

CITY HALL
EVANSDALE, IOWA, AUGUST 2, 2016
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, Dewater, Loftus, Walker, and Nichols. Quorum present.

Nichols/Seible to approve the August 2, 2016 agenda. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Dewater/Seible to approve the following items on the August 2, 2016 consent agenda with the exception of item a) Approval of July 19, 2016 regular meeting minutes. b) Liquor license renewals: Casey's General Store #1084-Expires 09/03/2016 and Pronto Market-Expires 09/14/2016. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Loftus/Seible to approve the July 19, 2016 regular meeting minutes as amended by changing the roll call vote to nay-one (Nichols) on the request from public works director to purchase rock and engage Frickson to road grade Dubuque and Gilbertville Roads, and change the motion to adjourn made by Walker/Loftus. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Dewater/Walker to approve Resolution 5979 authorizing payment of bills and transfers. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Dewater/Loftus to approve Resolution 5980 approving School Resource Officer contract for FY2017. Mayor Faas explained that the Waterloo schools cut funding by 25% from \$41,666 to \$31,249.50. We have amended the contract from 40 hours per week to 30 hours per week. Councilman Nichols questioned overtime. Mayor Faas responded that the officer, if called to work in the evening, takes time off during the day. Councilman Dewater stated that the city used to provide the service at no cost to the school district. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Nays-One (Nichols). Motion carried.

Walker/Dewater to approve Resolution 5981 fixing compensation for City employee Brian Wirtz for FY2017. Councilman Nichols questioned income verses expense. Mayor Faas stated that last year's revenue was over \$50,000 and that we are on track to do a minimum of the same this year. Nichols also requested a summary of the total benefit package for the position. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Dewater/Seible to approve Resolution 5982 authorizing the destruction of City records. Councilman Seible questioned the destruction of records. City Clerk, Kobliska stated that we follow the State of Iowa records retention policy and that accounts payable records can be destroyed every five years. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Loftus/Seible to approve request to replace (23) city hall light fixtures with LED fixtures in an amount of \$4,795 as budgeted for FY17 (MidAmerican Energy offers a rebate in the amount of \$1,370). Councilman Seible questioned the cost difference from when we replace lighting earlier this year. Mayor Faas explained that 11 fixtures are retro-fit and 12 lights have to have new fixtures installed. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Discussion/possible action: Sale of Lot #3 on Doris Drive. Mayor Faas stated we received an offer in the amount of \$50,000 with an earnest check in the amount of \$1,000. We have had several inquiries in the last couple of years, but no other offers as of right now. Lot three (3) is currently assessed at \$67,250. Councilman Nichols questioned if the parking lot will be paved. Faas responded yes. Edin Arnaut, with Echotrans, stated that they would pave the parking lot. Councilman Dewater stated that the offer is a good offer.

Dewater/Walker to approve Resolution 5983 Setting Date of Public Hearing for the sale of city owned property pursuant to Iowa code chapter 364.7. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Nichols/Loftus to approve an extension for D & K Properties, LLC in regards to mowing complaint invoice dated 07/27/16 by extending the date from August 3, 2016 to August 12, 2016. Mayor Faas explained the effort made to contact land owner in regards to several complaints for weeds. Chad Deutsch, 227 Trail Ave., explained that the land in question is 18 acres of land that he has leased out to Roger a local farmer to harvest for hay. He hasn't been able to harvest the hay due to rain. Chad also stated that he was working with code enforcement to mow and clean areas that were close to existing lots. Councilman Nichols asked if he had a copy of the lease. Chad responded no. Councilman Dewater asked when it would be mowed. Roger stated that he needs four days without rain. Councilman Nichols stated that other residents are expected to comply with our weed ordinance and that we have to be consistent with all residents. Dewater questioned if Weichers mowed the area while they owned it. Mayor Faas responded yes. Councilman Walker stated that he always mowed his field that was within city limits. Dewater questioned if a field within city limits needs to be mowed. Nichols said the code should apply to everyone. Councilman Seible stated that we have a code of ordinance and we should enforce it. Dewater stated that the code of ordinance is a guideline, we have the authority to be flexible. It was the consensus of the council to extend the mowing of the weeds another 10 days. Ayes-Four. Nays-One (Seible). Motion carried.

Public discussion – non agenda items: John Peverill, 543 East End Ave., asked for a River Forest Road Project update and expected completion date. Ryan Fischer, Shoff Engineering, stated that the soil is still wet underneath, but looking to lay concrete on Friday and project timeline is 90 working days. Al Chidester, 176 River Forest Rd., wanted to compliment the companies working on the project as they are doing a magnificent job. He also questioned the replacement of his driveway. Ryan explained that it would be a change order and that there wasn't a lot of difference in price between concrete and asphalt.

Glenda Jones, Pronto Market, 3452 Lafayette Road, expressed concern with their west entrance being removed. She explained that she has had several conversations with the mayor and Shoff Engineering and understands that since it is a federally funded project the curb has to be placed on the west side of their parking lot, however, she was under the understanding that once the project was completed that they could cut the curb to allow additional entrance and found out from Shoff that it would not be allowed. Mayor Faas explained that 56' of their south entrance will remain but the portion going forward has to be curbed. He also explained that our ordinance states anything outside out of the R-1 zone has to come council for a curb cut. Councilman Dewater expressed concern with the city installing a curb and then making the owners of the Pronto Market come to council to approve a curb cut and having them pay for it, and thinks the city should be more accommodating. Councilman Nichols expressed a concern with turning safety at that intersection. Councilman Walker stated that there is not adequate parking currently. Loraine Atkins, 625 River Forest Rd., expressed her concern with federal guidelines on these projects and how it affects the residents living there.

Terry Shepard, 1534 Longfellow Waterloo, wanted to thank the mayor and council for letting him sit in on a council meeting as he wanted to hear some of the concerns from the smaller communities in Black Hawk County as he is running for County Supervisor.

Mayor/Council Reports: Mayor Faas wanted to give a heartfelt thank you to everyone who was a part of the Evansdale Community Days. Councilman Seible questioned if core samples have been taken on Evans Rd. Ryan Fischer, Shoff Engineering said they would be taken within a couple weeks. Seible also stated that we discussed developing a 5 year economic development plan back in February, we haven't made any plans to proceed. He also questioned what the Cedar Valley Alliance has been doing for our city.

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

ATTEST:

Doug Faas, Mayor

DeAnne Kobliska, City Clerk