

CITY HALL
EVANSDALE, IOWA, JUNE 4, 2014
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, Loftus, and Walker. Note: Councilman Dewater arrived at the meeting at 6:04 P.M. and Councilman Nichols arrived at the meeting at 6:07 P.M. Absent: None. Quorum present.

Walker/Seible to approve the June 4, 2014 agenda with the public hearing on the rezoning to be moved up under the parade request. Ayes-Three. Motion carried.

Loftus/Seible to approve the following items on the June 4, 2014 consent agenda: a) Approval of May 15, 2014 special meeting minutes b) Approval of May 20, 2014 regular meeting minutes c) Resolution 5693 authorizing payment of bills and transfers Roll call vote: Ayes-Three. Motion carried.

Consent
Agenda

Loftus/Walker to approve the request from the Fire Department for street closure during the July 12, 2014 parade starting at 10:00am for the following route: Starting on Central Ave between Evans Rd and River Forest Rd, then north on Evans Rd to Morrell Ct, and then west to River Forest Rd, and back to Central Ave. Staging begins at 8:00 a.m. on Central Ave. Ayes-Three. Motion carried.

Street closure-
Fire Dept
Parade

Seible/Walker opened the public hearing at 6:03 p.m. to hear comments concerning the proposed rezoning of property located directly to the east of Bunger Middle School from "U-1" Unclassified to "R-1" Residence District. Roll call vote: Ayes-Three. Proof of publication received and on file. Councilman Dewater arrived at the meeting at 6:04 p.m. Engineer Kyle Helland representing Mark Toppin, the owner of the property stated he was available to answer any questions regarding the proposal. After no further comments or questions, Walker/Loftus closed the public hearing at 6:04 p.m. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

PH-Resoning

Walker/Seible to approve Ordinance 636 approving the rezoning of property located directly to the east of Bunger Middle School from "U-1" Unclassified to "R-1" Residence District. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four.

Ord. 636
Rezoning

Walker/Loftus to approve request from Chris Webb to close Lafayette Rd from Sipple Ave to River Forest Rd from 8:00 am to 11:30am for the Motorcycle Ride & Drive on July 12, 2014. Councilman Walker asked if they would need a street closure after the ride when they come back into town on Lafayette. Police Chief Smock responded that they use off-street parking after the ride so the road wouldn't be closed all evening. Webb explained that the ride would meet up with the end of the parade as the ride heads out of town. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Street closure-
Ride & Drive

City Engineer Jerry Shoff explained that his office is in the process of determining survey lines, which will help determine if a portion of the Dubuque Road Bridges lie in Elk Run Heights city limits. He stated he expects the results by the next Council meeting and would also send a report to the Elk Run City Engineer. Councilman Nichols arrived at the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

Report from
Engineer-
Dubuque
Road Bridges

Shoff handed out correspondence to Council outlining the capacity of the Flying J pumping station. It stated that a potential developer of the Rottinghaus property has proposed a facility to be constructed that would generate approximately 10,000 gallons per day of wastewater and explained that the Flying J pump station is capable of supporting this increased load and still has the capacity of accommodate another development that would generate up to an additional approximately 17,000 gallons per day. Once capacity is reached, a new 6-inch force main would need to be constructed to accommodate additional flow along with appropriate upgrades to the existing pumps. Longer range waste water planning for the City includes the replacement of Michigan Ave pumping station and downstream force main. The Mayor stated that the potential developer has asked for a well-served letter assuring them that our current infrastructure would serve their needs.

Doris Dr
Sanitary Sewer

Shoff stated that he conducted a detailed study of the following options for the River Forest Road Reconstruction Project: a four lane, a three lane with turning lane, and a two lane. None of the options would include the center median. Shoff stated that each option would be presented to Council this summer and a couple of informational meetings for the public would need to be held.

River Forest Ro.
Reconstruction
update

Shoff went through the punch list items for the Grand Boulevard Sidewalk Project. Shoff referenced the Council minutes from the last meeting where Councilman Dewater recommended fixing the portion of the sidewalk south of Bellfontain and explained that the target slope going into the drain is what is required by the DOT and is more of an appearance issue than a drainage issue. Shoff added that he would be willing to help out with the issue in whatever the Council decides to be fair. Dewater asked Shoff what he thought it might cost. Shoff responded that it he would guess around \$8,000 to raise the intake and

Grand Boulevard
Sidewalk Projec

raise the sidewalk eight inches and keep the same slope. Councilman Loftus asked how much was held back from the contractor. Shoff responded that a 5% retainage was held back, however since this was a state funded project, Council doesn't have the flexibility to choose how much is held back. Mayor Faas asked if Council wanted to proceed with modifying the sidewalk. Councilman Seible responded that he thought it would be a foolish way to spend money. Councilman Nichols stated that he didn't like the way it currently is. He added that the residents are concerned about liability with water sitting and freezing. Shoff pointed out the street is six inches above the sidewalk and with normal curb and gutter there is positive drainage to the street, however that isn't present here. Councilman Walker stated that six months out of the year, it's useless because it doesn't get shoveled. He added that the City has continued to put band-aid on the project for the last thirty years. Seible asked if there are engineered plans drawn up for when the funding comes through for a total reconstruction of Grand Blvd. Shoff responded that he has laid out preliminary grades, but funding probably wouldn't come through for at least ten years because funding for Lafayette would have priority. The Mayor stated that a Grand Blvd reconstruction isn't even on the plan at INRCOG. Nichols asked why the City doesn't have a five year improvement plan in place. The Mayor responded that it wouldn't be a bad idea to a committee together to come up with a plan.

