

CITY HALL
EVANSDALE, IOWA, JULY 21, 2020
CITY COUNCIL
TROY BEATTY, 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: Walker, Beam, Dewater, Seible, and Bender. Councilor Beam arrived at 6: 05 p.m. Quorum present.

Mayor Beatty took a moment to acknowledge the passing of Bennie Johnson who had been the Plant Manager for the Evansdale Water Works for over twenty-two years and wished peace for Bennie and his family at this time.

Dewater/Seible to approve the July 21, 2020 agenda. Ayes-Five. Motion carried

Public Discussion: Janee Oleson, 121 Wema Ave., stated that she had received a warning due to having over the limit of two garage sales this year. She stated that she had 3 estates to liquidate and desired to resolve the issue so she could continue to sell her goods. Councilor Seible questioned the length of time she would need to liquidate the estates. Mayor Beatty read the ordinance pertaining to garage/yard sales stating that a resident could only have two annually not lasting more than 96 hours. Councilor Bender suggested that she hold off until the city-wide garage sale as there is a lot more traffic. Councilor Beam stated that the neighbors would be more compliant if there were an end date in mind. Councilor Walker stated that parking had been an issue during the garage sale. Mayor Beatty stated that no action would take place tonight, however, it could be placed on the next agenda. Kevin Daringer, 349 Central Ave., addressed the council regarding the EYSA complex and how it was being operated. He stated that he had been a part of the organization as coaching staff and his children and now his grandchildren have been active in the organization for over twenty years. He also stated that a petition would be started to have the current EYSA administration removed. Tom Nichols, Park & Rec Chair, stated that he had heard several complaints regarding the organization, but our hands are tied due to the city's agreement. Nichols also stated that the agreement needed to be reviewed upon its expiration. Scott Morris, 100 Oakwood, stated that he heard a boat ramp was going to be installed at the opening of the creek on the Cedar River, off River Road, and that he wasn't in favor of the location and thought the city should reconsider the location of placement.

Beam/Dewater to approve the following items on the July 21, 2020 consent agenda. a. Approval of June 2, 2020 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 (n/a), Police Dept. (June), Storm Water Commission (n/a), and Water Works (June). Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Walker/Beam to approve request from City Clerk to purchase server in the amount of \$12,615.62 (City share \$6,307.81) to be shared by 50% with Water Works as budgeted for FY21. Councilor Seible questioned how often the server would need replacement. Clerk Kobliska stated approximately every five to six years. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Dewater/Seible to approve request from City Clerk to sign an annual agreement with Computer Troubleshooters in the amount of \$7,290 for IT services for City Hall, Public Works, and Wastewater as budgeted for FY21. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Beam/Seible to approve appointment of Gary Hansen to the Library Board with term ending 06/30/2025. Jan Nichols, Library Board President, stated her concern with Mr. Hansen being re-appointed to the Library Board as when his term was up last year he stated, which was quoted in our minutes, that he no longer enjoyed being a part of the library board. Councilor Bender questioned why the library employees were given a 3% raise. Nichols responded that the City Clerk stated that 3% was budgeted. However, the amount budgeted wasn't enough to cover the increase. Bender also questioned if Dick Clements received notification. Mayor Beatty responded that Mr. Clements had been notified and that he had another individual that he wanted to appoint to the board. Bender stated that the rumor is that Mr. Hansen ruffled some feathers, potentially a conflict of interest, and that four board members prefer that Mr. Hansen not return to the board. Mayor Beatty responded that Mr. Hansen, during budget protest last year, was the only one on the board that spoke up. Hansen had a voice and was interested in reducing the budget instead of increasing the budget. The Mayor also stated that the tax payers of this city own the library and the board should consider them when making decisions for the library. Councilor Beam stated that several people had contacted him stating that the library employees had treated them well and that they wanted to have a library in Evansdale. Mary Kettwig, Library Board member, stated that Mr. Hansen didn't speak for the whole board, and should have spoken with library board members before representing the library. Councilor Seible stated that there needed to be diversity on all boards. He also stated that he was told that several of the board members were going to resign if Mr. Hansen was appointed. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Beam/Seible to approve New Liquor License: Evansdale Chamber of Commerce – Effective date 08/08/2020. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Walker/Seible to open Public Hearing: Purchase of Property at 7:03 p.m. Janee Oleson, 121 Wema, questioned where property was located. Mayor Beatty responded that it was 64 acres east of town. Tom Nichols, 615 Grand, questioned what the property would be used for. Mayor Beatty responded commercial development. The Mayor also stated that he had reached out to both the City of Waterloo and the City of Cedar Falls to discuss commercial development and would meet with them in the next week or so. Walker/Seible to close public hearing at 7:07 p.m. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Beam/Seible to approve Resolution 6431 approving the proposed purchase of property. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Dewater/Seible to approve Resolution 6432 authorizing payment of bills and transfers. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Walker/Beam to approve Resolution 6433 approving property tax abatement for 920 Brookside Avenue. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Seible/Beam to table the consideration of repair costs to 1995 Bucket Truck. Councilor Seible was not in support of fixing the bucket truck. Councilor Beam stated that due to the trucks age, it may not be beneficial to repair. Council agreed to review all information and cost estimates once they were received. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Seible/Beam to approve request for formal approval of repairs to the CPU at the WWTP not to exceed \$2,500 with Automatic Systems (approved 07/08/2020). Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Walker/Dewater to approve request from City Clerk to authorize payment in the amount of \$2,411 to Operation Threshold as budgeted for FY21. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Beam/Bender to approve request from City Clerk to authorize payment in the amount of \$2,500 to Boys & Girls Club as budgeted for FY21. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Seible/Beam to approve Ordinance 672 approving the repeal of Ordinance Chapter 82 - Off-Road Utility Vehicles, 2nd reading. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Walker/Seible Motion to waive third reading. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Walker/Dewater Motion to adopt the repeal of Ordinance Chapter 82. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Walker/Dewater to approve Ordinance 673 amending Chapter 81 - Golf Carts, 1st reading. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Dewater/Walker Motion to waive second and third reading for Ordinance 673. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Walker/Beam Motion to adopt Ordinance 673. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Seible/Beam to approve Ordinance 674 amending Chapter 75 - All-Terrain Vehicles, Utility Vehicles, Off-Road Motorcycles and Snowmobiles in its 1st Reading as amended by changing the hours of operation to 6:00 a.m. through 10:00 p.m. Roll call vote: Ayes-Three. Nays-Two. (Bender & Walker). Motion carried.

Walker/Dewater Motion to waive second and third reading. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Beam/Walker Motion to adopt. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Walker/Beam to table the consideration of the Community Response Center – Basement Water Intrusion. Mayor Beatty stated that he was still working with the engineers on the available options to the city. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Council to consider parking in grass ordinance: Tom Nichols, 615 Grand Blvd., read through a copy of a possible ordinance for council to consider. Nichols also recommended that the citizens be involved in updating some of the city's ordinances.

Mayor Beatty tabled the council consideration of the monthly Water Works service fee and use of city equipment.

Mayor/Council Reports: Mayor Beatty discussed the Lafayette Rd. reconstruction project and that we had an exhibit showing a detailed view of what the final project would look like and will have it on the next agenda. Councilor Beam stated that Animal Control Officer Adams had discussed the need for a cooling system for the animal retention area at the street department. Public Works Director Chris Schares stated that his was reviewing for a solution at this time and would track the temperature in the building but there were other, less expensive, ways to cool the area.

There being no further discussion, Seible/Bender to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Troy Beatty, Mayor

DeAnne Kobliska, City Clerk