

CITY HALL
EVANSDALE, IOWA, MARCH 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: Seible, Smock, and Nichols. Absent Beam and Osborne. Quorum present.

Nichols/Seible to approve the March 15, 2022 agenda. Ayes-Three. Motion carried.

Seible/Nichols to approve the March 1, 2022 regular meeting minutes. Roll call vote. Ayes-Three.

Seible/Smock to approve the Approval of 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 (Feb), Building Inspection Report (Feb), Clerk/Treasurer Report (Feb), Code Enforcement Report (n/a), Evansdale Municipal Housing (Feb), Library (Jan/Feb), Parks & Rec Dept. (Feb), Planning & Zoning (n/a), Police Dept. (Feb), Storm Water Commission (n/a), Wastewater (Feb), and Water Works (Feb). Ayes-Three. Motion Carried.

Seible/Nichols to approve the appointment of Jeff O'Brien to the Board of Adjustment with term ending 04/01/2026. Ayes-Three. Motion carried.

Nichols/Seible to approve the appointment of Bill Brandenburg with term ending 12/31/2023 and Jerry Makedonski with term ending 12/31/2023 to the Storm Water Commission. Ayes-Three. Motion carried.

Seible/Smock 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. Councilor Seible questioned the Lawn care invoice. Mayor Kobliska responded that the city pays the service in advance with Turf Pro to receive a discount. a. Resolution 6593 authorizing payment of bills and transfers. b. Resolution 6594 approving application for W. Gilbert Levee Trail Project. Roll call vote. Ayes-Three.

Seible/Nichols to table request from Mayor to enter into an agreement with Bolton & Menk regarding the River Rd. Water Trail Access Project in the amount of \$20,900. Mayor Kobliska stated that we had issues with the final plans and the total cost of the project. Adrian Holmes with Bolton & Menk stated that he had reviewed the plans to the project and projected costs. Councilor Seible questioned what current costs would be. Mr. Holmes responded that the project could be upwards of \$280,000 but we could make modifications to the plans to possibly lower the cost. Councilors Nichols questioned the cost of the project. Mayor Kobliska responded with the possible costs of the project. John Peverill, 543 East End Ave., questioned the project location. Kobliska responded that it would be located on River Rd. Laura Benson, 1648 Michigan, stated that parents that are training their children will put in at Deerwood and go to the next ramp to get out. Kobliska stated that the boat ramp would be mainly for kayaking and tubing and the use in other areas has tripled in the past five years. Ayes-Three. Motion carried.

Smock/Seible to table request from Mayor to enter into an agreement with Bolton & Menk regarding the Central Ave. Rehabilitation Project Evans to Dodge in the amount of \$24,000. Adrian Holmes with Bolton & Menk discussed the project, the deteriorating curb and roadway,

and the possible costs. He also stated that the total project cost would be around \$373,000, however, public works indicated they would remove curb, sidewalk, and driveways that would reduce the cost. Smock initially made motion to approve, but did not pass for lack of second. Smock withdrew his original motion. Ayes-Three. Motion carried.

Seible/Nichols to approve request from Chief Dean to allow for a one (1) year leave of absence for Officer Dietz. Chief Dean explained the circumstances around the request and stated his appreciation for Officer Dietz as an employee of the police department. He also stated that Sergeant Weber has agreed to put off his retirement from the force for one-year to help accommodate the request. Councilor Smock wanted to give praise to Sergeant Weber for his service and postponing his retirement. Ayes-Three. Motion carried.

Nichols/Seible to open the FY2023 Budget hearing at 6:25 pm. Proof of publication on file no public comments received. Ayes-Three. Motion carried. Seible/Nichols to close the public hearing at 6:25 p.m. Ayes-Three. Motion carried.

Seible/Nichols to approve Resolution 6595 approval of FY2023 Budget. Roll call vote: Ayes-Three.

Nichols/Smock to approve the new liquor license for Family Dollar. Ayes-Three. Motion carried.

