

CITY HALL
EVANSDALE, IOWA, JULY 18, 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, Walker, Loftus, and Dewater. Quorum present.

Nichols/Loftus to approve the July 18, 2017 agenda. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Walker/Loftus to approve the following items on the July 18, 2017 Consent Agenda: a. Approval of July 5, 2017 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 (June), Building Inspection Report (June), Clerk/Treasurer Report (June), Code Enforcement Report (June), Evansdale Municipal Housing (June), Library (June), Parks & Rec Dept. (June), Planning & Zoning (June), Police Dept. (June), Storm Water Commission (n/a), and Water Works (June). Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Loftus/Dewater to approve Resolution 6105 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. Maggie Burger with Speer Financial discussed the preliminary official statement, what she has seen with finance rates, and the date for sale of general obligation corporate purpose bonds. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

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.

Walker/Seible to approve Resolution 6106 authorizing payment of bills and transfers. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Dewater/Walker to approve request from Evansdale Youth Sports Association for fireworks permit for July 26, 2017 on property located at Evansdale Youth Sports Complex. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Loftus/Walker to approve request from Police Chief to purchase 2017 Ford Explorer Police vehicle from Charles Garbus Ford in the amount of \$29,486.50 as budgeted for FY18. Councilman Seible questioned the cost for the graphic wrap. Chief Jensen responded that he hasn't received a quote yet. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Seible/Walker to approve request from Police Chief to purchase new equipment from Racom in an amount of \$8,706 as budgeted for FY18. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Seible/Walker to approve request from Police Chief to dispose of 2008 Crown Vic in an amount of \$1,000. Motion failed for lack of vote. The council requested the vehicle be listed on eBay.

Seible/Walker to approve request from Public Works Director to make necessary repairs to Lafayette Road between Knudson Dr. and Heather Ave. in an amount not to exceed \$3,150. Councilman Seible questioned if the city would repair the other portion of Lafayette at the same time. The Mayor responded no. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Dewater to approve the request to replace light fixtures in Library as quoted by Black Hawk Electric in an amount not to exceed \$11,970 as budgeted for FY18 (Rebate from MidAmerican Energy in the amount of \$2,100). Councilman Nichols questioned the cost. Councilman Seible requested an additional quote.

Motion failed for lack of second.

Loftus/Walker to approve request to install 3 handicap access automatic door operators at City Hall in an amount not to exceed \$6,255 as budgeted for FY18. Mayor Faas stated ADA compliance. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Walker/Dewater to authorize Mayor to sign Memorandum of Understanding and grant application with INRCOG for grant writing services for REAP grant for the Meyers Lake Shoreline Rehabilitation Project, Phase II in an amount not to exceed \$1,000. Mayor Faas stated that the second phase will include the lake wall at Meyers Lake. Tom Nichols, 616 Grand Blvd., questioned if the street department could repair the wall. Mayor Faas responded no. Councilman Seible wasn't in favor of the project. Ayes-Three. Nays-Two (Seible, Nichols). Motion carried.

Seible/Walker to approve request from Public Works Director to purchase repair parts for the i380 flood lift gate from Waterman Industries in the amount of \$2,763 with freight not to exceed \$600. Councilman Nichols questioned if the flood gates are maintained on a regular schedule. Chris Schares, Public Works Director, responded yes. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Seible/Walker to approve request from Public Works Director to repair hard drive on pump #2 at Arbutus lift station in the amount of \$3,110. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Loftus/Dewater to approve Ordinance 654 amending Chapter 52, Subsection, Weeds of the Evansdale Code of Ordinances by changing the language and definitions, in its second reading. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

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 second reading. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

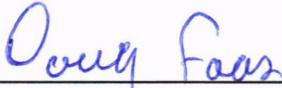
Loftus/Seible to approve Ordinance 656 amending the Evansdale Code of Ordinances by adding Chapter 48, Fireworks, in its first reading. Mayor Faas discussed being consistent with the cities of Waterloo and Cedar Falls on our fireworks ordinance, which would amend the current ordinance by changing the start time from nine to noon on the days they are allowed. Councilman Dewater stated that we could also ban them completely. Mayor Faas read a statement from Chief Trelka, Waterloo Police Dept. stating a complete ban would leave the department overwhelmed by firework calls. Mark Atkins, 909 3rd Ave., wasn't in favor of allowing fireworks. Loraine Atkins, 625 River Forest Rd., stated that ordinance changes should be published in the paper to let the public know. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Public discussion: non-agenda items. John Peverill, 343 East End Ave., stated that the city needs to be careful when listing merchandise on eBay. Loraine Atkins, 625 River Forest Rd., questioned what the city spent acquiring the two properties on Lafayette Road. Mayor Faas responded that the price was discussed in an open meeting and the information was given to the Courier, but wasn't printed. He also stated the purchase information as follows: purchase of 3573 Lafayette Road was \$120,000, just short of \$1,000 for asbestos testing and under \$1,000 to have asbestos removed, and \$17,500 for the demolition of the building. Purchase of 3547-3553 Lafayette Road was \$99,000, plus \$20,000 relocation fees; just short of \$1,000 for asbestos testing and just short of \$8,000 for asbestos removal. The city hasn't sought bids for the demolition, but would expect it to be about the same as 3573 Lafayette Road. Mark Atkins, 909 3rd Ave., stated that fireworks have landed in an Oak tree in the heights. He also questioned if we are following the building ordinance for sprinkler systems in local businesses. Mayor Faas responded that we are following the international building code; industrial buildings must be sprinkled and commercial buildings with a certain square footage are also required. Mr. Atkins also stated that the drainage design engineered in front of his house is not acceptable. The Mayor stated that he would have the engineer get a hold of him.

Mayor/Council Reports: Mayor Faas discussed project updates, siren testing 7/20/17; Eilers will be out on August 1st, will start marketing soon. Councilman Seible questioned the curb replacement at 375 Wema and the issue with the easement and why it hasn't been addressed. Mayor Faas responded that on several occasions he had talked with Smitty and will discuss it again with him. Councilman Seible stated that he checked with the state auditor on passing a resolution to amend the city code of ordinance regarding the removal of city owned trees and they stated it wasn't legal and he wanted the resolution rescinded. Councilman Nichols stated a resolution can't supersede an ordinance. Mayor Faas responded that the point of the resolution was to give the street crew, as time allowed, the authority to remove trees. Mark Atkins, 909 3rd Ave., questioned handicap access on the Grand Blvd. sidewalk project. Mayor Faas responded that it was inspected by the DOT. Councilman Dewater stated that the council chose not to make repairs to the Bellefontain section of Grand Blvd. Seible stated to council that he wanted their support to finish the bridge project at Meyers Lake. Tom Nichols, 616 Grand Blvd., stated that the project has been delayed as the engineer has been unresponsive. Councilman Dewater questioned why the park board didn't hire their own engineer. Nichols responded that he wasn't aware he could hire an outside engineer. Seible stated that he would like Jerry Shoff to attend the next meeting and explain to council the progress of the bridge project.

There being no further discussion, Dewater/Loftus to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m. Motion carried.

ATTEST:



Doug Faas, Mayor



DeAnne Kobliska, City Clerk

