

CITY HALL  
EVANSDALE, IOWA, JUNE 21, 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: Osborne, Smock, Bergman, Nichols, and Seible. Quorum present.

Nichols/Seible to approve the June 21, 2022 agenda. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Smock/Bergman to approve the June 7, 2022 regular meeting minutes. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Mayor to appoint Jeff Bergman as personnel committee. Councilor Seible stated that he had requested to be placed on the personnel committee. Councilor Osborne questioned why she was being removed from the personnel committee as we had interviewed several people and ready to make a decision. Mayor Kobliska responded that we have several personnel issues that need to be addressed but needed committee members to respond to emails and phone calls made.

Seible/Nichols to table request from Animal Control Officer Schares to remove vicious animal from city until the next meeting. Councilor Seible stated that we had given concession to the last vicious animal case and wanted to hear from the homeowner before a decision was made. Councilor Smock stated that he requested additional information from Animal Control Officer Adams and that he personally was an animal lover, however, pet ownership comes with responsibility. After hearing of initial incident from the fire dept. and other information gathered the pet needs to be licensed with the city. He also stated that he had walked by the residence several times with his family and had been charged by the pet but without incident. He also stated that he wanted to see the animal removed as the homeowner had not wanted to come into compliance with even registering the pet. Councilor Nichols stated that he was a dog lover as well but wanted to give an extension for the homeowner to plead her case. Seible stated that he agreed with Nichols. Adams stated that she met with homeowner while issuing citation and notice of hearing. Adams indicated that it was the homeowner's best interest to be at the hearing by council, however she showed no interest in attending. Nichols questioned if the fencing had been repaired. Adams responded that the fence had not been repaired and it was addressed on a call back in May. Seible stated that he wanted to give the homeowner another chance to plead their case, but pet needed to be licensed. Adams stated that the pet needed to be restrained until the next meeting and licensed. Ayes-Three. Nays-Two (Smock and Bergman). Motion carried.

Smock/Nichols to approve the Approval of 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. Accept and place on file the minutes and reports from the following Departments, Boards, and Commissions (n/a=not available): Ambulance & Fire Report (May), Building Inspection Report (May), Clerk/Treasurer Report (May), Code Enforcement Report (n/a), Evansdale Municipal Housing (May), Library (May), Parks & Rec Dept. (May), Planning & Zoning (April), Police Dept. (May), Storm Water Commission (n/a), Wastewater (May), and Water Works (May). b. Request from Prince of Peace representative Edward Billings to close streets and supply traffic control for the Rolling Car Show Parade on the 10th of September 2022. c. Cigarette Permits Renewal (July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023): i. Casey's General Store, Lafayette Road. ii. Casey's General Store, River Forest Road. iii. Dollar General Store. iv. Fareway Stores, Inc. v. Kwik Star. vi. Pilot Travel Centers. vii. Ray's SuperMarket 2. viii. Station Mart, Lafayette Road. ix. Station Mart 2, River Forest Road. x. Family Dollar. Ayes-Four. Motion Carried.

Seible/Bergman approved request from Jeff Scarbrough to lower Meyers Lake for repairs to retaining wall with revisiting the issue September 1, 2022. Mayor Kobliska stated that she had spoken to Mr.

Scarborough earlier and that she had reached out to Dan Kirby, Fishery Dept. with DNR and he stated that the ideal temperature to lower the lake and not affect wildlife would be 70 degrees. Mr. Scarborough stated he didn't have a problem waiting to lower the lake but wanted to know when he could schedule the repairs. Councilor Nichols stated that we need to wait for cooler weather but also consider a time that we get enough rainfall to fill in lake after repairs are made. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Smock/Seible 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 6612 authorizing payment of bills and transfers. b. Resolution 6613 fixing compensation for FY2023. c. Resolution 6614 approving tax abatement for property located at 103 Thomas Ave. Roll call vote. Ayes-Five.

