

CITY HALL
EVANSDALE, IOWA, JULY 2, 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: Loftus, Dewater, Seible, and Walker. Absent: Bender. Quorum present.

Loftus/Dewater to approve July 2, 2019 agenda. Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Dewater/Walker to approve the following items on the July 2, 2019 consent agenda. a. Approval of June 18, 2019 regular meeting minutes. b. Request from Knights of Columbus to hold Tootsie Roll Drive collection point on August 2nd and 3rd, 2019 at intersections of Lafayette/Evans Rd. and River Forest Rd./W. Gilbert Dr. c. Request from Community Days committee to hold the annual parade on July 27, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. with staging to begin at 8:30 a.m. on Central Ave. west of Evans. Parade route is north on Evans, east on Morrell, south on Grand Blvd, west on Central. d. Request from Evansdale Community Group to close Lafayette from Sippel Ave. to Evans Rd. on Saturday July 27th from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for the Evansdale Community Days Celebration. e. Request to approve Yard Waste Agreements with the City of Raymond in the amount of \$2,400. f. Request to approve Yard Waste Agreement with the City of Elk Run Heights in the amount of \$2,400. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four.

Dewater/Seible to approve the appointment of Michael Dean as Chief of Police effective September 3, 2019. Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Walker/Loftus to approve Resolution 6330 authorizing payment of bills and transfers. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four.

Dewater/Seible to approve Resolution 6331 approving the preliminary plans and preliminary cost estimates for the Lafayette Road Rehabilitation Project. Barrett Hubbard with Shive-Hattery gave an overview of the project to include the rehabilitation of Lafayette Rd., from just east of Evans Road to Elk Run Heights bridge on the east side of the city as a combination of interlayer and overlay of existing roadway expanding road to 12' lanes with 3-4" new asphalt over rehabilitated roadway. Councilor Walker questioned if the rainwater run-off issues on Lafayette would be addressed. Mr. Hubbard responded no, however; certain areas would be addressed with a beehive that would redirect storm water into the storm system. Mayor Faas stated that there would be a public meeting addressing any questions that the residents may have and if a resident wanted work completed on their property it would be at their own cost. Faas also stated that he asked Shive-Hattery to complete a wetland survey addressing the water issue in the ditch across from the Other Place. Councilor Seible questioned amendment on engineering fees so early in the project. Hubbard responded that \$45,000 of the agreement was for construction /administration and observation of the project and \$5,000 of it was for the wetlands survey. Seible questioned if the residents were going to have more issues with storm water. Hubbard stated that the project is the same footprint of the existing roadway. Councilor Dewater questioned how the footprint of the project was determined. Hubbard responded there where two points at Evans/ERH bridge in existing footprint where new concrete existed. Dewater questioned how the gravel driveways would be handled. Hubbard responded that we would asphalt back 10' into each driveway and gravel back the rest of the way unless the resident would contact us directly to make any modifications. Mayor Faas questioned the preliminary cost of the project. Hubbard responded 2.15 million and that it was higher than last fall's estimations due to the increase in asphalt pricing. Dewater questioned the reinforcement fabric that was used as the inter-layer. Hubbard responded that it wasn't a fabric, but it was a 1" thick asphalt mixture that consists of 90% rock 10% oil mixture whereas regular asphalt consists of 94% rock 6% oil mixture and the inter-layer mixture is designed to flex as the underside moves and flexes the inter-layer does as well. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four.

Dewater/Walker to approve request to approve an amended agreement for professional services for the rehabilitation of Lafayette Road Project with Shive-Hattery in an amount not to exceed \$49,850. Mayor Faas stated that 90% of the agreement covers the construction phase of the project only a small percent is for the actual evaluation of the wetlands on Lafayette Road. Councilor Seible questioned how the project would be funded. Faas responded the funding would consist of GO Bonds, Road Use, and LOST funds. Mark Atkins, 909 3rd Ave., stated that the area east of here was swamp area and a lot of work went into making it usable land. Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Walker/Dewater to approve Resolution 6332 approving compensation of a city employee. Councilor Seible stated that he wasn't in support of the procedures taken to hire employee and that council should be notified. Mark Atkins, 909 3rd Ave., stated that everyone in the city with qualifications should have a chance to apply for the position. Clerk Kobliska stated that the position had been posted in the foyer as verified by Lisa Mart at Iowa League of Cities. The Mayor introduced Megan Wells to the council. Roll call vote: Ayes-Three. Nays-One (Seible).

