

CITY HALL
EVANSDALE, IOWA, MAY 17, 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: Nichols, Seible, Osborne, and Smock. Quorum present.

Nichols/Seible to approve the May 17, 2022 agenda. Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Smock/Seible to approve the May 3, 2022 regular meeting minutes as amended by showing that Councilor Nichols questioned if Mr. Santomauro was qualified to inspect plumbing and heating systems but otherwise approved him as a building inspector. Mayor Kobliska stated that Steve Santomauro was present this evening and would be willing to answer any questions. Mr. Santomauro stated that he had over 13 years' experience in inspecting plumbing and heating with the City of Raymond and if council would like him to be certified in these areas, he would be willing to be certified. Councilor Nichols stated that the city would be focusing on our new commercial development and commercial inspection is different than residential. He also stated that the City of Waterloo has several different inspectors to handle different inspections for their city. Mr. Santomauro responded that Waterloo also has combination inspectors that inspect several different projects for Waterloo and that he would reach out to one of Waterloo's inspectors if he ever had questions. Ron Strickland, 1116 Jones Rd., questioned if Mr. Santomauro would be handling the code enforcement as well. Santomauro responded yes, however, was hired as a part-time inspector. Councilor Seible questioned if he would be overseeing the code violations. Santomauro responded yes, and if Councilor Seible would get him a list, he would be happy to review properties for any violations. Roll call vote. Ayes-Four.

Smock/Nichols 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 (April), Building Inspection Report (April), Clerk/Treasurer Report (April), Code Enforcement Report (n/a), Evansdale Municipal Housing April), Library (April), Parks & Rec Dept. (April), Planning & Zoning (March), Police Dept. (April), Storm Water Commission (n/a), Wastewater (April), and Water Works (April). b. Liquor License Renewal: Casey's General Store #1084 - LE0003522 - Effective 07/01/22. Ayes-Four. Motion Carried.

Seible/Nichols 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. a. Resolution 6604 authorizing payment of bills and transfers. b. Resolution 6605 approving SRO Agreement with Waterloo Community Schools. c. Resolution 6606 approving the Right-of-way Agreement with Aureon and authorizing the mayor to sign said agreement. Mayor Kobliska explained the change in the Student Resource Agreement stating that Waterloo Schools representative Marla Padget had retired, and that the agreement needed to be approved by resolution. Roll call vote. Ayes-Four.

Smock/Seible to approve request from Mayor to approve Deed of Dedication (City Attorney's draft) for Eagles Landing and authorize Mayor to submit final documents to Black Hawk County Assessor for recording of plat. Mayor Kobliska stated that there were a couple minor changes by our City Attorney Moon, to include permissible uses approved by council and the removal of property owners need to approve new businesses site plans as council would have the final say.

Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Seible/Smock to approve request from Chief Dean to purchase server from Forbin in the amount of \$6,902.04 as budgeted for FY2023. Mayor Kobliska stated that the purchase was approved for our FY23 budget, however, we needed time to get the server on order. Councilor Seible questioned the protocol of updating computers. Kobliska responded every five (5) years, and they were updated last in 2016. Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Smock/Nichols to approve Ordinance 682 increasing the speed on Evans Rd. from Lafayette Rd to W. Gilbert Dr. to 30 mph, in its third reading. Laura Blacksmith, 304 Evans Rd., stated that she would like the council to reconsider increasing the speed on Evans Rd., as cars are already speeding, and that 30-mph speed limit was excessive. Councilor Seible questioned Chief Dean if we would continue to monitor the speed and be patrolling the street actively. Chief Dean responded that it was his goal to consistently enforce the speed limit in the city, however, he believed that people felt they could judge the speed by sight. The Chief also offered for any resident to feel free to get with the police dept. so we can show you the statics of speed violations in the city. Seible also questioned if ordinance was passed would we consider reevaluating later. Kobliska responded absolutely. Ms. Blacksmith questioned if we would revisit if before it became an issue. Chief Dean stated that he had received feedback from the residents, and they felt that the 30-mph speed limit was more realistic and easier to achieve then former speed of 25 mph. Kobliska questioned if we would pull statistics for council to review. Chief Dean stated that he would be able to run reports with our new radar sign and pull data on the actuals speed on Evans Rd. Councilor Smock questioned if we would be able to pull data on the speeding parameters with the new radar sign. Dean responded yes, once he was more comfortable with the reporting system. Russ Blacksmith, 304 Evans Rd., stated that he was part of the group that petitioned the city to install a stop sign at Central Ave. to help control the speed on Evans Rd. and questioned why the city of Elk Run Heights installed stop signs and reduced the speed on Gilbertville Rd. Blacksmith also stated that Elk Run had placed speed zone signs and installed stop signs to help control the traffic and wanted to express his concern about increasing the speed limit on Evans Rd. Roll call vote: Ayes-four.

