

CITY HALL
EVANSDALE, IOWA, AUGUST 6, 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: Bender, Walker, Loftus, Dewater, and Seible. Quorum present.

Loftus/Dewater to approve August 6, 2019 agenda. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Dewater/Seible to approve the following items on the July 2, 2019 consent agenda. a. Approval of July 16, 2019 regular meeting minutes. b. Liquor License Renewal: Casey's General Store #2864-BC0029504-effective 12/28/2019; c. Liquor license Renewal: The Watering Hole-LC0042852-effective 08/22/2019; d. Liquor License Ownership Change: Casey's General Store #1084 and #2864. e. Request from Amvets #31 to hold annual white clover fund raise on August 30th & 31st at the intersections of Lafayette/Evans Rd and River Forest Rd/W. Gilbert Ave. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Walker/Dewater to approve the Fiscal Year 2018 Audit. Kelly Hilton, State Auditor's Office, explained to council that the city had a healthy fund balance even after completing 2.5 million dollars in construction projects for fiscal year 2018. Receipts were up and spending was down by 5%. There were no major findings, errors or concerns. We did recommend that friends of the library and the fire association include their budgets with the city's. She also stated that the audit was performed by a team of 3-4 auditors, after that it is reviewed by a manager, a deputy, then the state house where the auditor staff reviews. Councilor Dewater questioned so the city has a clean bill of health. Hilton responded yes. Mark Atkins, 909 3rd Ave., questioned the friends of the library comment. Ms. Hilton responded that the budget records need to be included with the city records. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Seible/Dewater to approve rescinding Resolution 6334. Seible questioned rescinding the resolution. Mayor Faas responded that we were out of the jurisdiction for the processing of the conduit bond for the Lutheran Home. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Dewater/Loftus to approve Resolution 6337 authorizing payment of bills and transfers. Councilor Seible questioned the invoices over spending authorization for the road use department. Chris Schares, Public Works Director responded that he initially had work completed but there was a list of other items that needed to be repaired so the vehicle was left at the shop and it was completed two days later. Tammy Causevic, 1770 Timberline Dr., questioned the invoice to Black Hawk Waste disposal and questioned how the city spent additional funds received. Clerk Kobliska responded that funds were spent on the city-wide spring clean-up, postage, waste receptacles placed at other locations around the city, and garbage cart replacement as the current garbage carts are expiring and the city was replacing garbage carts as needed. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Nays-One. (Seible).

Walker/Dewater to approve Resolution 6338 approving tax abatement for 198 Miner Drive. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Dewater/Bender to approve Resolution 6339 approving the final plat for Deerwood Park Estates. Councilor Seible questioned the passage of the final plat as the code states it should be within 12 months of passing the preliminary plat and it's been over a 1 ½ years since we approved the preliminary plat. Monica Smith, Robinson Engineering, responded that the process has taken longer due to initial company that worked on the plats, delays from previous engineer for the city relaying final findings of said plat and was doing their best given the circumstances. Mayor Faas stated that the preliminary plat did not change from its original approval date and that it was up to council to approve. Mike Brustkern questioned if the council would demand that he start the process over as he wasn't willing to continue