Seible/Nichols to approve accept and place on file resignation of Sharon Dallenbach from Library Board. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Seible/Nichols to table appointment for Library Board (Appointed by Mayor approved by Council) Laura Benson – to fulfill a term ending 06/30/2024. Dottie Wear – with term ending 06/30/2025. April Russell – with term ending 06/30/2025. Joel Osborne – with term ending 06/30/2025. Mayor Kobliska stated that we had positions to fill on the library board at this time. Councilor Seible questioned if TJ Peterson was still interested in board appointment. Kobliska responded that she had spoken with TJ, and he stated that he wasn't interested in being reappointed. Seible stated that he would like to table at this time. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Nichols/Seible to approve request to approve Animal Control 28E Agreement with the City of Elk Run Heights. Mayor Kobliska stated the conditions of the agreement. Councilor Nichols questioned the average number of calls. Chris Schares stated that there had been under fifty calls for the past two years and if Elk Run went over fifty calls, then a stipend would be charged with each call thereafter. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Smock/Seible to approve request from Mayor to approve Memorandum of Understanding with INRCOG regarding grant funding for the River Road Boat Ramp Project; and authorize the mayor to sign said agreement. Mayor Kobliska stated that we had support locally for this project in the community and that the city had an opportunity to receive additional funding for the project and that if the funds weren't received the project wouldn't move forward. Councilor Nichols questioned the placement of the project and if the ramp would outlast the flooding in the area. Kobliska responded that they were building the boat ramp to specifications of the area. Laura Benson, Michigan Ave., stated that there are several people that utilize the Cedar River for kayaking, and it has become a popular sport in the area. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Bergman/Seible to approve the request to approve the FY2021 Audit from the State Auditor's Office. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Nichols/Seible to approve request from Public Works to repair JD 544K in the amount of \$1,973 with Murphy Tractor. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Nichols/Seible to approve request from Public Works to complete 500-hour service for JD 544K in the amount of \$1,220 with Murphy Tractor. Councilor Nichols questioned why it wasn't all in one budget. Chris Schares, Public Works, responded that the service was extensive, and they separated the quotes for clarification of each project. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Bergman/Smock to approve request to get quotes to have the city sprayed for mosquitos. Mayor Kobliska stated that she wasn't aware of the process to spray for mosquitos but was open to

receiving quotes. Mayor Kobliska stated that she wasn't aware of the process, however, it was requested to investigate it. Councilor Bergman stated that there had been several requests on Facebook to spray the city for mosquitos. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Seible/Nichols to table request to consider disposal of squad car. Councilor Seible stated that the request didn't have any reflection on the police department but wanted to see if we could be more cost effective with expenses due to repairs of the squad cars. We had we had averaged approximately \$15,000 per year just in repairs. He also requested a quote on a vehicle and the timeline that would also include a truck, in the event we had to purchase a vehicle. Chief Dean questioned if he wanted a cost on a replacement vehicle and to include a pickup. Seible responded yes. Councilor Smock questioned the reason to dispose of a vehicle now. Seible responded that he believed we can be more efficient and save cost of repairs having a newer fleet and only four squad cars. Chief Dean reminded council that we have a school resource officer that takes a car every day during the school year, so one squad is out five days a week. Smock stated rather than take a chance on having to purchase another vehicle, why don't we just park the vehicle chosen. Councilor Bergman questioned the time it would take to replace a squad car and the immediate expense to the city if replacement needed to happen right away. Chief Dean responded that it was upwards of \$45,000 plus a minimum of one year before the vehicle is placed in service. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Seible/Bergman to table the approval of Ordinance 684 amending the provision to Chapter 75 Section 10 Times of Operation, 2nd reading. Mayor Kobliska stated that the state has recently taken over the monitoring of the ATV/UTV permitting with the DNR and before we continue to change our ordinance, we need opinion from our City Attorney on the states view if not permitted with the DNR. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Smock/Seible to open the public hearing: Amendment International Building Codes. Proof of publication on file, no public comments received. Ayes-Five. Motion carried. Mayor Kobliska stated that she had a conversation with the city's codification company, and we need to review the 2015 International Building Code for modifications of acceptable practices aligning with our current code. Seible/Bergman to close the public hearing. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Public Discussion: None.

Mayor/Council discussion: Councilor Nichols questioned the code on signs. Mayor Kobliska stated that we still needed to amend our code and that she would forward the opinion from our City Attorney. Nichols questioned an update on Eagles Landing. Mayor Kobliska stated that the sites are ready, and the city would maintain lots until sold. Councilor Seible questioned if the trees on the interstate side belonged to the city. Kobliska responded that some of them belong to us, however, several are owned by the DOT. Seible also stated that he would like council to entertain placing a billboard out on the interstate. He also questioned if the city could work with someone to market the development to get lots sold. Kobliska stated that she would like the council to entertain working with Grow Cedar Valley Nichols stated that Fischels is a commercial real estate company well known in the Cedar Valley and people looking for commercial land would contact them. Councilor Osborne received a resident from the Heights contact her stating that there was traffic issues and drug activity in the area and requested more coverage. Chief Dean responded that we receive a lot of calls, and we are up there patrolling.

There being no further discussion, Seible/Smock to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 p.m. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

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DeAnne Kobliska, Mayor

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Amy Schaefer, City Clerk