Nichols/Loftus to authorize the purchase of a ring for \$50 from Cecil Sommerfelt to replace on the Meyer's Lake weir that would raise the lake level to 923'. Shoff passed out correspondence regarding ground elevations, which assists the Public Works Director in knowing when to close the gates and prepare for flooding. Shoff explained that Meyers Lake was originally designed by the Army Corp as a detention basin for runoff and had established an elevation of 935' for top of water ponding during a flood. Some of the houses on Gilbert have a low water entry point of 928'. Fortunately, the capacity was increased from 9 acres to 25 acres when the highway 20 went in. Nichols stated that the channel used to be six foot wide and is now about thirty feet wide because of the depth going up and down has caused erosion and the retaining walls have started to fall in. Shoff explained that the top of the weir is at 923' elevation so there would be five feet to the low entry point at 928', however being able to lower the lake in anticipation of heavy rainfall to have maximum storage space is key. He added that though he doesn't have a problem raising the level to 923', it would be a Council decision. Public Works Director Dustin Kreger stated that he was concerned about having a way to get water out of the lake in the event of a flood. The water retention system in town was designed for the infrastructure thirty years ago there is more. He stated that he has seen the lake rise very fast during the 2008 flood and when all floodgates are closed, the town turns into a fishbowl, which ends up at Meyers Lake. There was supposed to be a pump system built when the highway was put built but never got done, however a pump system is necessary. Resident Lisa Deitrick stated that several houses in that area got water in their basements when the Meyers Lake level was high and recommended leaving the level alone because it is a retention pond. Nichols stated that yes, it is a retention pond but its also a recreational lake. He stated that though he doesn't use the lake, he has had several calls from others on the issue. He added that his basement has never gotten water and he disagreed with the lake level causing water in basements. Deitrick stated that when the lake level is lower, residents in the area don't have to pump. The Mayor stated that he is looking into FEMA grants that would fund a basic system costing \$800,000 that would pump out of the Lake and into the Cedar River. Nichols stated that he spoke with Cecil Sommerfelt, who could replace the ring, which would bring the level back up to the top of the weir for a level of 923'. Walker stated that because he knows of four houses that have flooded, which could have been linked to Meyers Lake, he wanted to clarify that the ring should be taken off. The Mayor responded yes and that there is always the drain on the east side of the lake as well. Kreger responded that the east drain sits in the mud and moves all over when it's opened and by opening it, there is a chance that if opened, it will never be shut again. Kreger reiterated the need to revamp the entire outlet structure. The Mayor stated that he agreed that the structure is 30-40 years old and because this would be a temporary fix, he would be coming back to Council later this summer for a more permanent solution. Councilman Dewater asked Shoff if he sees an issue with increasing the lake level to 923'. Shoff responded that he doesn't see a problem with raising the lake 8/10 of a foot, however it would raise the groundwater the same, and its unknown how spread out it would be. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

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Dewater/Walker to authorize storm water repairs on Grand Blvd in an amount not to exceed \$8,000, which include the driveway of Jack Hoffman at 709 Grand and lowering some area storm drains. Shoff explained that he recommended the repair of the driveway because it has been a long standing drainage issue from a storm sewer project about 12 years ago. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Storm water
repairs-Gra

Dewater/Walker to approve Resolution 5694 approving an agreement between the City and Shoff Engineering for preliminary design engineering in the amount of \$25,000 for the River Forest Levee Trail Project. The Mayor stated the total project cost would be around \$460,000 and the City's share would be \$200,000 and the City would pursue a state trails grant for their share and use TIF funding for the remaining portion. He added there would be an access point to the trail on Central and a termination point would be on the south side of Park Rd to Gilbert. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Res. 5694
Forest Trai
Design
Engineering

Seible/Loftus to approve Resolution 5695 approving contract between the City and Municipal Pipe Tool Co., LLC for sewer maintenance. The Mayor explained that the contract would lock in prices at a lower

Res. 5695
Municipal Pipe
Tool

rate for sewer work. He added that there is a minimum of \$2,000 per year. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Nichols/Seible to approve the purchase of an 8x12 outdoor shed for City Hall for an amount not to exceed \$1,600. The Mayor explained that the siding and shingles on the proposed shed would match the City Hall and would sit on the cement slab next to the back of the building for convenient access of the snowblower, salt, and shovels. He added that recycle carts would also be stored in the shed instead of the red trailer. Councilman Walker stated that he had no problem with having a shed but would prefer it in the back corner of the parking lot so the area doesn't become cluttered. Councilman Loftus agreed. The Mayor responded that though it would be on skids, it would be more beneficial being next to the building for accessing snow removal tools plus it would be difficult to plow around it. Kreger stated that though they could work around it, it would take longer to plow the parking lot because snow from the parking lot usually gets placed in that corner. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four, Nays: Walker.

City Hall shed

Dewater/Seible to approve Ordinance 635 amending and adding provisions pertaining to the hobbyist permit in its second reading. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Ord. 635
Hobbyist Permit

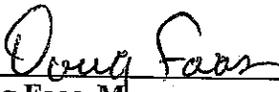
John Peverill asked if the City Hall roof was leaking because the tiles in the Council Chambers had water spots. The Mayor responded that the tiles have been there a long time. He added that there are a few spare tiles that could replace some of the stained tiles. Councilman Seible stated he would like to look into getting the audio working on the camera system so that Council meetings can be recorded and broadcast. The Mayor stated that he would look into it.

Discussion

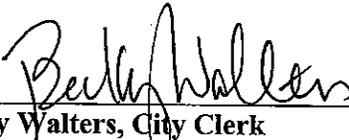
There being no further discussion, Seible/Loftus to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m. Ayes-Five.

Adjourn

ATTEST:



Doug Faas, Mayor



Becky Walters, City Clerk

