

CITY HALL
EVANSDALE, IOWA, JUNE 21, 2016
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: Dewater, Walker, Nichols, and Seible. Absent: Loftus. Quorum present.

Nichols/Seible to approve the June 21, 2016 agenda. Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Seible/Dewater to approve the following items on the June 21, 2016 consent agenda. a) Approval of June 8, 2016 regular meeting minutes as amended by changing the motion to open public hearing-General Obligation Vehicle Acquisition Loan Agreement, from Loftus to Walker. b) Accept and place on file the minutes and reports from the following Departments, Boards, and Commissions: Ambulance & Fire Report (May), Building Inspection Report (May), Clerk/Treasurer Report (April/May), Code Enforcement Report (May), Evansdale Municipal Housing Authority (May), Library (May), Parks & Rec Dept. (May), Police Dept. (May), and Water Works (May). Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Dewater/Seible to approve Resolution 5968 Authorizing payment of bills and transfers. Councilman Seible questioned the attorney's invoice. Mayor Faas stated that the billing got behind and we are playing catch-up. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Dewater/Seible to deny request from Anfinson property owners to extend the timeline of the Development Agreement concerning Fran Street. Mayor Faas explained details of the current development agreement. Deanne Leistikow, executor of the Anfinson estate, explained all of the road blocks that arose in the last six years that kept them from developing the property on Fran Street. Councilman Dewater responded that the reason the project halted was because of drainage issues with the road. Dewater also questioned why they were requesting another five year period. Leistikow responded that it takes time to develop the land. Mayor Faas explained that the funds were not scheduled in the TIF district and that the city would have to pay the funds in the amount of \$5,682 out of the General Fund. Leistikow questioned why the city paid for the roadway in other developments in the area. Mayor Faas responded that the developer normally pays for the infrastructure. Councilman Nichols stated that normally the homeowner pays for the sewer and water hook-up. Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Dewater/Seible request from Evansdale AMVETS Post #31 to hold White Clover Drive collection point on August 26th and 27th, 2016 at intersections of Lafayette/Evans Rd and River Forest Rd./Gilbert Dr. Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Walker/Dewater to approve library board appointments as follows: Mary Kettwig – term expires 6-30-2019; Gary Hansen – term expires 6-30-2019; Kathy Pritchett – term expires 6-30-2019. Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Dewater/Walker to approve request from Public Works Director to replace 15 Street Lights on River Forest Road (Central Ave. to Deerwood Road) with LED replacements in an amount not to exceed \$8,250.00. MidAmerican Energy Rebate will be \$100 per light totaling \$1,500 in rebates, actual cost \$6,750 as budgeted for FY16. Councilman Nichols and Seible stated the price was too high. Mayor Faas responded that we had six bids that extended from the River Forest Road Project and that K & W extended the pricing to complete the installation of LED lights on River Forest Road south of Central Ave south of Central Ave. Mark Atkins, 909 3rd Ave., stated that the project cost was high. Bill Nichols, 221 Oakwood Dr., questioned if the cost comparison was apples to apples, as the River Forest Rd. Project they are only replacing light bulbs, Mayor Faas responded that they are replacing the complete light head. Ayes-Two. Nays-Two (Nichols, Seible). Motion failed.

Dewater/Walker to approve request from Public Works Director to repair two (2) sections of roadway on Lafayette Road between Miner Drive and Saunders Ave. in an amount not to exceed \$4,487.50 plus expansion joints. Councilman Nichols questioned if the quote contained expansion joints as it will prolong the life of the patch. Mark Atkins, 909 3rd Ave., questioned if it could be replaced with asphalt instead. Ryan with Shoff Consulting stated that asphalt would not bear the traffic and would deteriorate quickly, but the placement of expansion joints would help with the life of the patch. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Public discussion-non agenda items: John Peverill, 543 East End Ave., questioned why his garage sale signs were removed before his garage sale. Mayor Faas stated that if they were in the city easement along Lafayette the mowers probably removed them. Loraine Atkins, 625 River Forest Rd., questioned access to her property during the River Forest Road project, as of now all access is blocked off. Ryan with Shoff Engineering stated that he would remove barricade to allow access around the apartment building so Loraine could access the easement area. Councilman Seible stated that the traffic has doubled on Evans Rd. and that many vehicles are going over the speed limit. Chief Jensen responded that he had extra enforcement during the day and didn't have a lot of issues, however, calls came in for the evening traffic, so we have addressed that as well.

Mayor/Council Reports:

Councilman Walker asked to share a personal challenge to the public. He stated that He and his family, about three months ago, started extending their hand with a "thank you for serving" every time they encountered a military person in uniform, the smile that you receive is your reward. Let's appreciate our military personnel out there.

Mayor Faas discussed updates of the River Forest Road Levee Trail Project, River Forest Road Reconstruction project and the project costs for the lagoon liner repair. He also discussed the necessity to actively pursue rate increases and a plan for future waste water treatment plant options. Councilman Dewater questioned the status of getting a quote to possibly merge Elk Run Heights, Raymond and the city's sewer systems together. Mayor Faas responded that the city mayors met with city engineer and MSA, who specialize in waste water treatment plants, and that the DNR may require the city, in the future, to relocate the plant due to the 100 year flood issues. Raymond and Elk Run are looking at the possibility of building a new plant just east of town. Dewater responded that it makes more sense to consolidate than to build two plants. Faas responded that we are still reviewing those options. Bill Nichols, 221 Oakwood Dr., encouraged the city to negotiate for the best possible outcome for the city. Mark Atkins, 909 3rd Ave., questioned the engineer fees for waste water plant review. Faas responded that both Elk Run and Raymond paid a third of the fees each, with Evansdale paying the remaining 1/3 of the total.

Mayor Faas reminded everyone of the Evansdale Community Days to be held July 30th. The events to include mud volleyball, 1st annual Fireman's dance, a barbecue cook-off and several children events uptown.

There being no further discussion, Seible/Dewater to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 p.m. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Doug Faas, Mayor

DeAnne Kobliska, City Clerk