

CITY HALL
EVANSDALE, IOWA, MARCH 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: Seible, Nichols, Dewater, Loftus, and Walker. Absent: None. Quorum present.

Walker/Dewater to approve the March 18, 2014 agenda with the exception of the agenda item #11 entitled, Resolution 5677 authorizing retirement plan for Police Chief. Ayes-Four, Nays-Loftus. Motion carried.

Seible/Walker to approve the following items on the March 18, 2014 consent agenda: a) Approval of March 4, 2014 regular meeting minutes b) Resolution 5675 authorizing payment of bills and transfers c) Accept and place on file the minutes and reports from the following Boards, Departments and Commissions (n/a = Not Available): Ambulance (Feb), Parks & Rec (Feb), Cable TV Commission (Feb), Clerk/Treasurer (Feb), Police Dept (Feb), Evansdale Municipal Housing (Feb), Building Inspection (Feb), Library (Feb), Hardship & Grievance (n/a), Fire Dept (Feb), Water Works (Feb), Planning & Zoning (Feb), Storm Water (n/a) d) Liquor license renewals: Lofty's Lounge, Inc - expires 3/27/2014, Sunshine Enterprises, Inc. dba Station Mart Liquor and Tobacco - 3594 Lafayette - expires 5/5/2014, Sunshine Enterprises, Inc. dba Station Mart Liquor and Tobacco - 1119 River Forest Road - expires 5/5/2014. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Consent
Agenda

Loftus/Dewater to approve the request from Pony Express Riders of Iowa to hold annual collection point at the Lafayette/Evans intersection and parade on Lafayette on April 18, 2014. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Pony Express
Riders

Seible/Loftus to approve the request from Waste Water Foreman to contract Central Iowa Televising for the cleaning and televising of 3,000 feet of City sewer lines for a cost not to exceed \$7,500. The Mayor explained that the service is preventative measure. Councilman Nichols asked if the joints would be grouted if found to be leaking and suggested fixing said joints while televising. The Mayor responded that he thought the lines would just be televised and cleared of any tree roots. Councilman Loftus requested that the department head be present to answer questions that the Mayor couldn't answer for these types of agenda items. The Mayor responded that for future agenda items involving department requests, he would have someone attend from that department. He pointed out that to avoid overtime however, it would take them away from their job during the day. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Request to
televis sewer
lines

Walker/Dewater to approve request from the Police Chief to make repairs to the 2009 Dodge Charger at The Body Shop with costs to be paid by Grinnell Mutual Insurance in the amount of \$9,950.99, which is the company represent the person who struck the police vehicle. Police Chief Smock explained that said insurance company would not total out the car and as a result, he would recommend repairing and then transferring the vehicle to Building Inspection/Code Enforcement because he would be hesitant for the Charger to go back as an emergency response vehicle due to the damage incurred for safety reasons. The 2004 Crown Victoria that Building Inspector Rick Reuter drives has high mileage and the transfer would provide a vehicle for another 8-10 years. Smock pointed out that the police department wouldn't need to purchase a new vehicle until the year 2017, if the department purchased a new vehicle now as a replacement to the 2009 Charger. He added that he found a new vehicle, costing \$25,497, that would fit the needs of the department but would cost a maximum of \$29,000 after equipment transfer and painting. Councilman Walker asked how the new vehicle purchase would fit in the current budget. The Mayor responded that \$14,000 would come out of the drug forfeiture fund, which can only be used for law enforcement and the rest would come from a number of police department line items. Smock added that some projects may have to be postponed until the next year. Councilman Seible questioned whether the Building Inspector needed a newer vehicle stating that Reuter doesn't do a lot of driving. The Mayor stated that Reuter's vehicle needs a new set of tires and has had battery problems this winter. Smock pointed out that the 2009 Charger would be a good fit for animal because the rear seat was removed (for the police canine) and has a partition for animals. In addition, it has the markings of an official police car which may command a bit more respect from people that Reuter would speak to regarding code enforcement issues. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Repair 2009
Dodge
Charger