Loftus/Seible to approve request to approve donation to Evansdale Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$2,500 as approved for the FY20 budget. Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Dewater/Seible to approve request to approve fireworks donation to Evansdale Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$2,500 as approved for the FY20 budget. Councilor Seible questioned the cost of the fireworks. Dona Frickson, Evansdale Chamber, responded that the fireworks were \$4,000 and that the chamber had spent \$3,200 on banners for the city, \$1,200 on flowers, and \$1,200 on children's activities for the community days event. Seible also questioned what donations were received locally by the chamber. Ron Kettwig, Evansdale Chamber stated that the chamber received about \$1,600 last year in donations from area businesses. Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Discussion/Possible action: Wastewater Treatment Plant alternative - financial analysis: Mayor Faas went over each option as discussed at the June 28, 2019 meeting in detail. For each scenario that council has chosen to explore the sewer rates will increase as follows: Option I - 7.433 million project will increase the rates in FY21 to \$7.50 per month; FY22 to \$12.50 per month; FY23 to \$17.50 per month. For option II. \$10.861 million project will increase the rates in FY21 to \$12.50 per month; FY22 to \$22.50 per month; FY23 to \$28.00 per month. Option III – 13.790 million will increase the rates in FY21 to \$17.50 per month; FY22 to \$32.50 per month; FY23 to \$38.00 per month. Faas went over comparatives from other cities that have gone through this process. Elk Run Heights is currently at \$38.00 per month plus a \$50.00 capital projects fee exclusively for the WWTP. Councilor Dewater questioned if they were at \$38/month without plant being built yet. Faas responded yes. Councilor Seible questioned if the cities used in the comparison had gone through or planning to go through a WWTP upgrade. Faas responded yes. Faas also stated that we were one of the few cities' that were still located in the floodway, there is nothing stopping the DNR from mandating that the city moves the WWTP in the future. Seible stated that he didn't feel comfortable with any of the options presented, didn't feel we were a grade III plant, and wondered what the hurry was. Faas responded that the city has been mandated to address the E. coli upgrades and at the same time address the floodway issues in order to be permitted again through the DNR and the project must be completed by December 1, 2022. Chris Even stated that we are a grade III plant as we process 1,109 lbs. Per day and the limit to be considered a Grade III plant is processing over 334 lbs. per day. Faas stated that the information that has been posted on Facebook is inaccurate. Even also stated that we must have the nutrient reduction strategy to the DNR by September 1, 2019. Seible again questioned the hurry. Faas stated that we received notice of E. coli compliance in September of 2017. We met with the DNR in January of 2018 and received two extensions thus far. Faas also questioned if Seible had taken a tour of our plant. Seible stated no. Dewater stated that we had been discussing the upgrades for over two years and that we need to move forward.

Public discussion: non-agenda items: Loraine Atkins, 715 Central Ave., #203, questioned why a former library board member that had served for several years wasn't even notified that he was not

reappointed. Charles Beam, 532 Evans Rd., questioned the city's process for choosing an engineer for the WWTP project. Mayor Faas responded that a survey was taken that included cities that had been through the process of updating their WWTP system and the survey went out to wastewater foreman's, city administration, and contractors and then cities were visited by Evansdale staff and narrowed it down to three engineering services that in turn presented to the council and council chose the service. Beam stated dissatisfaction with the engineer service the city chose and questioned how the city would be financing the upgrades as we were currently in deficit. Mayor Faas responded that we haven't been in the deficit since he was in office. Mark Atkins, 909 3rd Ave., questioned the constitutional debt limit. Mayor Faas responded that the city's outstanding general obligation debt of \$5.269 million is significantly below its constitutional debt limit of approximately \$11.7 million as stated on page 14 of the FY18 audit.

Mayor/Council Reports: Mayor Faas stated again that the Lafayette Road Rehabilitation Project public information meeting will be held on July 11, 2019 from 5-7 p.m. Mud volleyball will be the 13th of July and Evansdale Community days to be held the 27th and 28th of July.

There being no further discussion, Seible/Dewater to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Doug Faas, Mayor

DeAnne Kobliska, City Clerk