

CITY HALL  
EVANSDALE, IOWA, JULY 5, 2017  
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: Seible, Nichols, and Loftus. Absent: Dewater and Walker. Quorum present.

Seible/Nichols to approve the July 5, 2017 agenda. Ayes-Three. Motion carried.

Loftus/Seible to approve the following items on the July 5, 2017 Consent Agenda: a. Approval of June 20, 2017 regular meeting minutes and June 28, 2017 special meeting minutes. b. Liquor License: i. Evansdale Amvets Post #31, Expires 07/21/17. Roll call vote: Ayes-Three.

Presentation by Chris Fereday with PDCM Insurance – FY2018 Property Casualty Insurance. Chris explained coverage limits to the council as well as the 12% decrease in the city's insurance costs. The decrease is accredited to a reduction in worker's compensation rates due to safety program utilized by the city.

Loftus/Seible to approve request from Fire Chief authorizing repairs to fire truck to include air brakes and replacement of several batteries in an amount not to exceed \$2,015. Ayes-Three. Motion carried.

Seible/Loftus to approve Resolution 6101 authorizing payment of bills and transfers. Roll call vote: Ayes-Three.

Seible/Loftus to approve Resolution 6102 approving preliminary plans, specifications, form of contract and preliminary cost Estimate for the 2017 Street Patching and Maintenance Project; and setting date of bid letting for July 25th, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. and of public hearing August 1, 2017 at 6:00 pm; and authorizing engineer to advertise for bids for said project. Heather with CGA gave an overview of project. Councilman Nichols questioned the project choices and stated several areas in the city that need repair that aren't being addressed. Mayor Faas responded that we would budget repairs each year going forward. Councilman Seible questioned if we would be utilizing expansion joints when patching. Heather responded yes. Roll call vote: Ayes-Three.

Seible/Loftus to approve Resolution 6103 approving transfer from police reserves to police benefits in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 as budgeted for FY18. Roll call vote: Ayes-Three.

Loftus/Seible to approve Resolution 6104 setting the date for sale of General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2017A and Taxable General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2017B and authorizing the use of a preliminary official statement in connection therewith. Roll call vote: Ayes-Two. Nays-One (Nichols). Motion failed.

Loftus/Seible to accept and place on file the FY2016 Audit Report. Councilman Seible questioned the comments regarding segregation of duties. Mayor Faas responded the city has always had the comments and probably always will as our staff is small. Ayes-Three. Motion carried.

Seible/Loftus to approve Ordinance 654 amending Chapter 52, Subsection, Weeds of the Evansdale Code of Ordinances by changing the language and definitions, in its first reading. The mayor explained the change in language. Roll call vote: Ayes-Three.

Seible/Loftus to approve Ordinance 655 amending Chapter 136, Subsection, Sidewalk Regulations, of the

Evansdale Code of Ordinances by changing the language and definitions, in its first reading. Roll call vote: Ayes-Three.

Loftus/Seible to approve request from Knights of Columbus to hold Tootsie Roll Drive collection point on August 4th and 5th, 2017 at intersections of Lafayette/Evans Rd and River Forest Rd./Gilbert Ave. Ayes-Three. Motion carried.

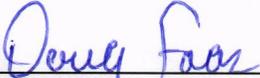
Discussion: Fireworks Ordinance. The Mayor explained the ruling passed by the state and explained that in our first year of the passage that we had received several complaints. John Peverill, 543 East End Ave., several bottle rockets on his porch, cause for concern. Councilman Seible would like to see the time allowed shortened down to five (5) days from June 30<sup>th</sup> to July 4<sup>th</sup>. Chief Jensen stated that people don't care what time they set them off and until we can enforce it with a municipal infraction, it will continue. Seible also stated that if we publish notice of times in local news and in courier it would help with public awareness. Councilman Nichols agreed on the reduction of time as well as Councilman Loftus. Mark Atkins, 909 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, fireworks has ruined my dog's quality of life; some fireworks are so loud that it sounds like a bomb going off. Mayor questioned council again on the dates and times. The consensus of the council was to limit the times the residents would be able to utilize fireworks from June 30<sup>th</sup> through July 4<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. and December 28<sup>th</sup> to Jan 1<sup>st</sup>. The exceptions being until 11:00 p.m. on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and 12:30 a.m. on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January.

Public discussion: non-agenda items. Nicole Huse, 470 River Forest Road, questioned the city utilizing social media to get the word out to the residents. Mayor Faas responded that the city does not have the staff to monitor a Facebook page. John Peverill, 343 East End Ave., questioned the possibility of a flashing red light at Dubuque Road and Evans Rd. when a train is on the railway. Mayor Faas responded that it is mandated by the railroad that the light remain solid red when a train is on the tracks. Mark Brown, 105 Elk Run Street, Elk Run Heights, questioned if the large lot behind his home on in the Prairie Addition would be mowed. The Mayor responded that he would have Code Enforcement touch base with owner again. Mark Atkins, 909 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. questioned repairs on his street to alleviate water coming into his garage. Mayor responded that it is addressed in the 2017 Street Patching and Maintenance Project.

Mayor/Council Reports: Mayor Faas discussed project start dates, Community Days event to include: Fireman's dance, fireworks, parade, kid's events, mud volley ball, Ted's barbecue, breakfast at Amvets, community worship service, fun run, and H2O fights with the volunteer fire department. Councilman Nichols questioned the scrub brush around Meyers Lake not being cared for. Councilman Seible stated that the truck traffic was getting heavy again. Mayor responded that the signs would be going up soon. Marcus Norman, Volunteer Fire Dept. stated that additional parking for the Community Days would be located at the old Jewitt school parking lot, St. Marks parking lot, and Meyers Lake parking lot.

There being no further discussion, Loftus/Seible to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 p.m. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

  
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Doug Faas, Mayor

  
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DeAnne Kobliska, City Clerk

