

CITY HALL
EVANSDALE, IOWA, FEBRUARY 18, 2020
CITY COUNCIL
TROY BEATTY, 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: Bender, Walker, Beam, Dewater, and Seible. Quorum present.

Bender/Seible to approve February 18, 2020 agenda. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Walker/Beam to approve the following items on the February 18, 2020 consent agenda. a. Approval of January 23, 2020 special meeting minutes and February 4, 2020 regular meeting minutes. b. 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 (Jan), Evansdale Municipal Housing (Jan), Library (Jan), Parks & Rec Dept. (Jan), Planning & Zoning (n/a), Police Dept. (Jan), Storm Water Commission (n/a), and Water Works (n/a). c. Liquor License Renewal: Dollar General #1458-BC0029891-effective 03/01/2020. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Presentation on state grant opportunities by Codie Leseman with INRCOG. Mr. Leseman went over the grants that are available to the City to include: REAP grant, funded by Iowa DNR-no match required, Water Recreation Access Cost Share Program-25% matching grant, Water Trail Enhancement-50% match, LAWCON Federal funds through DNR-match grant, State Recreational Trails grant-Iowa DOT, Community Attraction, Wellmark Community Health Match grants, and Cedar Trails Partnership grant. He also stated that Evansdale is part of the River Water Trail Program and would be eligible for some of the grants mentioned.

Presentation on Cedar River Water Trail sponsor agreement by Codie Leseman with INRCOG. Mr. Leseman discussed the options for the River Water Trail Program that the City may be interested in. The first option would be located at Deerwood Park Campground; he explained the location and the placement of the boat ramp, parking lot, and access for other water sports. The second option would be located on River Road; he explained the location of the boat ramp, the parking area just west of the ramp area, and access for other water sports. He stated that the water trail program was an intentional route for boaters of all types. Denny Wilson, 1023 Central Ave., explained the current route that was used for access to the Cedar River from River Road. Mayor Beatty questioned if there was sufficient water depth for the River Road access. Mr. Leseman responded that he wasn't sure, but when the locations were originally designed it was considered a good location. Councilor Dewater stated that if the city really wanted access to the Cedar River they would reconstruct the Casebeers Heights access. Mr. Wilson responded that it wasn't a good location. Mayor Beatty stated that the city had included matching funds for the River Road Project in their FY21 budget, but after speaking with Mr. Nichols with Parks and Rec Department the Deerwood design would need modification before it would be considered. Mr. Wilson questioned if the city had been in contact with Impact Outdoors and that Tammy with the bait shop would be a local contact Impact Outdoors. Mr. Leseman continued to discuss the city's responsibilities that would include all signage, sediment removal, mowing, trash, and restroom maintenance if applicable, however, the Iowa DNR will reimburse the city for all signage but the city would be responsible for the installation and upkeep. Tom Nichols, Park and Rec Chair stated that the parks department was an elected board and questioned why this wasn't being presented to the Park and Rec Board. Mayor Beatty responded that the city would be focusing on the River Road Project and

that if the parks department would like a presentation Mr. Leseman would arrange it.

Seible/Beam to approve the following city appointments: a. Insurance: Councilors Bender and Dewater; b. Personnel: Councilors Seible and Dewater; c. Investments: Councilors Beam and Walker. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Dewater/Bender to approve Board Appointment to the Planning and Zoning Commission: Matt Boquist, to fill a vacancy, term expiring 12/31/2020. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Chris Schares, Public Works Director—Successful rollout of vehicle pre-trip inspection. Mayor Beatty stated that Mr. Schares was unable to attend tonight but wanted to explain the vehicle pre-trip inspection process that included vehicle inspections every day and replacing items as needed as preventative maintenance which may be costly at first but would help eliminate emergency repairs that we have had in the past.