Seible/Nichols to approve request from Mayor to enter into a three-year Law Enforcement agreement with the City of Elk Run Heights. Ayes-Three. Motion carried.

Smock/Seible to approve request from Public Works Director to repair and replace pump for Deerwood Lift Station in the amount of \$4,566.59 with Electric Pump. Ayes-Three. Motion carried.

Seible/Smock to approve request from Mayor to extend the EYSA agreement from June 30, 2022 to August 1, 2022. Ayes-Three. Motion carried.

Nichols/Seible to approve request from Public Works Director to replace U-bolt and leaf springs on 2000 Sterling dump truck in the amount of \$2,939 with K n M Services, Inc. Ayes-Three. Motion carried.

Smock/Nichols to approve request from Mayor to make the necessary City Hall duct Modifications in the amount of \$8,400 from Young Plumbing and Heating. Mayor Kobliska explained the need for the modification. Ayes-Three. Motion carried.

Seible/Smock to approve hiring Deputy Clerk with Express Personnel for the 580-hour commitment as discussed and approval to advertise for the City Clerk position. Councilor Seible requested that the Deputy Clerk position be evaluated at the end of the term. Ayes-Three. Motion carried.

Smock/Seible to approve advertising the Building Inspection/Code Enforcement position. Laura Benson, Michigan Ave., stated we would need to offer benefits to receive a credible employee. She also discussed enacting a rental program in our city to keep landlords accountable. Councilor Nichols stated that we had always had a part-time commissioned building inspector in the past, not full-time and he was opposed to hiring a full-time inspector. Mayor Kobliska stated that we would need to continue our sump-pump inspection program and that the inspections had kept the building inspector busy for the last three years, however, it was up to council to decide. Ayes-Three. Motion carried.

Nichols/Seible to approve Ordinance 682 increasing the speed on Evans Rd. from Lafayette Rd to W. Gilbert Dr. to 30 mph, in its first reading. Councilor Smock stated that Evans was a throughfare and that 30 is easier to maintain as long as the safety aspect is met. Roll call vote: Ayes-Three. Nichols/Seible to waive the first & second reading of Ordinance 682. Roll call vote: Ayes-Three. Nichols/Seible to adopt Ordinance 682. Roll call vote: Ayes-Three.

Smock/Seible to approve the purchase of the SafePace signage in the amount of \$7,007.10 with Tapco. Mayor Kobliska described the benefits of the signs and that they would be moved around the city and track areas within the city that speeding is in excess. Councilor Seible questioned how they be moved. Chris Schares, Public Works Director, responded that the signs would be mounted on posts and the posts can be moved throughout the city. Chief Dean stated that the department would see patterns throughout the city so we would be able to see specific speeding areas, another tool in our toolbox. Ayes-Three. Motion carried.

Public discussion: Non-Agenda Items. Kelly Parker, Marion St., was in opposition to increase in property tax, however, stood in support of the boat ramp and bike trail extension that will enhance the quality of life for our residents. She also stated that she was not in favor of the enormous expenditures for Eagles Landing. Laura Benson, Michigan Ave., questioned why two council members were absent and why they were allowed to call in when not available to be here in person. She also requested that the city install trail cams to ensure the safety of residents while utilizing our trails. Councilor Nichols stated that he had received calls regarding council not attending meetings and being allowed to call in instead of being present.

Mayor/Council discussion: Mayor Kobliska stated that a nuisance abatement was sent out to 515 Trail and that the resident had requested a hearing with council. She also stated that the city was working with a group called CAPS that have been working toward a marketing brochure for Eagles Landing. Councilor Seible stated that in the past three years city council has kept our property tax low and have even cut budget in several areas in order to do so. Councilor Nichols stated that there was in issue with parking at the south corner of Evans and W. Gilbert that has become a safety issue.

There being no further discussion, Nichols/Seible to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m. Ayes-Three. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

DeAnne Kobliska, Mayor

Justin Smock, Mayor Pro tem