Nichols/Smock to adopt Ordinance 682 increasing the speed on Evans Rd. from Lafayette Rd to W. Gilbert Dr. to 30 mph. Councilor Seible stated that he was in favor of bringing it back to council if we proved that the speed had increased on Evans Rd. Seible also questioned if the council would be in favor of placing a stop sign on Morrell if speeding had increased at that intersection. Councilor Smock stated that the speed limit was new and that we should be patient and let the dust settle before we make any changes. Councilor Nichols responded that we he wasn't in favor of an additional stop sign on Evans Rd., and that vehicles today were able to stop a lot quicker than vehicles in past days. Roll call vote: Ayes-four.

Seible/Nichols to approve Ordinance 683 by adding a new section under Mobile Homes Chapter 145, stating the foundation requirements for mobile homes outside a mobile home community, 1st reading. Councilor Nichols questioned if it the foundation was just exterior or down the middle as well. Mayor Kobliska responded that the mobile home would have to be manufactured to adhere to a frost-free foundation. Nichols stated that the home would need a middle beam to adhere to a frost-free foundation. Roll call vote: Ayes-four.

Smock/Seible to waive the second and third readings of Ordinance 683 by adding a new section under Mobile Homes Chapter 145, stating the foundation requirements for mobile homes outside a mobile home community. Roll call vote: Ayes-four.

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stating the foundation requirements for mobile homes outside a mobile home community. Roll call vote: Ayes-four.

Public Discussion: Curt Tibbals, 523 Dixie Circle, stated that there was a drainage project that took place last year on 1st Street and there was a construction area cleared for the project and would like the two concrete blockades that were present at the time placed back in the area to prevent people from littering and performing illegal activities on the backside of 1st Street hill. Mayor Kobliska stated that it was not on the agenda for approval but would be placed on the next agenda for approval. Chris Schares, Public Works Director stated that he would place the jersey berries back on 1st street to prevent said activity. Ron Strickland, 1116 Jones Rd., stated that the business located at 1040 Jones Rd. is a commercial business being run in a residential neighborhood. Mayor Kobliska stated that she had spoken to several city departments to be on alert regarding any code violations on the property. Mr. Strickland questioned how a commercial business can move into a residential home and not be fined. Councilor Nichols stated that the city didn't have a code preventing commercial business's parking their vehicles on a residential property. Mr. Strickland also stated that they were mixing chemicals for their business on the property. Nichols stated that he would review the property for any code violations. However, if they were simply parking their vehicles in a residential area that there was no code violation present. Chief Dean stated if there were violations on said property that the police department needed to be contacted.

Mayor/Council discussion: Councilor Nichols questioned the vehicles parked at the corner of Evans and W. Gilbert and it appeared that they hadn't been moved since the last snow storm. Chief Dean stated that residents could park on the street, however, vehicles needed to be moved every 72 hours. Nichols also stated that there was junk at a household on Fran St. and he was concerned that the new homes built on Fran didn't have sidewalk cuts in the driveways. He also questioned the billboard sign that had been placed on Lafayette Rd. next to the Dollar General. Mayor Kobliska stated that our code did not limit the signage that was placed. Nichols also stated his concern for the clinic moving due to the junk beside them. Councilor Smock questioned if the billboard signs would be considered air pollution. Kobliska responded that she wasn't certain but would reach out to the city attorney. Councilor Seible questioned if sidewalks were required on Fran St. Kobliska responded that she wasn't aware of any covenants on Fran St. Seible also questioned what the city was doing with the Trail property to bring into compliance. Kobliska responded that it would be very expensive to remove the junk located on Trail Ave., however, she would reach out to the city attorney on the next steps.

There being no further discussion, Seible/Smock to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

DeAnne Kobliska, Mayor

Amy Schaefer, City Clerk