

CITY HALL
EVANSDALE, IOWA, JUNE 2, 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, 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: Beam, Dewater, Seible, and Walker. Absent: Lynn Bender. Quorum present.

Walker/Seible to approve the June 2, 2020 agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four.

Public Discussion: Mayor Beatty stated that the public discussion had been placed at the top of the agenda to give residents a time to speak about agenda items and then move on to city business. Councilor Dewater stated that Mr. Gerholdt was at the meeting and wanted to discuss a dead ash tree. Jim Gerholdt, 920 Mc Coy, has an emerald ash diseased tree in his yard and believes it is in the city's easement and that the city should remove it. Dewater questioned if Mr. Gerholdt had received a bid to remove tree. Mr. Gerholdt responded that he had not obtained a bid. Kyle Helland with Helland Engineering stated that the only way to resolve the issue of who the tree belongs to is to have a survey completed as easements throughout the city vary. Councilor Beam questioned what the code stated regarding this issue. Clerk Kobliska stated that a normal city easement is up to 15', in this particular case the city easement is only 5' and we could be setting a precedence if the city were to remove the tree. Beam questioned how the city would proceed. Mayor Beatty responded that it was up to council. Councilor Dewater stated his concern with this tree and stated each case brought to council is determined on a case-by-case basis. Councilor Walker stated that he had a company that would drop the tree for \$150 and the owner was responsible for hauling it away. John Peverill, 543 East End Ave., questioned when the city planned to abate the nuisance located at 3246 Gilbertville Rd. Mayor Beatty responded that he had reviewed the property in question and that Code Enforcement Brian Wirtz has been in contact with the resident.

Mayor Beatty to appoint Richard Dewater as Mayor Pro Tem.

Seible/Walker to approve the following items on the consent agenda. a. Approval of May 19, 2020 meeting minutes. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four.

Seible/Beam to approve Resolution 6415 authorizing payment of bills and transfers. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four.

Dewater/Walker to open public hearing on the Planned Development District – Frickson - Lafayette Condo Project at 6:20 p.m. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Proof of publication on file, no public comments were received. Mayor Beatty asked for comment, there was none. Walker/Dewater to close the public hearing at 6:20 p.m. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four.

Seible/Beam to approve Resolution 6416 approving the Site Plan for the Planned Development District – Frickson - Lafayette Condo Project. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four.

Walker/Beam to approve Resolution 6417 approving the Waterloo Community Schools School Resource Officers' Agreement for FY21 in the amount of \$33,153. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four.

Dewater/Seible to approve Resolution 6418 approving the allocation of the wastewater fees. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four.

Dewater/Seible to approve request to approve a two-year Yard Waste Agreement with the City of Raymond in the amount of \$2,400. Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Dewater/Walker to approve request to approve a two-year Yard Waste Agreement with the City of Elk Run Heights in the amount of \$2,400. Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Seible/Dewater to approve request from Mayor to enter into an agreement with the City of Elk Run Heights for Animal Control in an amount of \$2,284 annually for FY2021. Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Walker/Beam to approve request from Public Works Director to purchase 300 ton of road salt from compass minerals in an amount not to exceed \$23,517 as budgeted for FY2021. Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Update - Front Mount Loader Plow/Wing Combo. Mayor Beatty stated that we didn't receive any bids and that the one interested city, the City of Hudson, did not bid as they were told by the plow manufacturer that the plow was 2-3,000 lbs. to light for the loader application. Councilor Beam questioned if we would place it for sale for the starting bid amount previously discussed. Mayor Beatty responded that we could and that we would place it on the next agenda.

