

CITY HALL
EVANSDALE, IOWA, MAY 3, 2016
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: Loftus, Walker, Nichols, and Dewater. Absent: Steve Seible. Quorum present.

Dewater/Loftus to approve the May 3, 2016 agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Walker/Loftus to approve the following items on the May 3, 2016 consent agenda. a) Approval of April 19, 2016 regular meeting minutes. b) Resolution 5951 authorizing payment of bills and transfers. c) Liquor license renewal for Millenium Hall – Term expires 05/23/2016 and Water Hawks Ski Club – seasonal license. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Walker/Dewater to open the Public hearing-River Forest Road Reconstruction Project at 6:01 p.m. Proof of publication on file, public comments in the form of a petition were received and placed on file in the clerk's office. Bennie Atkins, stated address of 625 River Forest Road, questioned project duration and penalty. City Engineer, Jerry Shoff responded that the project is to be completed within 90 actual work days and that there is a penalty of \$1,500 per day, after the 90 working day, until project is completed. Loraine Atkins, 625 River Forest Road, Disapproves of project. Loftus/Dewater to close public hearing-River Forest Road Reconstruction Project at 6:05 p.m. Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Dewater/Loftus to approve Resolution 5952 approving the final plans, specifications, form of contract, cost estimate, and accepting low bid for the project in the amount of \$1,848,647.78 to Peterson Contractors, Inc. of Reinbeck, Iowa, and authorizing Mayor to sign said documents for the River Forest Road Reconstruction Project. Councilman Dewater questioned the engineer's project estimate amount. Engineer Shoff responded \$2,291,265.13. Mayor Faas stated that the project cost was lower than anticipated allowing the city to go forward with a few other projects. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Loftus/Walker to open the Public hearing-Purchase of pre-owned Street Sweeper at 6:06 p.m. Proof of publication on file, no public comments were received. Bennie Atkins, stated address of 625 River Forest Road, questioned subcontracting the street sweeping instead of purchasing/leasing the equipment. Councilman Loftus, stated that we have tried subcontracting this service out and to no avail subcontractors are not dependable, which is why we are pursuing the purchase of both pieces of equipment. William Nichols, 221 Oakwood Dr., questioned the money savings. Dewater/Loftus to close public hearing-River Forest Road Reconstruction Project at 6:11 p.m. Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Dewater/Walker to approve proceeding with the request to purchase the 2016 VacAll Jet Truck from Municipal Pipe Tool Co., in an amount of \$299,978. Councilman Walker requested a recommendation from public works director. Public Works Director, Chris Schares, stated that after reviewing the information on both trucks and the fact we would be buying local, he would like to purchase the VacAll. He also stated that Municipal Pipe also offers hands on training, service and maintenance help and they are lowest of the two bids. Councilman Nichols stated that he has experienced the VacAll truck for one of his service calls, and it did a great job. Councilman Dewater questioned if the VacAll was the lower bid. Mayor Faas responded yes. Councilman Walker questioned if the truck would last 15-20 years. Bryan Robinson, Municipal Pipe, stated that their company has used VacAll for several years and even though they replace their trucks after 10 or so years, they are used 12 hours/per day. He would expect the city to get a minimum of 15 years – 20 years of service with the truck. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Dewater/Loftus to approve request from Public Works Director to repair levee with Vieth Construction, Cedar Falls, IA, in an amount not to exceed \$3,500. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Walker/Loftus to approve request from Evansdale Chamber of Commerce for FY16 donation in the amount of \$2,500. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Walker/Dewater to approve request from Evansdale Chamber of Commerce for FY17 donation in the amount of \$2,500. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Nichols/Loftus to approve request from Jerry Wilson and Jack Wilson to cut curb on W. Gilbert Drive. Mayor Faas explained the project is for possible future development. Councilman Walker questioned what they were going to develop as there are some restrictions on that property. Mayor Faas stated that they are aware of the restrictions but it is private property. Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Walker/Dewater to approve Resolution 5953 approving property tax abatement for 1648 Timber Creek Avenue. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Dewater/Lotus to approve Resolution 5954 setting the date for public hearing on proposal to enter into General Obligation Loan Vehicle Acquisition Loan Agreement and to borrow funds thereunder in a principal amount not to exceed \$450,000. Councilman Nichols questioned the amount. Mayor Faas explained that we will utilize the funds for both pieces of equipment, but are not required to utilize the whole amount. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Dewater/Loftus to approve Resolution 5955 approving the purchase of the 2008 Elgin Pelican Street Sweeper in an amount not to exceed \$105,000. Mayor Faas stated since the street sweeper is pre-owned we would like to purchase right away by utilizing reserve funds. The funding will follow within 6-7 weeks and we will repay the funds at that time. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Loftus/Walker to approve request from City Clerk to enter into an agreement, adding de Minimis language, with Trent Law Firm for ambulance collection and authorize the Mayor to sign said agreement. Mayor Faas explained that the collection company we worked with went out of business and that our past due ambulance accounts exceed \$65,000. He also stated that he would like to have additional language inserted in the agreement that allows the city to choose which accounts are sent to small claims. City Attorney, Mike Young, responded that he was familiar with the Trent firm and would recommend adding de Minimis language to the agreement. Councilman Dewater questioned the average ambulance call. City Clerk, DeAnne Kobliska responded that it was upwards of \$500-\$800 per call. John Peverill, 543 East End Ave., stated that ambulance service could be upwards of \$22,000 if traveling any distance. Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Loftus/Walker to approve request to allow the Parks & Recreation Board to enter into a contract for mowing services that will extend beyond the fiscal year. Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Public discussion-non agenda items: Al Chidester, 176 River Forest Rd., voiced concerns about the River Forest Road Project, but is ready for the project to proceed. Mayor Faas explained the Iowa Department of Transportation's process and that once the city has the project details another public meeting will be held. Loraine Atkins, 625 River Forest Rd., questioned the park personnel mowing grass into the street. Mayor Faas responded that Code Enforcement was aware of situation. He also stated that a temporary contractor was mowing the parks. Councilman Dewater questioned who was mowing. Faas responded Deans Lawn care. Bennie Atkins, stated address of 625 River Forest Rd., stated that he counted 17 semis traveling down River Forest Road in one evening. Mayor Faas responded that we will address the truck traffic and revise city ordinance if need be to resolve the situation.

Mayor/Council Reports: Mayor Faas stated that a council member had requested research in regards to the payment of bills placement on the consent agenda and found that after reviewing several cities in the metro area that placement was inconsistent and would like council to decide. Council asked to remove payment of bills from the consent agenda. Mayor Faas also discussed the lagoon liner repairs, Evansdale Community Days (formerly known as Good Olé Days) will be held July 30th and volunteers are needed; a preconstruction meeting for River Forest Rd. Trail Project will be held the 4th of May at 2:00 p.m. at city hall. He also stated that bids were received for the water tower painting and the bid included a quote to have the cities logo painted on the tower. The cost will be \$7,500 and it will be placed on the next agenda for discussion. He also stated that we need to review our sewer rates as they haven't been reviewed since 2011.

There being no further discussion, Loftus/Dewater to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 p.m. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Doug Faas, Mayor

DeAnne Kobliska, City Clerk