Dewater/Bender to approve Resolution 6382 authorizing payment of bills and transfers. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Seible/Dewater to approve Resolution 6383 approving transfer of funds in the amount of \$177.76 from K-9 operations fund to General fund. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Walker/Beam to approve Resolution 6384 setting March 3, 2020 as date of max levy public hearing on the proposed FY2021 budget. Mayor Beatty explained the max levy hearing was approving a levy rate where the levy could not increase only decrease after approved and that the city would be approving a levy rate of 7.94. Councilor Seible thanked the Mayor for reducing the budget levy rate and giving back to the community. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Seible/Dewater to approve Resolution 6385 setting date of public hearing for the disposal of City property. Councilor Seible questioned the hearing. Mayor Beatty responded that the property was quit claimed over to the Anfinson Estate back in 2012, however, a public hearing/resolution wasn't approved at that time. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Walker/Bender to approve request from Fire Chief to enter into an agreement with Steve Meyer Consulting, LLC for grant writing on the FEMA SCBA Project in the amount of \$1,500. Mayor Beatty explained that there was only a 40% success rate with the FEMA grant, but we were also applying with Black Hawk Gaming and Community Foundation. Councilor Dewater responded that the odds are not in our favor. Councilor Walker stated the odds weren't bad for a FEMA grant but any other he wouldn't be in favor. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Dewater/Beam to approve request from Police Chief to have Racom install car cameras in four (4) squad cars in an amount not to exceed \$3,000. Mayor Beatty stated that the cameras were approved a few months ago but on the bottom of the invoice it stated that the estimate did not include installation. Councilor Seible questioned when we replaced the cameras last and what we would do with the old ones. Tom Nichols, 616 Grand Blvd., stated that the county had just upgraded to the Watchman Cameras and that they were superior to the old units. Police Chief Dean stated the last cameras that were purchased used from Black Hawk County. Mayor Beatty also stated that Black Hawk County Sheriff's Dept. would assist in the IT installation at no charge. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Walker/Beam to approve request to enter into a Law Enforcement 28E Agreement with Elk Run

Heights in the amount \$48,123. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Seible/Beam to approve request to enter into an Animal Control 28E Agreement with Elk Run Heights in the amount \$697.67. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Dewater/Walker to approve request to enter into a 28E Agreement with Black Hawk County Consolidated Communications Center (BHCCC). Mayor Beatty stated that Mayor Hart challenged BHCCC to reduce the fees and the fees were reduced. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Discussion: GPS System for city vehicles: Mayor Beatty stated that Councilor Beam was reviewing systems to track city vehicles and maintenance records. Councilor Bender questioned why the city was reviewing GPS systems. Beam responded that it would keep track of city vehicles as well as maintenance records. Bender questioned if there was a problem why we need to track city vehicles. Beam responded that the system would be utilized for several things. Jan Nichols, 616 Grand Blvd., stated that VGM has GPS systems available to the community. Mayor Beatty stated that this was discussion only and that more information would be received. He also stated that he was reviewing Wex fuel statements for overall fuel costs.

Discussion: City Hall security system. Police Chief Mike Dean stated that the City of Elk Run Heights had an issue over a month ago where someone entered the building during a council meeting and stole the city's cash box and the intruder couldn't be identified. We could have a disgruntled customer enter City Hall and not have any recourse. Mayor Beatty responded that it was only on agenda for discussion, but it was something to consider. Ken Nichols, 610 East End Ave., stated that we have an excellent law enforcement presence in our city.

Public discussion: Ken Nichols, 610 East End Ave., stated that it was refreshing coming to a council meeting without the tension. Jan Nichols, 616 Grand Blvd., questioned if a keypad system could be installed. Mayor Beatty responded that it would be considered as we weren't certain who had keys to City Hall. Clerk Kobliska stated that we tracked the keys and that the locks were changed in 2015. Beatty questioned if we had replaced them yet since he had been in office. Kobliska responded no.

Mayor/Council Reports: Councilor Seible questioned what the city has been doing with old items that had been replaced and if it would be documented in the future. Mayor Beatty responded that it would have to be discussed with Public Works Director.

There being no further discussion, Walker/Seible to adjourn the meeting at 7:09 p.m. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Troy Beatty, Mayor

DeAnne Kobliska, City Clerk