

CITY HALL  
EVANSDALE, IOWA, FEBRUARY 21, 2017  
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, Seible, Nichols, Walker, and Loftus. Quorum present.

Walker/Nichols to approve the February 21, 2017 agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Walker/Dewater to approved the following items on February 21, 2017 consent agenda. a. Approval of February 7, 2017 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), Hardship & Grievance (July), Library (Jan), Parks & Rec Dept. (Jan), Planning & Zoning (April), Police Dept. (Jan), Storm Water Commission (n/a), and Water Works (Jan). c. Liquor License Renewal: i. Lofty's Lounge, Inc., Expires 03/27/2018, ii. Kwik Star #278-Ownership change. d. Approve Yard Waste contract with City of Raymond. e. Approve Yard Waste contract with City of Elk Run Heights. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Dewater/Loftus to approve resolution 6053 authorizing payment of bills and transfers. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried

Walker/Loftus to open Public Hearing-FY2018 Budget at 6:03 p.m. Proof of publication is on file and no comments were received. Loftus/Dewater to close public hearing at 6:04 p.m.

To approve resolution 6054 adopting the fiscal year budget ending June 30, 2018. Councilman Seible questioned the 30% increase in wages. Mayor Faas explained that the wages weren't broken down by benefits. Seible asked about the Police Dept.'s plan for vehicle replacement. Chief Jensen explained how the rotation of vehicles is every 5 years. Seible then questioned if we need 5 squad cars in our fleet. Jensen explained the rotation schedule of the vehicles and the importance of having reserve cars in case of a break down. Councilman Nichols questioned the revenue vs expenses for the Building Inspector position. Mayor responded that the permits cover a large portion of the position expenses, but not all of it. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Nays-One (Nichols). Motion carried.

Dewater/Seible to approve resolution 6055 approving final payment to Peterson Contractors, Inc., Reinbeck, IA, for the Norma Avenue Extension Project in the amount of \$6,559.14. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Loftus/Seible to approve resolution 6056 approving final payment to Peterson Contractors, Inc., Reinbeck, IA, for the Dubuque Road Bridge Repair Project in the amount of \$5,242.12. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Walker/Loftus to approve request from mayor to proceed with process for bonding in an amount not to exceed 2.5 million for road improvements and building/land acquisition for upcoming projects. Mayor Faas explained the upcoming projects and that he has spoken with the city's financial advisor at Speer Financial, Larry Burger, who stated issuing bonds of 2-2.5 million is feasible. Mayor went on to explain we will need to be careful not to over TIF the city, which could result in raising the levee rate, but he feels comfortable with the bond amount to address the road issues. Councilman Seible stated he wasn't in favor of repairs on N. Roosevelt from Lafayette to Dubuque Road as it's in good condition. Mayor responded that Roosevelt is not included in the amount to be bonded. Mayor also stated that the Ellendale project may be on hold, but thought we should still seal-coat the street and move forward with sewer; the developer will be contributing a large portion of that project. Seible asked if we have any additional money in reserves in road use for these projects. Mayor responded that in the FY18 budget, that was just approved, there is \$550,000 being used to repair panels, curbs and minor street replacements. Councilman Nichols asked what effect this will have on taxes. Mayor responded that bonding for 2.1 million, would have minimal effect, but will decrease the dollar amount available for general fund expenses. Mayor stated in the bonding process we will also amend the East Heights TIF to include the Doris Dr. Project, but not bond for it yet. Councilman Dewater questioned when we need to finalize. Mayor responded he would like to get approval at this meeting, but the entire process will take a few months. Seible questioned what the findings were on the Evans Road core samples. Mayor responded that the 6 core samples had several findings all with no continuity or consistent results and we will need to do more. Councilman Walker questioned if we were only bonding for what we need. Mayor responded yes. City Clerk, DeAnne Kobliska informed the council that there are TIF Bonds that will be paid off in the next 5 years. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Seible/Dewater to approve request from mayor to authorize core sampling on 2017/2018 Road Construction Projects in preparation for milling/overlay repairs not to exceed \$1,500. Mayor Faas stated that we received a quote for \$1,300 from Team Services, which is for 11 samples. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Nichols/Walker to approve resolution 6057 authorizing the destruction of City records. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Nichols/Seible to approve resolution 6058 approving final payment to French Construction, Janesville, IA, in the amount of \$10,686.20 for project number two (2) located at 1757 W. Gilbert Drive as part of the 2015 Evansdale Housing Rehabilitation. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Loftus/Dewater to approve Ordinance 648 amending Chapter 47, Park Regulations, of the Evansdale Code of Ordinances sections 47.03 and 47.12, second reading. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Loftus/Seible to approve request from Police Chief to send part-time officer, Jeremy Furman, to Iowa Law Enforcement Academy in the amount of \$3,500, and authorize Mayor to sign said agreement between officer and city. Councilman Seible questioned how long Jeremy Furman has been employed. Chief Jensen responded 9 months and that once hired the city has one year to send officer to the academy. Councilman Nichols questioned length of employment to recoup cost of the academy for the city. Jensen responded that Iowa Code states that we have up to four years; if employee resigns in the first year they pay 100% of the cost to send to academy, then the agreement is reduced by 25% each year thereafter. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Loftus/Walker to approve request from Public Works Director to seed levee as part of the levee maintenance required by the Army Corps of Engineers, performed by Matthias Landscaping Co in the amount of \$4,290. Councilman Seible questioned if the work is completed. Mayor Faas responded that the work was completed. Seible stated he would like these large project invoices brought to council for approval before project is completed. Ayes-Four. Nays-One (Seible). Motion carried.

