

CITY HALL  
EVANSDALE, IOWA, MARCH 7, 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: Seible, Nichols, Walker, Loftus, and Dewater. Quorum present.

Special presentation by Mayor Faas for Police Chief, Jeff Jensen for 25 years of service.

Loftus/Seible to approve the March 7, 2017 agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Walker/Loftus to approve the following items on the March 7, 2017 consent agenda. a.) Approval of February 21, 2017 regular meeting minutes. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Walker/Dewater to give motion for Resolution 6054. Resolution was voted and passed at February 21, 2017 meeting. With the vote on that date being: Ayes-Four. Nays-One (Nichols).

Dewater/Loftus to approve Resolution 6059 authorizing payment of bills and transfers. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Nichols/Seible to approve Resolution 6060 approving tax abatement for property located at 1034 East End Avenue. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

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

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

Dewater/Loftus to approve request from Mayor to enter into Engineering Services Agreements with CGA for upcoming projects, and authorization for Mayor to sign said agreements. Jerry Shoff spoke with the council about the merge of Shoff Engineering and CGA and introduced the new Engineer Heather Thomas. Councilman Seible questioned if the pricing with CGA will be comparable to Shoff Engineering. Jerry responded that it has increased slightly, but is still below market for consulting engineers. Seible questioned if each project will need to be approved by council before moving forward. Jerry responded yes. Mayor Faas stated the City Attorney has already reviewed the contract and made a few changes to better protect the city. Councilman Nichols questioned if we have ever gotten quotes from any other engineering firms so we can compare costs. Mayor responded that we could take out for bid. He also stated that he had requested the contract for the projects so we know where we are at throughout the project. Seible questioned where we are with the Lafayette project and federal funding. Mayor responded the earliest Federal Grant money would be available is 2021. It will more likely be 2022 until we are eligible and there is no guarantee we will receive funds. Councilman Walker stated the River Forest Road project took 2.5 years after receiving the funds for the project to begin. Nichols asked if each project on the list will be brought to council to approve individually. Mayor responded yes, as it was discussed at the last meeting. Walker wanted to clarify that the contracts are specifically for engineering, and do not include the construction costs. Mayor responded yes. Councilman Dewater questioned other contractors coming in to bid on

projects. Jerry responded that they haven't had much success with out of the area contractors and there are only a few contractors in the area, but would invite them to bid. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Loftus/Walker to approve request from Pony Express Riders of Iowa to hold annual collection point (Lafayette/Evans intersection) on Friday, April 14, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00. And the parade starting around 3:00 p.m. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

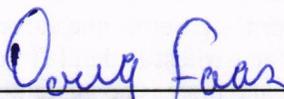
Public discussion - Loraine Atkins, 625 River Forest Road, stated that the Veterans house will be on Eldene Court. John Peverill, 543 East End Ave., questioned the progress of the junk car ordinance. Mayor Faas responded the rough draft is complete, and should be on the next agenda for review.

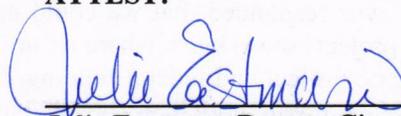
Mayor/Council Reports - Dewater/Loftus to approve Mayor's request to replace pump at the lift station on Michigan Dr. Mayor stated that he spoke with Chris Schares, Public Works Director, and we need a total pump replacement on Michigan Dr.; which will cost at least \$14,000. Councilman Seible questioned why pump is so much more expensive than the one we bought recently. Mayor responded that the Michigan Dr. pump is much older. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Mayor Faas stated the Community Day's Dance will be Friday July 28<sup>th</sup> and parade, family and children's activities and mud volleyball on Saturday July 29<sup>th</sup>. Mayor gave a special thank you to Craig with Public Works Dept. for street sweeping the last few weeks, it looks great. Councilman Seible questioned if we could contact the company the crack sealing machine was purchased from ask them to come and look at it and see if they could fix it. Mayor responded that the machine was purchased in 1988 and the company is no longer in business. Seible stated we should try to better maintain the machinery we have instead of buying new. Mayor mentioned that we need to scrap some of the old equipment that has no value. Seible inquired about the EMT hiring progress. Mayor responded that he had spoken with the personnel committee and are moving forward. We have five applicants and they are mostly out of state, we will do a skype interview, and if we are interested, we will need to consider flying them in for a second interview. The other consideration is to get 8 to 10 part-time paramedics and which may help to staff the station better. Mayor went on to explain this may cost a little more, but is a cost savings from what we were paying a full-time paramedic. Councilman Dewater questioned if Ryan Phillips, Fire Chief, thinks this as a possibility. Mayor responded that Ryan has several people interested in working part time. Seible asked if there have been any new part time paramedics hired recently. Mayor stated no, we have had some people who have been filling in on a paid basis; we are continuing to work on it and hope to have a resolution by the end of the month. Seible asked the Mayor about the progress with the list of addresses he had provided at the previous Council Meeting with code violations. The Mayor stated that any violations that were noted are being addressed. Councilman Nichols asked about the status of the home on Randall. Mayor responded the owner has been working on it and it looks a lot better. Mayor referred to another address with junk cars, he stated that a city representative has spoken with the owner and informed him there will be no more warnings for violating the junk vehicle ordinance, he will receive a ticket the next time.

There being no further discussion, Loftus/Walker to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 p.m. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

  
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Doug Faas, Mayor

  
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Julie Eastman, Deputy City Clerk