

CITY HALL  
EVANSDALE, IOWA, JUNE 18, 2019  
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: Bender, Walker, Loftus, Dewater, and Seible. Quorum present.

Loftus/Bender to approve June 18, 2019 agenda. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Seible/Dewater to approve the following items on the June 18, 2019 consent agenda. a. Approval of June 4, 2019 regular meeting minutes. b. Accept and place on file the minutes and reports from the following Departments, Boards, and Commissions (n/a = not available): Ambulance & Fire Report (March/April), Building Inspection Report (May), Clerk/Treasurer Report (May), Code Enforcement Report (May), Evansdale Municipal Housing (May), Library (May), Parks & Rec Dept. (May), Planning & Zoning (n/a), Police Dept. (May), Storm Water Commission (Oct. '18), and Water Works (May). c. Liquor License: (i) Carl Letney Amvet Post #31-LA0000332 renewal-Effective 07/22/2019, (ii) Evansdale Chamber-Event only liquor license. d. Tobacco Permits Renewal (July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020): 1. Casey's General Store, Lafayette Road; 2. Casey's General Store, River Forest Road; 3. Dollar General Store; 4. Fareway Stores, Inc.; 5. Kwik Star; 6. Pilot Travel Centers; 7. Pronto Market; 8. Station Mart, Lafayette Road; 9. Station Mart 2, River Forest Road. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Walker/Loftus to approve appointments to the Library Board as follows: Mary Kettwig-term ending 6-30-2022; Kathy Pritchett-term ending 6-30-2022; Jerry Brown-term ending 6-30-2022. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Dewater/Walker to approve request from Public Works Director to purchase 2020 International Dump Truck in an amount not to exceed \$176,445 from Don's Truck Sales as budgeted for FY2020 (places on order, won't deliver until late Fall) Gene Carpenter from Don's Truck Sales of Fairbank, IA will be available for any questions. Gene Carpenter, Don's Truck Sales stated that the city had asked him to compare the cost difference to purchase a 2019 model instead of a 2020 model and after reviewing the options found the city would save approximately \$1,200 on the truck itself but that it would cost an additional \$1,800 to modify the wheel base to fit the current equipment. He also stated that he had 42 years of experience dealing with counties and cities with their single axle truck equipment and found that the stainless-steel dump body life expectancy at 20 plus years whereas the standard dump body lasts about 6-7 years before it would have to be repainted which costs upwards of \$2,200 each time. Councilor Seible questioned if the quote included the stainless-steel dump body. Mr. Carpenter responded yes. Councilor Bender questioned what the increase would be annually if we waited to purchase. Mr. Carpenter responded 3.5-4% increase annually which would equate to around \$6,000 per year. Councilor Seible stated that he wasn't in favor of the purchase and that he felt the city could get better pricing. Councilor Bender wasn't in favor of the purchase and questioned why it needed to be purchased now. Chris Schares, Public Works Director responded that we were replacing a 1997 model and that we had had issues with the truck for the past two years. Councilor Walker stated that postponing the purchase would cost the city more in the next two years in repairs. Councilor Dewater stated that we have had good luck purchasing vehicles utilizing this process in the past and was in favor of the purchase. Mark Atkins, 909 3rd Ave., stated that he wasn't in favor of the purchase as the Heights roads needed to be addressed. Ron Nichols, 1120 Evans Rd., stated that he wasn't in favor of the purchase. Ayes-Three. Nays: Two (Seible, Bender). Motion carried.

Walker/Loftus to approve Resolution 6324 authorizing payment of bills and transfers. Councilor Seible questioned why the dirt that was approved by council last October wasn't utilized for the sidewalk replacement at Angels Park. Schares responded that we haven't received the dirt. Councilor Dewater

questioned why city hall wasn't contacted by Seible before the meeting regarding his question. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Nays-One (Seible).

Bender/Seible to approve Resolution 6325 approving the Waterloo Community Schools School Resource Officers' Agreement for FY20 in the amount of \$32,187. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Bender/Walker to approve Resolution 6326 approving a loan agreement in the amount of \$22,264 between the East Heights TIF District and New Housing TIF District and authorizing City Clerk to transfer said funds. Councilor Seible questioned the transfer. Mayor Faas responded that the new housing district had been established but the tax base is not where it is fulfilling the debt obligation, so state law allows the city to borrow from other funds until the district tax base meets the debt obligation. Roll call vote: Ayes-five.

Walker/Bender to approve request from Public Works Director to amend original quote from Kluesner Construction for crack sealing of Dubuque Road to include the use of mastic as quoted, as needed, in the amount up to \$3,741. Councilor Dewater questioned the request. Clerk Kobliska stated that it was on the original quote but wasn't approved and the mastic may be needed for the project. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Seible/Walker to approve request from Public Works Director to replace radiant tube heating in buildings 1 & 2 with Young Plumbing and Heating in the amount of \$21,470. Councilor Seible questioned quote. Schares responded that the current heaters were over 30 years old and worn out. Seible questioned if we would also install the heat in building 3. Schares responded that we would install heat in building 3 as part of our 5 to 10-year plan.

