

CITY HALL  
EVANSDALE, IOWA, JUNE 17, 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: Nichols, Dewater, Loftus, Walker, and Seible. Absent: None. Quorum present.

Dewater/Walker to approve the June 17, 2014 agenda. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Walker/Seible to approve the following items on the June 17, 2014 consent agenda: a) Approval of June 4, 2014 regular meeting minutes b) Resolution 5696 authorizing payment of bills and transfers c) Tobacco Permit Renewals (July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015): Dollar General Store, Station Mart Liquor & Tobacco, Lafayette Road, Station Mart Liquor & Tobacco, River Forest Road, Evansdale Amvets Post 31, Pronto Market, Fareway Stores, Inc., Casey's General Store-River Forest Road, Casey's General Store-Lafayette Road, Pilot Travel Center d) Accept and place on file the minutes and reports from the following Boards, Departments and Commissions (n/a = Not Available): Ambulance (May), Building Inspection (May), Clerk/Treasurer (May), Fire Dept (May), Parks & Rec (May), Police Dept (May), Library (May), Water Works (May), Cable TV Commission (n/a), Evansdale Municipal Housing (May), Hardship & Grievance (n/a), Planning & Zoning (n/a), Storm Water (n/a). Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Consent  
Agenda

Loftus/Walker to authorize new Reserve Officer Jason Thompson to carry a firearm while on duty. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Reserve  
Officer-carry  
weapon

Walker/Loftus to authorize Ryan Hall, who is currently a reserve officer, as new part-time officer. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

New part-  
time officer

Loftus/Seible to approve request from Police Chief Kent Smock to purchase replacement tasers in the amount of \$11,956. Smock explained that though it wouldn't be paid out until the next budget year, if approved now, the City can receive trade-in credit for the City's existing units and receive the ninth unit free. Councilman Loftus asked how often the tasers have been used. Smock responded that since he has been police chief, there were two situations when the darts were deployed and a couple more times where there were dry stuns but there have been several situations where just displaying the tasers have brought individuals into compliance.

Police Dept-  
Tasers

Dewater/Seible to approve request from City Clerk Becky Walters to purchase server and two computers in the amount of \$7,476. Walters explained that she also received a quote from Tyler Technologies and it was about \$2,000 higher than Networking Solutions' quote. She added that the server would be split with Water Works, however the City would be paying its portion in the current fiscal year, while Water Works would be paying its portion after July 1. Councilman Loftus asked if Water Works was approached. Walters responded that she and Sandy Clements in Water Works have been planning the purchase for over a year. Clements stated that it's in the Water Works budget that takes effect July 1st and the next meeting isn't until next month, but she called the members and the one member she reached was in favor. Sharon Loftus, another Water Works Board member, stated she would be okay with the purchase knowing that it would be coming from an upcoming budget and not the current budget. Nichols asked if it would have Windows 7 or 8. Walters responded that most likely using Windows 7, but either way they are the same price. Walters stated that though the current computers and server are six years old, she wanted to wait as long as possible in the fiscal year to replace, however performance of the computers has been very slow and since it was budgeted in the current fiscal year, it is the right time to replace the

City Clerk-  
Server and  
computers

computers and server. Walters added that she would wait to purchase the equipment until the Board members show their approval. Roll call vote: Ayes-Three, Nays-Nichols and Loftus. Motion carried.

The Mayor explained the grant application process for a state-funded housing rehabilitation grant. He added that it would benefit the City by ultimately adding to the tax base. He added that the City has received the same type of grant in the past. If awarded, the grant process would be sponsored through INRCOG. First, a housing committee would need to be formed to identify an area of town with about 100 houses in a contiguous area that are older and run down. From there, 6 to 10 properties would be selected to receive the grant if identified as having low to moderate income. The grant would be a five-year forgivable loan in the amount of \$24,999, where a lien would be placed on the property, and if the owner sold the home before the five years, they would have to repay the loan on a prorated basis. The City would be required to contribute a match of \$3,000 per house and could use TIF for its match. Councilman Dewater stated that he wanted to disclose to Council that he does inspections for INRCOG for recipients of this type of grant in other cities and would be doing inspections in Evansdale if awarded the grant. Dewater/Seible to proceed with the application process for the community rehabilitation grant. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Community  
Rehabilitation  
Grant-  
Overview

Nichols/Walker to approve Resolution 5697 fixing compensation for City employees for FY2015. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Res. 5697  
Fixing  
Compensation

Dewater/Walker to approve Resolution 5698 authorizing the execution of a Memorandum of Agreement with Goodwill Industries of Northeast Iowa, Inc. and fixing a date for a hearing for July 15, 2014 on the proposed issuance of revenue bonds or notes. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Res. 5698  
Setting PH  
Goodwill  
Bonds

Walker/Seible to approve Resolution 5699 approving Iowa State Trails grant application for funding of the River Forest Levee Trail Project. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Res. 5699  
Trails grant  
application

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

Ord. 635  
Hobbyist Permit  
Third reading

Nichols/Dewater to adopt Ordinance 635 amending and adding provisions pertaining to the hobbyist permit after three readings. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Ord. 635  
Hobbyist Permit,  
Adoption

Loftus/Nichols 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, in its second reading. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Ord. 636  
Rezoning

Discussion: Councilman Walker asked the City Clerk Becky Walters to pursue the REAP grant and Black Hawk Gaming grant to supplement the City's portion of the River Forest Levee Trail. Walters agreed. Loraine Atkins thanks the Sewer Department for helping her with a recent sewer issue. Councilman Seible asked how the City is coming with the wireless network installation on the water tower. The Mayor responded that the process was ongoing but slow. Loraine Atkins suggested that there should be around the Jewitt School construction site. The Mayor responded that he would relay the property owners. Atkins stated why the news hadn't reported on the recent break-ins at the former school. Police Chief Kent Smock responded that the information was made available and is accessible to the public; however what is published is out of our control. He added that arrests have been made for both break-ins to the school. The Mayor stated he was going to wait until Rick Reuter returns from vacation to sell his old City vehicle so he could find out what exactly was wrong with the battery because it requires a jump start to get it running. He added that he doesn't feel comfortable using EBay because out of town bidders wouldn't be able to do a physical inspection, so instead would use Craig's List. Councilman Loftus asked why the new shed was placed in the corner of the parking lot instead of next to

Ord. 636  
Rezoning

the building, where was originally decided. The Mayor responded that after talking to Council, the parking lot location seemed to be preferred. Loftus commented that it's a good looking shed.

There being no further discussion, Loftus/Seible to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m. Ayes-Five.

Adjourn

**ATTEST:**

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**Doug Faas, Mayor**

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**Becky Walters, City Clerk**