

CITY HALL
EVANSDALE, IOWA, JUNE 7, 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: Seible, Osborne, Smock, Bergman, and Nichols. Quorum present.

Smock/Seible to approve the appointment of Jeffrey Bumgardner Bergman as Ward 1 councilor for the remaining term ending 12/31/2023. Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Nichols/Seible to approve the June 7, 2022 agenda. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Smock/Seible to approve the May 17, 2022 regular meeting minutes. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Smock/Bergman to approve 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. Liquor License Renewal – Hoochies – LC0032024 – effective 06/26/2022. b. Liquor License: Amvets Post #31 – Ownership Change. c. Request from Lofty’s to close Lafayette Rd. in front of Lofty’s for car show event June 14th. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Seible/Smock 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 6607 authorizing payment of bills and transfers. b. Resolution 6608 setting date of public hearing to amend International Building Code to 2015. c. Resolution 6609 setting date of public hearing – SRF. Councilor Seible questioned remaining engineering payments to Bolton & Menk for the Eagles Landing Project and engineering fees to Stantec for the boat ramp. Mayor Kobliska responded that she would contact Bolton & Menk for the balance and the payment to Stantec was the final design phase balance owed for the boat ramp engineering. Seible also questioned the purchase of the city flowers. Councilor Nichols stated that council should have approved before payment was made. Kobliska responded that the city took over the flowers and it was going to be an annual purchase. Seible also questioned the payment for the flags. Kobliska responded that she reached out to the state auditors office and if we were to purchase, we needed to possess the flags as well. Nichols questioned when we were going to take them down. Kobliska stated that we were keeping the flags up for flag day and 4th of July. He stated it would be unnecessary wear on the flags to keep them up throughout the holidays. Chris Schares, Public Works, stated he would take the flags down if council directed him to do so. Nichols responded that it would save on the wear and tear if we did remove between the holidays. Nichols also questioned who was watering the flowers. Kobliska stated the usual volunteers, Dottie, Jim with Diamonds, and Ron Kettwig. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Seible/Nichols to approve Resolution 6610 approving the preliminary plans and setting date of public hearing for the Michigan Lift Station Rehabilitation Project. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Seible/Smock to approve Resolution 6611 approving the preliminary plans and setting date of public hearing for the Central Avenue Overlay Project. Councilor Seible questioned if the project cost had increased. Chris Schares responded that it was lower than the original bid due to public works services on the project. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Smock/Seible to approve request for Yard Waste Agreement with the City of Elk Run Heights through June 30, 2024. Kobliska stated that the contract price had remained the same and was a two-year agreement. Councilor Nichols stated that the price of gas had increased and should be accounted for.

Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Nichols/Bergman to approve request for Yard Waste Agreement with the City of Raymond through June 30, 2024. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Bergman/Seible to approve the consideration to lease city owned land on River Rd. to Denny Wilson. Denny Wilson, 1023 Central Ave., pointed out the property he was interested in leasing on the city map. He stated that his request was to use the city land to raise cattle. He was prepared to maintain the cattle and city property. Councilor Seible questioned if we were approving the lease. Mayor Kobliska responded that we were only considering a possible lease at this time. Mr. Wilson went over the plans for the keep of the cattle. He also stated that he had contacted property owners and they were in favor at first and then later stated they weren't in favor. Councilor Smock questioned what the process for leasing city land would include. Kobliska responded we would have to prepare an agreement and that it would probably be open for other residents to bid on the land as has been done in the past. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Seible/Bergman to table request from Public Works to overlay Bluffdale in the amount of \$14,150 with Aspro. Councilor Seible stated that the square footage on the project quotes stated two different amounts and wanted that resolved before a bid was accepted. Schares with Public Works stated that he would contact the bidders and try to resolve the issue, however, we would need an answer tomorrow to get it completed this fiscal year. Kobliska stated that we had the funds budgeted for FY22 and didn't want to push into next year's budget as we had the Central Ave. Project budgeted for FY23. Seible responded that he wanted a better comparison of the project to vote on the project and that all council members could be contacted the next day for a vote. Councilor Bergman questioned the roads center deterioration and if that would be resolved. Schares responded yes. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Seible/Smock to approve the request from Public Works to repair storm water outlet at the corner of W. Gilbert Dr., & Schons St. in the amount of \$1,750 with B & B Builders Concrete. Councilor Seible requested that we contract for multiple repairs of the storm water outlets on W. Gilbert Dr. at the same time. Mayor Kobliska responded that we would, however, this outlet needed to be addressed immediately. Schares, Public Works stated that he had a difficult time receiving quotes and that one bidder quoted upwards of \$10,000. Councilor Smock stated that once he saw the storm drain cover lid standing straight up, he was going to place a cone it, however, public works caught it. Smock also stated it was a liability for the city if we knew of the damage and didn't repair it in a timely manner. If someone would have hit the storm drain and damaged their vehicle the city would have been liable since we knew about the damage. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Seible/Smock to approve request from Cedar Falls Community Credit Union to prepare an additional curb cut on Lafayette Rd. to accommodate drive thru. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Ordinance 684 amending the provisions to Chapter 75 Section 10 Times of Operation, First Reading. Mayor Kobliska stated that she had received several requests to extend the hours of operation. Councilor Smock stated that our code dictates headlights, turn signals, etc. that would enable the vehicle to be visible after dark and we had code to monitor those items. Smock also questioned Chief Dean if there had been any issues. Chief Dean responded that since the conception of making these vehicles legal we haven't any issues. Smock questioned the time. Mayor Kobliska requested that it be brought up on the agenda. Smock stated 11:59 p.m. Councilor Seible stated that he had noticed that several of the vehicles were rather loud and if enforcement would fall under the noise ordinance. Smock questioned our noise ordinance. Chief Dean stated that the noise ordinance has been misunderstood. The noise ordinance was always in effect no matter what time of day it was and that it boiled down to being bothered by someone's noise. Clerk Schaefer questioned what the surrounding communities were mandating in their ordinances. Smock stated that in your northern city's it was a major mode of transportation and would be allowed all hours of the day. Seible wanted a consensus of the council on the stated time. Councilor Osborne stated that she was in favor of extending the time. Chief Dean stated that his household kept late hours, and they may run for a pizza at midnight. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Council to consider amendment to code of ordinance regarding billboard signs. Mayor Kobliska stated that she had taken the billboard issue to planning and zoning and they had recommended that council address the billboard signs. Councilor Nichols stated that billboards were already prohibited in our city code and that the billboard placed on Lafayette wasn't legal. Kobliska responded that the code he presented represented business signs. Both Councilor Osborne and Seible questioned if a permit had been issued. Kobliska responded that we had issued a permit for the billboard, and it was inspected. She also stated since we had approved the billboard sign, the city may not be able to act on the removal of the sign. Nichols stated his opposition to the sign on Lafayette. Osborne questioned billboard signs in Eagles Landing. Kobliska responded billboards were not allowed in Eagles Landing as addressed in our design standards. Councilor Seible questioned if the company had received a permit for the second sign. Kobliska responded yes, however; she would reach out to the city attorney for a legal opinion. Seible questioned since Planning & Zoning members were present do we need to address this issue soon. Councilor Bergman responded yes as permits had already been issued. Kobliska thanked Nichols for bringing this to her attention.

Public discussion: Non agenda items. Denny Wilson, 1023 Central, stated that they he was going to remove a tree down at River Rd. along the bank, and questioned council if that was okay. Chris Schares responded with his approval and said they would help if needed.

Mayor/Council Reports: Councilor Nichols questioned the junk property on Randall. Kobliska responded that they were already in the process of issuing a municipal infraction. Kobliska also responded that council had directed the city to hire a part time building inspector/code enforcement and that she had personally written over \$277,000 in permit value in the last month and that we were handling issues daily. She also stated that the inspector is working with us to handle properties that are in violation of code. Councilor Seible questioned if we were short on seasonal staff. Schares, Public Works stated that normally we would have around twelve employees to handle seasonal work, however, were down to six. Seible questioned if we could hire Sutton back to help during the season so not all employees are mowing. Schares stated that wasn't an option due to allowable income earned. Schares also stated that the light poles need to be replaced on Lafayette but would seek several quotes to replace them. Seible stated that he would like to sit down as a council and plan for the future of the city and how we could save money for the city. There had been a lot of events happen that were items not planned and if we plan ahead and address some issues it won't be such a surprise. Councilor Smock wanted to update council on the status of hiring a city clerk. We had interviewed over a dozen applicants and some that weren't from the Indeed applicants, but we are making progress. Seible questioned if council would have a say in the decision. Kobliska responded that councilors could reach out to personnel committee if you want to discuss the applicants. Smock stated that it was at the discretion of the personnel committee, but please feel free to contact the committee with any questions.

There being no further discussion, Seible/Bergman to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 p.m. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

DeAnne Kobliska, Mayor

Amy Schaefer, City Clerk