

CITY HALL  
EVANSDALE, IOWA, JUNE 16, 2015  
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: Nichol, Seible, Dewater, Loftus, and Walker. Quorum present.

Loftus/Walker approved the June 16, 2015 agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Dewater/Walker approved the following items on the June 16, 2015 consent agenda: a) Approval of June 2, 2015 regular meeting minutes b) Resolution 5822 authorizing payment of bills and transfers, c) Approval of a liquor license for Hoochies d) Tobacco Permits as follows: Casey's General Store-Lafayette Rd., Casey's General Store-River Forest Rd., Dollar General, Evansdale Amvets #31, Fareway Stores, Inc., Pilot Travel Centers, Pronto Market, Station Mart-Lafayette Rd., & Station Mart-River Forest Rd. e) Request to approve Peddler's Permit for Tina Jackson to Peddle ice cream for Dion's Ice Cream. Accept and place on file the minutes and reports from the following Departments, Boards, and Commissions (n/a = not available): Ambulance (May), Building Inspection (May), Clerk/Treasurer (April) Fire Dept (n/a), Parks & Rec (May), Police Dept (May), Library (May), Water Works (n/a), Evansdale Municipal Housing (May), Hardship & Grievance (n/a), Planning & Zoning (Jan), Storm water (n/a). Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Loftus/Seible approved appointments as follows: Board of Adjustment: Shelly Smith, term ending 4-1-20 and Tom Nichols, term ending 4-1-19. Library Board: Kathy Johnson, term ending 6-3-18, Jan Nichols, term ending 6-30-18, and Jenny Borwig, term ending 6-30-18. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Recognition and appreciation for Rick Reuter's twenty plus years of service to the City of Evansdale. Mayor Faas, City Clerk, DeAnne Kobliska, Police Chief, Jeff Jensen, and Fire Chief, Ryan Phillips presented Rick Reuter a clock and plaque for his years of service, and congratulated him on his retirement. The City of Evansdale and all its employees will greatly miss Rick and all that he has done for our city.

Seible/Loftus approved Resolution 5823 fixing compensation for Chief Deputy City Clerk and welcoming Joelle Strader to the City of Evansdale. City Clerk, Kobliska introduced Joelle to council and the community. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Loftus/Seible approved Resolution 5824 approving School Resource Officer contract for FY2016. Councilman Loftus asked if this was the officer who worked with our middle school, and the Mayor confirmed. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Dewater/Walker approved Resolution 5825 setting the date of public hearing as of July 7, 2015 to dispose of city property in the amount of \$1.00 to Leejan Family Limited Partnership (Building Products, Inc.). Loftus questioned why we are selling this property for \$1.00, and Mayor Faas stated that the property is a triangular piece of ground that resides on their existing property and that they are responsible for all legal fees related to the transaction. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Loftus/Dewater approved Resolution 5826 setting the date of public hearing as of July 7, 2015 to dispose of city property in the amount of \$1.00 to Lee Schull (Building Products, Inc.). Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Dewater/Walker approved Resolution 5827 authorizing the installation of street light at approximately 845 Hunter Drive. Mayor Faas explained that there is not a light on Hunter from the curve going east to the truck stop. Councilman Nichols questioned if the city has ever accepted the property. The Mayor and City Attorney, Craig Ament both responded that the city has been taking care of the property since road was completed and we accept responsibility on that basis. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four, Nays-One (Nichols). Motion carried.

Loftus/Seible approved Resolution 5828 authorizing the mayor to sign a Light Emitting Diode (LED) Street Lighting Installation Agreement with MidAmerican Energy in regards to future replacement of street lamps. The Mayor explained that all lights replaced in the future would now be replaced with the LED lights. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Seible/Walker approved request from Public Works Director to proceed with street repairs in an amount not to exceed \$50,000. Mayor Faas explained the need for the repairs per estimates presented by Public Works Director, Chris Schares and Engineer, Jerry Shoff. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Loftus/Seible approved request from Police Chief to purchase Ammunition for training purposes, from Ultramax, Inc., in the amount of \$5,024.80. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Seible/Loftus approved request from the following city departments to install security systems in the amount of \$4,425.17 for hardware and installation. Waste Water Treatment facility - \$2057.95; Street Department and Recycling Center - \$2,367.22; and Angels Park - No charge. Councilman, Steve Seible stated it will be a great investment for the city. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Nays-One (Dick Dewater). Motion carried.

Loftus/Walker approved request from City Clerk to attend a Tyler Technologies Software Training Conference (Clerk's Software), August 18-19, 2015 in an amount not to exceed \$1,200.00. City Clerk Kobliska explained that city staff has not received any formal training with our software company and that it will benefit all employees going forward. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Loftus/Seible approved Ordinance 641 Mayor Compensation, second reading. Councilman Seible, Nichols, Dewater, and Loftus expressed concern with vacation time not being included in the ordinance, as it has been abused by past Mayors. Mayor Faas stated that it should be either a separate ordinance or in the employee handbook. Councilman Loftus stated that the mayor should receive two (2) weeks' vacation in the first term each year and up to four (4) weeks of vacation if re-elected in the second term. Councilman Seible stated, for the record, that the current mayor has not abused his vacation. City Attorney, Craig Ament, said the vacation time should be positioned in the Employee's Policy Manual. Councilman Walker stated that as a council we should be able to address this issue directly with the mayor in office at such time as this. John Peverill, 543 East End Ave., questioned what other employees currently receive for vacation. Kobliska stated that that employees receive 1 week after the first year of employment and after 10 years they receive the maximum of four (4) weeks. Judi Faas, 233 Doyle Ave., expressed as a person that has prepared and updated policy manuals, to include vacation benefits in the employee policy manual. Joshua Richter, 724 Brookside Ave. expressed concern with the council not standing up against the past mayors that abused the vacation and allowing the brunt of your decision to be put on current mayor that wasn't abusing the vacation. Roll call vote: Ayes-Three, Nays-Two (Nichols, Dewater). Motion carried.

Seible/Walker approved Ordinance 642 Council Compensation, first reading. Councilman Seible stated that local communities around us are receiving \$50 per meeting for compensation for each council meeting. It is time that we stop living in the 90's and buck up. Councilman Loftus understands the increase but

doesn't agree with it at this point. Roll call vote: Ayes-Two, Nays-Three (Dewater, Nichols, and Loftus). Motion Failed.

Discussion: Mayor Faas stated that that we will be having a retirement party for Rick Reuter here at City Hall on Tuesday June 30<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am to 12:00pm for all that would like to congratulate him on his retirement. Councilman Walker asked about the difference between Kwik Star and Kwik Trip. The Mayor stated that it will be Kwik Star as they are not legal to use Kwik Trip in the state of Iowa. Councilman Nichols question the invoice received by AC Investments on their Trail building project for past sewer fees. City Clerk Kobliska stated that we had signed a Development Agreement with AC Investments on December 17, 2013 stating that an Occupancy Permit had been issued for their building and that they would be eligible for a tax rebate for three years and that we have paid AC Investments \$7,090 to date and that they are haggling over \$200+ dollars on sewer fees owed to the city.

There being no further discussion, Loftus/Seible to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 p.m. Motion carried.

**ATTEST:**

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**Doug Faas, Mayor**

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**DeAnne Kobliska, City Clerk**