Loftus/Seible to approve request from Police Chief Smock to purchase new 2013 Dodge Charger from Stew Hansen Dodge in Des Moines in an amount not to exceed \$29,000 to replace 2009 Dodge Charger that will be reassigned to Code Enforcement/Animal Control after repairs. Smock gave a detailed breakdown of the following costs: vehicle-\$25,497, stripping and installing of equipment-\$1,650, painting-\$1,000, markings-\$250, and adapter kits-\$151. Discussion on this agenda item took place during

New police
vehicle

the previous agenda item on repairing the 2009 Dodge Charger. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Dewater/Walker to approve Resolution 5676 to change firefighter pay from a paid-per-call basis to a paid-on-call basis. Smock explained that the request is in response to a drop in membership and to try to come up with something that would appeal to new membership. He added that a common response from exit reviews of former fire department members is that there is no compensation if they aren't called out during a shift, yet during a shift they would be on call and have to stay within close response time and wouldn't get to do things that normally could do. As a result, this proposal would compensate for dedicating their time to being on call. He added that this was the best solution that was offered at the last fire department meeting in attempt to market new membership. Councilman Seible asked what the anticipated cost of the new plan. Smock responded that his projections came to about \$22,000, which was budgeted anyways. Councilman Walker asked Smock for clarification on earning an additional \$5.00. Smock responded that a member would earn \$10.00/shift for being on call regardless of being called out. A member would get an additional \$5.00 per call beyond the first call in a shift. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Res. 5676
Firefighters
pay

The Mayor explained that at the prior Council meeting he said he would attend the upcoming Library Board meeting to get feedback on the issue of whether the Library should sell event tickets for the EEDC, a private, local group. The Mayor reported that there was a lively discussion about the issue at the recent Library Board meeting, however there was no decision made as to whether the Board would allow or prohibit library workers from selling tickets for the EEDC because it was put on the agenda as a discussion item only. Council and members of the audience briefly discussed whether the Library should sell said tickets, however discussion concluded when it was brought up that the notion should be a Library Board decision. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Mayor's repo
on selling
Library Board
meeting

Loraine Atkins asked if the Water Works would be offering any reimbursements. Water Works Sandy Clements responded that the department would offer a \$15.00 credit to those who qualify who ran water this winter that exceeds the 12,000 gallon minimum on their bill.

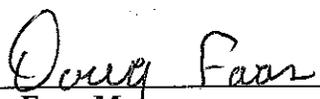
Discussion

John Peverill passed out a photo of cars parked in a local driveway that were granted hobbyist permits recently and suggested that said cars were junk cars and car parts. He stated he was never aware of the hobby allowance the entire time on Planning and Zoning and how it got in the P&Z manual. Peverill stated that the issue is on the next P&Z agenda because he would like to change the ordinance on hobby cars and make it easier for enforcement giving the ordinance more "teeth." The Mayor asked if the hobby car allowance was in the P&Z manual because he doesn't recall ever addressing the issue on the committee. Peverill stated that it was addressed in the P&Z manual. Councilman Dewater asked if the spirit of the City Code allowed for a parts car to be used and asked if addressed in the ordinance. Peverill answered, yes. Councilman Walker asked how the ordinance defines a parts car. Peverill responded that it's used for building another vehicle. Walker asked if Code elaborates whether the parts car should match the car being restored. Peverill responded that he would think so. Walker then suggested that would be enough to enforce. Police Chief Smock informed the Council that on the hobby permit he issued, the two vehicles are a matched set with one being a parts car. The owner told him he would soon have the parts off the property and the vehicle being restored would go in the garage. Smock added that the hobbyist permit was granted with the understanding that has to make significant progress within 60 days.

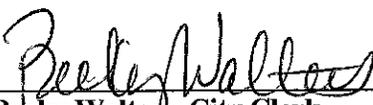
There being no further discussion, Loftus/Seible to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 p.m. Ayes-Five.

Adjourn

ATTEST:



Doug Faas, Mayor



Becky Walters, City Clerk