the project if it were delayed. Councilor Walker stated that as council we have the authority to overrule ordinances if the council agrees to do so. Seible stated that we should follow the ordinances that we set forth. Mayor Faas responded that in the past two council meetings there were two ordinances that were not followed but overruled. Ron Nichols, 1120 Evans, stated that the DOT would disagree with this project due to the amount of traffic at the intersection. Mayor Faas responded that the DOT had no jurisdiction within the city limits. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Dewater/Seible to approve Resolution 6340 approving Memorandum of Agreement with Lee Corkery for parcels 8912-32-251-040 and 8912-32-251-033. Mayor Faas stated that they would be utilizing the land for the storage of finished materials and Corkery would be responsible for survey and recording fees. Lee Corkery questioned if the roadways would be separated from the parcel in question. Mayor Faas responded that the area would need to be re-surveyed. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Walker/Loftus to approve Resolution 6341 approving a Memorandum of Agreement with Rodney & Dona Frickson for a utility easement in the Frickson 3rd Addition. Mayor Faas stated that the utilities for the development would be public, but the road would be private, and the city would need an easement for repairs. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Walker/Bender to approve Resolution 6342 approving a Memorandum of Agreement with Rodney & Dona Frickson for a proposed residential development agreement. Mayor Faas stated that the city would offer incentives up to \$63,000 for each phase of the project for the public portion of the infrastructure. The pay back to the city, if we utilize tax increment financing, would take approximately 1.9 years if condo is assessed at \$400-450,000 for full unit. Councilor Dewater stated that the development cost is very economical. He also questioned if the purchaser would be eligible for the city's abatement program. Mayor Faas responded yes, the purchaser would be eligible for the abatement program. Faas also stated that we may utilize general funds if the urban renewal area wasn't producing enough revenue to certify the debt but would address that if needed. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Dewater/Seible to approve Resolution 6343 approving application to The Guernsey Foundation for Law Enforcement Body Cams/Squad Camera Equipment and authorizing the Mayor to sign said document. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Bender/Dewater to approve Resolution 6344 approving application to Black Hawk Gaming Association for Law Enforcement Uniform Vests and authorizing the Mayor to sign said document as budgeted for FY20. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Seible/Walker to approve request from Mayor to send out Request for Proposals for audio equipment for the Council Chambers. Councilor Seible requested that an audio quote be received as well. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Seible/Bender to approve request from Public Works Director to replace the curb at N Evans Road and Lafayette Road with B & B Builders in the amount of \$4,705 and replace intake at the corner of Central Ave., and Evans Rd. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Public discussion: non-agenda items: Tammy Causevic, 1770 Timberline Drive, questioned if the storm water outlets in the Timber Creek addition would be repaired. Mayor Faas responded that they are on the list of outlets to be repaired. Bill Nichols, 221 Oakwood, questioned if law enforcement would patrol more frequently in the Casebeer Heights area as there was a lot of activity going on. Loraine Atkins, 715 Central Ave., #203, stated that engineers involved with city projects should be given a copy of our zoning ordinance regarding plating in our city, so they know our process. She also stated that the sidewalk behind the library needed to be repaired. Mark Atkins requested meeting time be changed to 7:00 p.m. Doug Thorn, 125 Heather, questioned if open burning could be limited on a scheduled basis instead of allowing open burning continuously. Mayor Faas responded that we have

addressed with council, but we haven't made any decisions at this time. Councilor Dewater stated that he wouldn't mind a limitation to the open burning of yard waste. Bill Nichols, 221 Oakwood, stated that people were burning wet grass and it would smolder for 3-4 days. Tammy Causevic, 1770 Timberline Drive, requested that the council didn't limit recreational fires. Dona Frickson, 911 Central Ave., stated that people burning in the early morning hours were possibly covering something else up.

Mayor/Council Reports: Mayor Faas gave an update on the sump pump ordinance inspections. The city has inspected 174 homes out of 197 that were mailed out and only 10 of which are not in compliance. He also stated that the library has received accreditation from the State of Iowa for the first time since opening and a special thanks to Library Director Jensen for the achievement. He also wanted to give a special thanks to all the volunteers that helped with the Community Days as follows: Evansdale firefighters for the fireworks event, administration and coordination of the parade; Evansdale police department for traffic control and law enforcement during the event; public works department for placement of barricades and tear down and clean-up; all the businesses that donated funds for the events and the Evansdale Chamber and committee for all of their help again this year. We cannot do it without all of you helping. Councilor Seible questioned why a homeowner's plumber was told that he had to have a city employee inspect their house on Norma when the letter and code clearly states that the homeowner can hire a plumber to complete the inspection. Mayor Faas responded that he wasn't aware of anyone asking for one of the city's forms but would check into it. Councilor Dewater stated that the property at 945 Mc Coy Road had really been cleaned up. Faas responded that we will continue to drive by to ensure the property owners complied. Seible questioned what the process was if they are not in compliance. Mayor Faas said they would start receiving citations and possibly lead to removing business from the city.

There being no further discussion, Loftus/Seible to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Doug Faas, Mayor

DeAnne Kobliska, City Clerk