

CITY HALL
EVANSDALE, IOWA, FEBRUARY 18, 2014
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. Members present in order of roll call: Loftus, Walker, Seible, Nichols, and Dewater. Absent: None. Quorum present.

Walker/Seible to approve the February 18, 2014 agenda. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Dewater/Seible to approve the following items on the February 18, 2014 consent agenda: a) Approval of January 28, 2014 special meeting minutes b) Approval of February 4, 2014 regular meeting minutes c) Resolution 5671 authorizing payment of bills and transfers d) Accept and place on file the minutes and reports from the following Boards, Departments and Commissions (n/a = Not Available): Ambulance (Jan), Parks & Rec (n/a), Cable TV Commission (Jan), Clerk/Treasurer (Dec, Jan), Police Dept (Jan), Evansdale Municipal Housing (Jan), Building Inspection (Jan), Library (Jan), Hardship & Grievance (n/a), Fire Dept (Jan), Water Works (Jan), Planning & Zoning (n/a), Storm Water (n/a) d) Liquor license renewal: Dollar General Store – expires 02/28/2014. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Consent
Agenda

Dewater/Loftus to approve request from the Fire Chief to send Fire Department member to Advanced EMT training at Hawkeye Community College at a cost of \$1,238.00 plus certification testing fees (approximately \$100.00). Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Fire Dept
EMT Training

Walker/Loftus to approve setting the date of City-wide Garage Sale for April 25th, 26th, and 27th, 2014. John Peverill stated that the weather is always unfavorable that early in the spring to be having garage sales. The Mayor responded if the garage sale were to be pushed back a week, it would coincide with the Hudson City-wide garage sale and World's Largest Garage Sale, which are held the first weekend in May. He added that patrons may not like having all three events in the same weekend. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Citywide
Garage Sale

Loftus/Seible to approve setting the date for the Spring Clean-up for May 2nd from 8:00am to 4:00pm and May 3rd from 7:30am to noon. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Spring
Clean-up

Walker/Dewater to open public hearing regarding the FY2015 City budget at 6:02 p.m. Proof of publication was received and on file. No written comments were received prior to the meeting. There being no public comments made, Loftus/Walker to close the public hearing at 6:03 p.m. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

PH-
FY2015 City
Budget

Loftus/Dewater to approve Resolution 5672 adopting the fiscal year budget ending June 30, 2015. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Res. 5672
FY2015
Budget

Walker/Loftus to approve Resolution 5673 authorizing publication of salaries and compensation for city officials and employees. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Res. 5673
Publish salaries

Discussion was held on the subject of whether or not to require organizations and fundraising groups to hold liability insurance when holding events at City parks. The Mayor prefaced the discussion by stating that Shaun Kubik requested to hold an ice golf event on Meyer's Lake over the coming weekend as a fundraiser. He added that the City Attorney and the City's insurance carrier recommended that liability insurance be held for events and fundraisers on City property. Shaun Kubik was in the audience and stated that though he didn't mind paying \$150 for \$2 million in liability insurance, the event would be probably be small this year but could gain public interest in future years. Kubik asked if he could hold the ice golf event on the lake, but then have a meal offering afterwards and call the meal the actual fundraiser to avoid subjecting the City to any liability. Councilman Walker stated that the event would give the City's parks positive exposure; however he wanted to ensure that the City is protected by liability insurance and didn't want to step on the toes of the Parks Dept. Councilman Loftus stated that when someone wants to do something that gives the City positive attention, the City creates hurdles. It was brought up that the City of Fredricka has an ice golf event on the river and questions arose of how Fredricka handles liability exposure. Councilman Seible recommended going with the city attorney's recommendation to require insurance. Councilman Nichols suggested looking at what other cities require for similar events. Councilman Dewater asked if waivers would suffice. City Attorney Ament responded that liability waivers could possibly suffice but wouldn't stop a lawsuit being brought forth. Walker suggested that he find sponsors for the event to cover these overhead costs including insurance. Nichols offered to sponsor the event.

Event liability
insurance

Councilman Dewater asked if the City water was at risk for contaminates after the recent water main break and subsequent boil order notice. Water Works Foreman Mike Ellison responded that anytime a

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water main is shut down, regardless if it's one City block or the entire town, a boil order is required if water pressure falls below 20 psi. Issuing a boil order doesn't mean there are contaminants. In fact, the likelihood of contaminants getting into the system is slim to none, however the boil order is just a precautionary measure required by the EPA and DNR. Dewater proposed a scenario with a hypothetical outcome of water that tested positive for contaminants and whether the same notifications would be satisfactory at getting the attention of the public in the event of a possible life threatening situation. He asked if one didn't watch television, read the paper, use online media, or hear through word of mouth, then how would they know about the boil order. Public Works Director responded that residents can sign up for phone updates through Black Hawk notification system. He added that the problem with that system is unless people sign up to receive updates, there isn't anyone to notify. Water Board member Sharon Loftus stated that Water Works did everything possible to notify the public. Water Works Office Manager Sandy Clements stated that this is the first time that a boil order has been issued during her employment and can be treated as a learning experience. The Mayor suggested using the reverse 911 system to alert the public of boil orders. Police Chief Kent Smock responded that the Black Hawk County Emergency Board discourages cities from issuing alerts using the reverse 911 system unless the emergency implies imminent death or danger because it takes away from seriousness of the message. The Mayor thanked all involved in the water main break for their service including the street, sewer, water, and fire department. Councilman Seible commented that he has been very impressed with the work that the street department has done with keeping the roads clear. Seible stated that there had been discussion in the past about converting the old bowling alley to elderly housing. He asked if there were any updates on the subject. Councilman Loftus responded that the topic hadn't been pursued.

There being no further discussion, Loftus/Seible to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. Ayes-Five.

Adjourn

ATTEST:

Doug Faas, Mayor

Becky Walters, City Clerk