Bender/Walker to approve request from Public Works Director to approve bid in the amount of \$13,815.90 with Prairie Road Builders, Inc. for seal coating on Shipp St. as budgeted for FY19, 2nd application. Councilor Seible questioned the life of the road. Schares responded that the life expectancy is 15-20 years with the second application. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Bender/Walker to approve request from Public Works Director to engage Turf Pro's services for weed maintenance levee, wastewater plant, Meyers Lake shoreline, and Deerwood Campground in the amount of \$7,147.25 as budgeted for FY20. Councilor Seible questioned if this was an annual application. Schares responded yes but additional locations had been added. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Dewater/Bender to approve request from Public Works Director to approve removal & replacement of intake at City Hall along with 4 sidewalk panels, and driveway repair at 319 River Forest Rd. with B & B Builders in the amount of \$4,992. Mayor Faas explained the reason for the driveway repairs at 319 River Forest Rd., as it was part of the River Forest Rd. project and the concrete had cracked and been replaced four times by contractor. Schares discussed the project with the estimators as well as the landowner to come up with a solution to repair the driveway and that this would be the last time the city would be involved with the repair. Schares explained the procedure and what needed to be done. Councilor Seible questioned repairs to city sidewalks again. Schares responded that the intake wasn't a part of the repairs and when the other sidewalks were replaced the north/south sidewalks were damaged. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Walker/Seible to approve request from Public Works Director to approve additional funds needed in the amount of \$1,386 for the Deerwood Campground Roadway with Kluesner Construction (approved verbally by council). Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Dewater/Bender to approve request to complete miscellaneous patching repairs with Lucas Asphalt Co. in the amount of \$6,280. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Seible/Walker to approve request from Police Chief to purchase 2019 Dodge Durango Police pursuit vehicle from Stew Hansen Dodge, Des Moines, IA in the amount of \$31,995 as budgeted for FY20. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Seible/Dewater to approve request from Police Chief to purchase new equipment from Racom in an amount of \$7,371.75 as budgeted for FY20. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Dewater/Seible to approve 667 approving Wastewater increase over a five-year period, 1st reading. Councilor Seible questioned if a separate fund was established. Clerk Kobliska responded yes. Seible quoted the increase at \$2.50 per month with rates beginning July 1, 2019 at \$23.00 per month, July 1, 2020 at \$25.50 per month, July 1, 2021 at \$28.00 per month, July 1, 2022 at \$30.50 per month, to July 1, 2023 at \$33.00 per month, then a 1% increase per month thereafter. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Dewater/Bender to approve motion to suspend requirements for two (2) subsequent readings Ordinance 667. Mark Atkins, 909 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave., questioned if all vacant lots will receive increase. Mayor Faas responded that all current sewer customer rates would be increased and that rates would be addressed annually to ensure the loan would be repaid for upgrades to the wastewater plant. Loraine Atkins, 715 Central Ave., #203, stated that the city should be considering the spending when citizens are subject to all the increases. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Loftus/Walker to approve motion to adopt Ordinance 667. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Public discussion: non-agenda items. Sharon Loftus, 309 Morrell, stated that she had read general rules for public participation during a council meeting and if the public is limited to three minutes the council should be limited to no more than five minutes. Jerry Sprague, 114 5<sup>th</sup> Street, questioned when the road would be fixed on 5<sup>th</sup> street from the water main break last winter. Schares responded that it had been on the list for today, however, due to weather it was pushed back. Sprague also stated that a neighbor was discharging sump pump water every day and the ditch is full of water and needs to be pumped out. Mayor Faas stated that we would investigate the situation and stated that this portion of the state the groundwater is at 98% saturation. Mark Atkins, 909 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave., stated that the ditch needed to be cleaned out and that the road holes needed to be filled up in the Heights as well. Atkins also questioned the purchase of another chain saw. Faas responded that the city took over park maintenance and we needed the equipment to do so.

Mayor/Council Reports. Mayor Faas stated that McClure Engineering was supposed to be on the agenda tonight, but they had sought out another option for our project and wanted time to research it. We will need to schedule a special meeting for June 27<sup>th</sup> if possible. Seible stated he couldn't make that meeting. Faas stated that all council members needed to be present. He also stated that he would strongly encourage that all council members have a tour of the wastewater plant so they would understand all that is involved with the upgrades. Councilor Dewater stated that he wouldn't consider the plant fascinating but Chris Even, Wastewater Foreman was up to date with the procedures and the manual workings of the plant and the tour was informative. Dewater also questioned the new technology available. Chris Even responded that the new technology would include granular activated sludge so we would be able to treat more waste in a much smaller space utilizing our existing aeration tanks and the current clarifiers wouldn't be needed which would be an advantage to the city as the clarifiers are a foot below flood level and would've needed to be upgraded. Seible questioned the wastewater foreman on the upgrade options. Even responded that if we could replace the existing system with the new technology as discussed earlier there would be a substantial savings and it would be the best fit for the city. Mayor Faas stated the importance of satisfying the DNR in the entire upgrade process. Faas also stated that the sump pump committee met earlier today and would kick the program off within the next week or so with our 1<sup>st</sup> target area being the north side of Lafayette. He also discussed the situation with the raccoons in the area acting erratic and found that the raccoon tested had distemper. So, if you see a raccoon acting erratically call dispatch at 319-291-2515 that enables

the city to keep a log of the events. He also stated that if you have water or food outdoors for your pet to bring them in at night as not to pass on the disease to your pets. Councilor Dewater questioned if the city was planning on passing a bicycle ordinance as the City of Waterloo had just amended theirs. Faas responded that Waterloo's ordinance was strict, but that Hudson had a more bicycle friendly ordinance but at the same time enforcing rules that needed to be followed. Councilor Seible questioned if we were going to enforce the truck embargo on the streets. Faas responded that he had talked to the transportation coordinator at BPI and they were being diligent about respecting the city streets however, they are able to utilize the streets as their business is in town. Chief Jensen stated that we were getting more truck traffic and that our staff is addressing it. Seible also questioned the closing of the ramp of westbound traffic to the interstate. Faas responded that he would provide the number to the DOT as they are overseeing the project. Chief Jensen stated that he had attended the DOT meetings and the closure of our off ramp was part of their safety plan for the construction project.

There being no further discussion, Walker/Seible to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

**ATTEST:**

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**Doug Faas, Mayor**

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**DeAnne Kobliska, City Clerk**