dewater recommended not tracking equipment use.

Public Discussion: Mayor Faas stated that there is a possible boat ramp grant available through INRCOG. The anticipated construction start date for Kwik Star is early May. John Peverill, 543 East End Avenue, stated that the Cedar River is full of rocks and boats will not be able to travel up or down stream at any point in Evansdale.

There being no further discussion, Seible/Loftus to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Motion carried.

ATTEST:



Doug Faas, Mayor



DeAnne Kobliska, City Clerk