

CITY HALL  
EVANSDALE, IOWA, AUGUST 20, 2013  
CITY COUNCIL  
CHAD DEUTSCH, 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. Members present in order of roll call: Walker, Miller, Dewater, and Loftus. Absent: None. Quorum present.

Walker/Loftus to approve the August 20, 2013 agenda. Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Miller/Loftus to approve the following items on the August 20, 2013 consent agenda: a) Approval of July 2, 2013 regular meeting minutes b) Resolution 5614 authorizing payment of bills and transfers c) Accept and place on file the minutes and reports from the following Boards, Departments and Commissions (n/a = Not Available): Treasurer/Expense Report (July), Police Dept (July), Library Minutes (July), Library Statistics (July), Library Circulation Report (July), Building Inspector (July), EWW Minutes (July), EWW Treasurers Report (July), Parks Minutes (n/a), Fire Dept (July), Ambulance (July), Evansdale Municipal Housing (July), Cable TV Commission (n/a), Planning & Zoning (n/a) Hardship & Grievance (July) d) Liquor license renewals: Pronto Market – expires 09/14/13, Kroeger’s Liquor, LLC– expires 09/20/13, Pilot Travel Center #637– 10/19/2013. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Walker/Miller to approve Police Chief Smock’s request to dispose of old computer equipment. Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Disposal of Equipment

Loftus/Walker to approve Police Chief Smock’s request to send Part-time Officer Nathan Monter to Iowa Law Enforcement Academy. Councilman Loftus asked if the department is low on help. Smock responded yes, and with the Affordable Healthcare Act requiring that employers offer health insurance to employees with a 30-hour or more work week, there is a need to have more officers to work fewer hours per week. Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

ILBA

Walker/Loftus to open the public hearing at 6:03 p.m. concerning the sale of City property located at 115 Joy Drive. Ayes-Four. Motion carried. Proof of publication received and on file. There were no written comments received prior to the meeting. The Mayor reported there were four sealed bids received for the proposed sale and development of said City property. City Clerk Walters opened the sealed bids. City Attorney Craig Ament recapped the bid amounts received as follows: \$3,001, \$7,025, \$7,500, and \$10,000. The high bid of \$10,000, submitted by AC Investments, LLC, included a \$2,500 deposit and \$1,000 earnest fee, as requested in the publication requesting bids. Jacob Makedonksi asked if there was preference in awarding the sale to homeowners versus investment property owners. Ament responded no and that everyone was provided a development agreement and the same parameters to follow. Robert McDaniel stated that he submitted a proposal and asked for his deposit and earnest check to be returned. The City Clerk returned his check. Walker/Miller to close the public hearing at 6:13 p.m. after no further comments was received. Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Public Hearing-Sale of 115 Joy Dr.

Loftus/Dewater to approve Resolution 5623 approving a development agreement and sale of city property located at 115 Joy Drive to AC Investments, LLC in the amount of \$10,000. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Res. 5623  
115 Joy Dr.

Walker/Loftus to open the public hearing at 6:14 p.m. concerning the 2013 Street Reconstruction project. Ayes-Four. Motion carried. Proof of publication received and on file. There were no written comments received prior to the meeting. The Mayor reported that the project involves the reconstruction of the following intersections: Arbutus Ave/Fran St., Lake Shore/W. Gilbert Ave., Lafayette Rd/Roosevelt, and patching on Lafayette at two locations. He added that Stickfort Construction was the low bidder with a bid of \$148,445.01. Loftus/Walker to close the public hearing at 6:17 p.m. after no further comments was received. Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Public Hearing-2013 Street Reconstruction Project

Dewater/Walker to approve Resolution 5624 approving final plans, specifications, and form of contract for the 2013 Street Reconstruction Project. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Res. 5624  
Street Reconstruction

Loftus/Walker to approve Resolution 5625 accepting Fran Street Subdivision improvements. Councilman Loftus asked if the City Engineer recommended acceptance. The Mayor responded that though the street has been complete for several years, the City Engineer Jerry Shoff pointed out that there were sub drain issues. As a result, the owners have corrected the problem by installing a sub drain and therefore, Shoff recommends acceptance. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Res. 5625  
Fran Street

Fire Chief Kent Smock informed the Council that he received three job applications in response to the full-time paramedic position that was discussed at the last Council meeting. He explained that the department would be losing two of the three EMT’s that currently cover the day shift but was unable to find replacement volunteers to fill the shift and as a result, contacted the City of Waterloo for assistance in covering the day shift. The City of Waterloo, however, responded that it didn’t have the staff and couldn’t provide coverage. Smock stated that he also looked into hiring Covenant Medical Center to provide coverage but would cost around \$70,000 per year, however the City could hire a full-time paramedic for \$50,000-\$60,000 per year, which includes salary and benefits and the position could maintain the building and grounds during non-peak times.

Full-time Paramedic position

John Peverill raised several objections to the hiring of the full-time position stating that he is aware that there are three individuals willing to serve as volunteers during the daytime hours. The Mayor responded that those three individuals were contacted with no success. He was also concerned that the current volunteers would quit leaving the department with a shortage during all times of day.

After considerable discussion on whether or not to hire a full-time paramedic, the Mayor explained that no solutions had been presented that hadn't already been pursued. He added that though it's costly and an uncomfortable decision to make, the goal is to provide emergency service and would be more uncomfortable explaining to a loved one of the deceased why an ambulance didn't show up.

Dewater/Walker to approve the hiring of a full-time paramedic at a salary of \$38,000 plus benefits. City Clerk Walters stated that the work comp premium would cost about \$10,000 more per year if the position includes fire fighting. Smock responded that the position would be strictly ambulance and not include fire fighting. Councilman Walker stated that he would like to see Council involved in the hiring to ensure a nonbiased decision. The Mayor responded that typically two Council members participate in the interviews and hiring of this type of position. Smock offered to remove himself from the hiring process and ask the Fire Chief from either the City of Cedar Falls or Waterloo to sit in his place to ensure a nonbiased decision.

Discussion: Troy Everts asked for an extension for parking on Jones Road outside his apartment building. The Mayor stated that the Council cannot act on the matter during discussion and that he would need to contact the City Clerk to get on the next agenda.

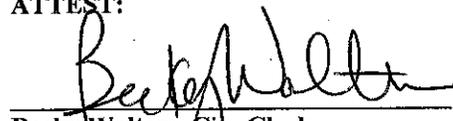
Discussion

There being no further discussion, Hibben/Walker adjourned the meeting at 7:17 p.m. Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Adjourn

  
Chad Deutsch, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Becky Walters, City Clerk