Dewater/Seible to approve request from Public Works Director to repair levee in an amount not to exceed \$14,750. Mayor Faas explained that this is to repair the levee again and has been working with Chief Jensen to resolve the situation. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Loftus/Walker to approve the date for City-wide Garage Sale for June 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup>. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Walker/Seible to approve the date for the City-wide Cleanup for June 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Walker/Seible to decline request from IBEW to open negotiations for a two-year extension on current agreement concerning wages. Mayor Faas stated that they offered .30/.35 wage increase for the two-year contract; he explained the advantage would be that wages are locked in for 2 years and we will know how to budget. The disadvantage is the uncertainty of insurance and benefits. Councilman Walker stated that we should hold off and let things take their natural course. Councilman Dewater stated that if we agreed to an extension we would be locked into honoring their contributions for insurance. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Public discussion-Non-agenda items. Butch Howard, 1125 Lake Ave., received a letter stating he was in violation of code for accessory buildings. He asked to be grandfathered in because the ordinance was passed in 2011 and his structure was installed years before that. Mayor Faas stated that Planning & Zoning passed the amendment to zoning book. Councilman Dewater stated that if it was passed in 2011 they should be grandfathered in. Mayor stated that once they become torn and tattered they have to be removed. John Peverill, 543 East End Ave., added that when it was passed by P&Z it stated once it was torn and tattered it could not be replaced. Mayor said he would check into it and get back to Mr. Howard. Loraine Atkins, 625 River Forest Road, questioned an article in the paper about a home for veterans here in Evansdale and where that is going to be located. Mayor responded that we are not aware of this. Loraine also questioned the repairs needed on 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. Mayor stated that as soon as asphalt production starts up we will address the issue.

Mayor/Council Reports. Mayor Faas stated that he heard back from City of Waterloo regarding the ambulance out sourcing program and they want \$100/per capita, and still no response from Covenant. So, we will continue the search for a full time EMT. The property purchase that was approved at the last meeting should be final in a few weeks. Mayor provided the requested quote to repair the city owned crack sealer in the amount of \$13,721 with no guarantee. Mayor questioned council that if developer wants to proceed with the Ellendale Rd. Project where do we stand. Councilman Seible stated that if we are short on funds Ellendale should not be on the list, there are other roads that are a priority. Councilman Walker questioned while amending the nuisance ordinance we would include sound decibel readings on cars. City Attorney, Laura Folkers stated she has included that in other city's ordinances. Mayor stated we would look into adding that as well. Seible questioned if we are in violation having our Public Works Director also serve as our Animal Control officer. Mayor responded that we are not in violation, and that the ruling in Parkersburg had to do with exempt and nonexempt employees. Seible questioned the trees that were cut down on the levee. Mayor explained that the Army Corps of Engineers requested their removal.

There being no further discussion, Walker/Loftus to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. Motion carried.

**ATTEST:**



Doug Faas  
**Doug Faas, Mayor**

Julie Eastman  
**Julie Eastman, Deputy City Clerk**