

CITY HALL  
EVANSDALE, IOWA, APRIL 7, 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, VIA Go to Meeting application due to public restrictions set during the COVID-19 pandemic at 6:00 p.m. on the above date. Council members present in order of roll call: Dewater, Seible, and Bender. Walker and Beam joined the meeting at 6:13 p.m. (technical issues were experienced). Quorum present.

Seible/Dewater to approve the April 7, 2020 agenda. Ayes-Three. Motion carried.

Dewater/Seible to approve the following items on the consent agenda. a. Approval of March 17, 2020 meeting minutes. Roll call vote: Ayes-Three.

Seible/Dewater to approve Resolution 6394 authorizing payment of bills and transfers. Councilor Seible questioned physicals completed by the police department. Mayor Beatty responded that we received some of the final invoices from last officer hired. Roll call vote: Ayes-Three.

Beam/Dewater to approve Resolution 6395 approving application to Black Hawk Gaming Association for squad car computers and authorize the Mayor to sign said document. Councilor Seible questioned the cost of replacement and what Chief Dean had to say on the topic. Mayor Beatty stated that the computers needed to be replaced as Windows 7 was no longer supported. He also stated the project we be on hold as Black Hawk Gaming had since closed their spring application process. However, if approved, would roll it into the next grant process. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Seible/Walker to approve Resolution 6396 approving the preliminary plans and setting date of bid opening for the Lift Station Generator Project for April 10, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. Councilor Seible questioned the cost of installation. Mayor Beatty stated that we did not have a final figure at this time as it was going out for bid. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Walker/Seible to approve Resolution 6397 approving compensation for Paramedic Captain - Robert Gipper. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Dewater/Beam to approve Resolution 6398 approving compensation for Public Works General Laborer - Jared Wright. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Seible/Beam to approve Resolution 6399 setting date of public hearing for FY2020 budget amendment. Mayor Beatty stated that the first part of the budget amendment is moving \$150,000 from reserves to the road use fund as a large portion of their budget was used for engineering fees for the Lafayette Road Reconstruction Project. The 2<sup>nd</sup> portion was transferring funds from capital projects to the general fund paying back a loan from FY17/18. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Request from Clerk Kobliska to purchase waste/recycle carts in an amount not to exceed \$9,619.41 as budgeted for FY2020. Mayor Beatty stated that the clerk had given them two proposals one for 50 of each cart and the other for 100 of each. It will save the city \$4.80 per cart to purchase 100 of each. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Dewater/Beam to approve request from Wastewater Foreman to repair televising camera in the amount of \$4,100 (a claim has been submitted to our insurance company with a reimbursement estimate of \$3,100). Councilor Beam questioned if the administration was aware of the situation. Mayor Beatty

responded that it appeared that the previous administration was aware of the situation, but I wasn't until last week. Councilor Seible questioned why council wasn't notified. Wastewater Foreman Even stated that the camera was still useable, but certain functions would not work, and that it was sent in for review at the beginning of March. Chris Schares, Public Works Director stated that the previous administration was made aware of the incident and the televising season was ending so the camera was put away. Beam questioned if anyone had looked at the lines that had been televised. Even responded that he himself had. Beam also questioned if Even was PACP certified. Even responded no. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Beam/Seible to approve the purchase of a cell phone for the Mayor. Mayor Beatty stated that councilor Dewater had requested that this item be placed on the agenda. Councilor Dewater stated that he suggested it be placed on the agenda as the mayor is using his personal phone for city business. Councilor Bender agreed with Dewater. Councilor Beam questioned if the city had switched carriers to save money. Mayor Beatty responded that we had switched carriers and received \$2,700 in bill credits for making that change. We won't have a bill due for approximately 6 months. Beam questioned data use. The Mayor responded that the plan is unlimited at this time. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Beam/Dewater to table consideration of the "Safer at Home" Proclamation. Mayor Beatty stated that he had several meetings with Black Hawk County representatives and surrounding communities. Several cities were encouraging us to consider the Safe at Home proclamation that would ultimately be presented to Governor Reynolds. But Beatty believed the Governor had taken the steps that truly mimic a shelter in place order. Even though I don't support the proclamation and strongly recommend that we don't endorse it, it is the council's decision. Councilor Dewater stated that if county was still supporting a shelter in place he would as well. Councilor Walker stated that we should support our Governor and not undermine her. The Mayor also stated that he had sent a listing of what Homeland Security considered as an essential business and encouraged council to review it.

Public Discussion: None.

Mayor/Council Reports: Mayor Beatty updated the council regarding an earlier meeting with McClure Engineering, Gross-Wen Technologies, Chris Even, Chris Schares, and me. We have been discussing three options for our wastewater plant upgrades and one option was utilizing Gross-Wen's technology. We found McClure's plans removed the final clarifiers in our system when utilizing the with Gross-Wen option. There was a major disconnect in the conversations that were held as the system would not work without the final clarifiers. Gross-Wen is reviewing the design again to see if there is a work around using our current system.

Update - Nuisance Abatements: Mayor Beatty stated that Code Enforcement Officer Wirtz had sent out approximately 40 nuisance abatements this year so far, several more than we had anticipated, feedback may be received. Councilor Seible questioned if he was targeting front yards only. Mayor Beatty responded that Brian was following the city nuisance ordinance. Councilor Dewater questioned if anyone else had difficulty downloading the agenda. Seible responded yes and questioned if during this time we could receive a hard copy of the agenda. Mayor Beatty responded yes.

There being no further discussion, Walker/Seible to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 p.m. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Troy Beatty, Mayor

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DeAnne Kobliska, City Clerk