Walker/Beam to approve request from Kuger's to place a curb cut located at 3420 Lafayette. Mayor Beatty stated that since the lot to the east was sold to Tru Detail the access to Kuger's had been decreased. Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Dewater/Beam to table consideration for the mowing of ditch on 6th Street. Mayor Beatty stated that he received a call from a resident in the area stating that the city had always mowed a certain ditch on 6th Street in the heights and that the city stopped mowing it approximately six years ago. Councilor Walker questioned if the people living there were responsible for mowing it. Beatty responded that Councilor Dewater stated that for several years it had been mowed by the city. Councilor Dewater stated that previous administration had put an end to mowing the ditch but that he had talked to the owner and he stated that it wasn't his property. Mayor Beatty asked that it be tabled so all council members could review the area for further comment. Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Discussion of the pet licensing program. Mayor Beatty discussed licensing of the pets and if a pet hasn't been licensed, Deputy Clerk Wells would send out a reminder letter for them to license pet. We received a nice transcript from Animal Control stating why pets should be licensed. Ken Nichols stated it was in the best interest of the pet owner to license their pet. Wanda Adams, Animal Control, stated that people need to be aware that if their pet bites or scratches someone it is mandated by the State of Iowa that their pet is placed in quarantine for 10 days. The fee for quarantine at a licensed shelter/clinic is \$60/day. If the pet is licensed and vaccinated, you would be able to quarantine at home. Councilor Seible stated he was in favor of pet licensing. Mayor Beatty responded that he was as well, but we need to decide how we are going to enforce the ones that are not licensing their pets. He also discussed sending out a postcard to each resident so that they are aware of our pet licensing policies. Adams questioned what the city wanted animal control to do when some pet owners are refusing to license their pets, is our next step issuing citations.

Dewater/Beam to approve the changes in health insurance coverage to include an increase in employee contribution, the plan changes from Wellmark PPO to Wellmark HMO, and increase in employee deductibles to \$1,250/1,750. Mayor Beatty discussed that the renewal of our current health insurance PPO coverages was going to increase by 10% and that if the city were to change to an HMO policy it would decrease the renewal amount by 4%. He also discussed increasing the monthly employee contribution from \$50 per single policy to \$75 and from \$100 to \$150 for family coverage. He also went over the current coverages that also included dental and vision and showed council the survey by Lind Benchmark that showed monthly premiums and contributions from 2019 of other organizations

and stated that the city needed to work toward the changes. Councilor Dewater questioned the union contracts. The Mayor responded that insurance wasn't a bargaining component with IBEW, but it is with Teamsters and we are having conversations with them. Councilor Beam stated that we should increase the monthly contribution as well as make vision and dental coverage ala carte and charge the employee if they want the coverage. The Mayor responded that if we pull out the dental and vision it would more than double the employees' cost if they chose the coverage. He also stated that he was working with IBEW regarding a possible extension and didn't believe they would go for all these changes at once. Councilor Walker questioned if the changes were discussed with the IBEW representative. The Mayor responded yes. Ayes-Three. Nays-One (Walker). Motion carried.

Mayor/Council Reports: Mayor Beatty stated that the City of Waterloo wastewater treatment (WWT) representatives came out last week to tour our facility. Waterloo WWT has a main waste plant and a satellite facility they do not use. The volumes for Waterloo and Evansdale is not enough to trip the satellite facility, however, during a high water event and infiltration/inflow (I/I) issues they are concerned that it would trip the satellite plant which isn't cost effective to run at this time. So, we need to have the ability to push our wastewater to our EQ basin until the water event has diminished. The DNR may request that an engineer review both plants for feasibility. Councilor Beam thanked the wastewater department for televising lines and questioned what kind of I/I issues they were finding. Chris Even, Wastewater Foreman responded that there was about a half a dozen joints leaking north of Lafayette. Mayor Beatty also stated that the Test Iowa site at Crossroads would be open until the 12th of June then Peoples Clinic in Waterloo would take over the testing. Chief Dean discussed the double homicide that happened in Arizona and that the bodies were found here last week. He thanked the Street Department for their help with traffic control as well as Barry Bodecker for his help with the heavy equipment that was needed at the site. Councilor Dewater questioned if the building inspectors' hours had changed. The Mayor responded yes, he starts at 7:00 a.m. Councilor Walker stated that there was a couple that wanted to build a house just east of the Aten property on Trail Ave. and questioned if we would persuade them to clean their property up as it is a nuisance at this time. The Mayor responded that there were several nuisance properties in town that were driving property values down, however, they will all need to be addressed we cannot pick and choose. Councilor Seible thanked the street department for the patching of the streets.

There being no further discussion, Seible/Dewater to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Troy Beatty, Mayor

DeAnne Kobliska, City Clerk