

CITY HALL  
EVANSDALE, IOWA, AUGUST 18, 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: Dewater, Seible, Bender, Walker, and Beam. Quorum present.

Seible/Walker to approve the August 18, 2020 agenda as amended by removing item 10 – request from Lyle Hillman. Ayes-Five. Motion carried

Dewater/Seible to approve the following items on the August 18, 2020 consent agenda. a. Approval of August 4, 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 (July), Building Inspection Report (July), Clerk/Treasurer Report (July), Code Enforcement Report (July), Evansdale Municipal Housing (n/a), Library (July), Parks & Rec Dept. (July), Planning & Zoning (n/a), Police Dept. (July), Storm Water Commission (n/a), and Water Works (July). c. Request from Amvets #31 to hold annual white clover fundraiser on September 11th & 12th at the intersections of Lafayette Rd/Evans Rd and River Forest Rd/W. Gilbert Dr. d. Appointment: Civil Service Commission (Appointed by Mayor approved by Council) Rick Reuter—with term ending 06/30/2024; Chad Deutsch—with term ending 06/30/2024; Heidi Frank—with term ending 06/30/2022. e. Amend Gary Hansen's appointment term on the Library Board to 06/30/2023. f. Formal approval of repair to wastewater/yard waste tractor in the amount not to exceed \$1,600. g. Motion to reschedule public hearing to August 24, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. on proposal to enter into a General Obligation Urban Renewal Loan Agreement and to borrow money thereunder in a principal amount not to exceed \$4,500,000. h. Resolution 6438 authorizing payment of bills and transfers. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Walker/Bender to approve request from Public Works Director to remove 9 trees/stumps with Planetary Tree Service in an amount not to exceed \$4,600. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Seible/Beam to approve request from Public Works Director to upgrade traffic lights at the corners of Evansdale Drive and Doris Drive with the City of Waterloo in an amount not to exceed \$25,000. Mayor Beatty stated that the traffic lights at the intersections of Evansdale Drive and Doris Drive have not been working correctly since they have been installed ten years ago. He also stated that it would be beneficial to have them upgraded now considering the upcoming development project. Councilor Seible questioned if it was due to upgrading or additional traffic with new business to the area. Mayor Beatty responded that it was mainly due to the lack of operation of the lights. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Seible/Beam to approve the GPS quote with Samsara in the amount of \$3,790 annually. Mayor Beatty described the different systems and what each provider, Verizon, Samsara, and GPS Insight, had to offer. He also stated that the Samsara units have a hot spot as part of every unit, which will help serve the squad cars as they utilize them currently. Councilor Beam questioned Police Chief Dean on his thoughts about the system. Chief Dean responded that he was concerned about operating securely and public record issues. Mayor Beatty responded that he had spoken to several other police departments that had the system and in the event the GPS is subpoenaed they would receive a large data file that would be difficult to decipher without the software that runs the

system. Beam also questioned if the Wi-Fi hotspot would reduce costs for the police department in the future. Dean responded that we were in the process of purchasing hot spots and wasn't sure of the outcome at this time. Councilor Dewater believed that a request for public information would be limited. Bender questioned the price difference. Beatty responded about \$1,000 annually between Verizon and Samsara. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Walker/Beam to table request from Ray's Supermarket II - 3452 Lafayette, to place a curb cut located along River Forest Rd. Yasmeen with Ray's Supermarket stated that at one point the west side of the parking lot was open and that she was requesting that side be reopened. She also stated that it was difficult to receive product and fuel. Councilor Walker responded that according to the DOT it was illegal to place a curb cut at that location, so unless the laws changed, I don't know how a cut can be placed. Yasmeen responded that she was told that there was a possibility a curb cut could be completed after the River Forest Rd. project was completed and closed. She also stated that they have curb blocks to help with the traffic and to stop people from driving through and on several occasions, they have been dragged onto the street. Mayor Beatty stated that he saw evidence of that this morning as a curb block was in the roadway. Chris Schares, Public Works, stated that the city had to remain in compliance with the curb as is until the project was completed. Councilor Seible stated that he struggled with this decision as the owners of Pronto were really struggling and we weren't allowed to make any changes to the curb at that time. Mayor Beatty stated that you can approve it tonight pending the City Engineers review of the request. Ayes-five. Motion carried.

Walker/Beam to approve request to upgrade the software on the City telephone computer and replace and upgrade Wastewater computer in an amount not to exceed \$1,088 with discount. Mayor Beatty stated that we were replacing outdated software and a 2010 model computer. Ayes-five. Motion carried.

Seible/Walker to table the consideration of hiring a Library Consultant. Mayor Beatty stated that he hadn't received all of the quotes he had requested but thought it would benefit the city to have an opinion on how we could best serve our community going into the future. Kathy Pritchard, Library Board Member, stated that Eunice at the Northeast District of the State Library was a good resource on a local and state level. Councilor Beam stated that he had been in contact with the Waterloo Library and that they were eager to serve their patrons by utilizing the internet and other resources related to online activity. Kevin Daringer stated that the Aplington Library had several computers for their local students to utilize for their homework. Mayor Beatty also stated that there were grants available for consulting purposes. Councilor Dewater stated that he was in favor of the consultant as a third-party opinion. Ayes-five. Motion carried.

Public Discussion: Non agenda items: Kevin Daringer, Central Ave., stated his concern with the EYSA ball diamond and the upkeep of City property. He also stated that the Council could terminate the agreement as the property wasn't being properly maintained and wanted Council to consider taking action as soon as possible. Steven Bender, 1762 Timberline Dr., the current administration has really run the ball diamonds into the ground. Councilor Beam commended Daringer for being involved. Councilor Dewater stated that our goal was not to punish the current administration but to improve the ball diamond for future use. Daringer responded that he wanted to see a team in place that would run the organization and make it safe and fun for the kids. Mayor Beatty stated that the city would inspect the ball diamonds and put a list together of the items the city wanted to see improved. Beam questioned if we would place on the agenda. Beatty responded that he would default to our City Attorney. Councilor Bender questioned if the city was still funding the organization or did that cease. Clerk Kobliska responded that the council had budgeted

funds but wanted proof the work was completed before they reimbursed the organization. No City funds had been donated for several years. Councilor Walker stated that Dewater and himself asked the organization if they needed help as they planned on volunteering their time and were politely told no. Janee Olson, 121 Wema Ave., stated her thanks to the Mayor and Council for approving the garage sale extension, as she had appreciated it.

Mayor/Council Reports: Mayor Beatty asked council for their input. Councilor Seible stated that he wanted to bring up the repairs again for the bucket truck as according to his records, from the council meeting November 2018, the city was saving money with the bucket truck. Councilor Walker and Dewater both stated that they wanted to repair the truck when it was placed on the agenda. Seible also questioned if posts would be placed around the new generators for protection. Chris Schares responded that the Arbutus generator had a high step that would protect the generator, but posts could be placed at the East End location. Walker questioned if the bucket truck repair could be approved tonight. Mayor Beatty responded no but would contact council by email and place on next agenda for formal approval. Walker requested a call as he doesn't receive city emails. Mayor Beatty stated that FEMA did approve the Fire Department grant in the amount of \$124,285 with city share at \$5,918.

There being no further discussion, Seible/Beam to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 p.m. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Troy Beatty, Mayor

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DeAnne Kobliska, City Clerk