

CITY HALL
EVANSDALE, IOWA, SEPTEMBER 3, 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: Loftus, Dewater, Seible, Bender, and Walker. Quorum present.

Loftus/Walker to approve September 3, 2019 agenda. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Mayor Faas & Council to congratulate Chief Jensen for his service and dedication to the city for over 27 years and present Chief Jensen a plaque for his years of service. Mayor Faas thanked Chief Jensen for over 27 years of service and dedication to the City of Evansdale. He stated that the Chief brought a lot of wisdom to the department and the city, he kept the city functioning, tackled what needed to be done, and all the while kept his department uplifted through good and sometimes tragic times. Faas expressed his sincere gratitude. Michael Dean also presented Chief Jensen with a gift from the department showing their appreciation for the chief and his time spent on the force and for his willingness to always work with the residents of Evansdale. He explained that Chief Jensen truly cared for the residents of this city and in turn received respect from them. Chief Jensen may be retiring but he will always be a part of the family on the force. Chief Jensen expressed his thanks and his honor to serve this community.

Seible/Dewater to approve request to gift Chief Jensen his service weapon. Chief Jensen stated that he wished the best for all and that they would be in good hands with the new Chief Dean. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Loftus/Walker to approve the following items on the September 3, 2019 consent agenda. a. Approval of July 30, 2019 special meeting minutes and August 20, 2019 regular meeting minutes. b. July 2019 Treasurers Report. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Loftus/Walker to open the public hearing on the sale of City property at 6:06 p.m. Proof of publication on file. No comments received. Ayes-Five. Motion carried. Walker/Loftus to close the public hearing at 6:06 p.m. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Dewater/Seible to approve Resolution 6347 approving the sale of City Property. Seible asked that Mayor Faas describe the land that was being sold. Mayor explained the land as two small parcels that abutted Dubuque Rd., consisting of virgin timber and that Corkery would utilize the area for storage of his finished product. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Loftus/Dewater to approve Resolution 6348 authorizing payment of bills and transfers. Councilor Seible referred to Resolution 4995 that held department heads and mayor to a \$1,000-dollar spending limit without first seeking council's approval. He stated that the Mayor had our engineering firm review plans for the Deerwood Park Estates and hired city engineer to prepare plans for a sanitary sewer project on Lafayette Road without seeking council's approval. Mayor Faas responded that this office and previous administration had routinely worked with engineers and legal counsel in the course of business for the city as budgeted. Mark Atkins, 909 3rd Ave., questioned why the city purchased another power washer. Faas responded that the purchase was for a mobile unit. Roll call vote: Ayes-4. Nays-1 (Seible).

Seible/Dewater to approve Resolution 6349 approving FY2019 Street Finance Report. Loftus initially voted no to the roll call then asked to change his vote to yes. Mark Atkins, 909 3rd Ave., questioned why the brush chipper wasn't included in equipment list. Clerk Kobliska stated that she wasn't aware of a brush chipper but would check into it. Roll Call vote: Ayes-Five.

Walker/Loftus to approve Resolution 6350 approving compensation of newly appointed Police Chief. Councilor Seible questioned the criteria the city had used to implement wages and if a survey for the chief's wages had been taken from area towns. Mayor Faas responded that the City of Evansdale is consistently 5-15% lower in paid wages than any other town in our area. Roll call vote: Ayes- Five.

Dewater/Seible to approve request to advertise 2009 Dodge Charger on eBay in the amount of \$4,200. Mayor Faas stated the resale value of the vehicle is between \$5,200 and \$7,400 but the city needed to document the repairs that had been performed to the vehicle in the amount of \$6,200 so he proposed listing it at \$4,200 on eBay for 10 days and post to the city website. Councilor Dewater questioned if the vehicle was worth \$4,200. Mayor Faas responded that we would try to sell it at the requested dollar amount and that he would let council know the status. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Seible/Bender to approve request from Waste Water Foreman to accept the completion of the Arbutus Lift Station Project. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Walker/Loftus to approve request to seek sealed bids for rights to hunt waterfowl at Deerwood Campground from interested Parties. Mayor Faas stated that we would take bids and whomever had the highest bid would receive the right to hunt. Ken Martin, 320 Elliott, stated that it was a safety concern to have more than one group of hunters per season. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Public discussion: non-agenda items: Loraine Atkins, 715 Central Ave., #203, stated that her taxes increased by \$100 per year and that water, sewer, and garbage had all increased and for those of us on a fixed income had no control over wage increases to cover these expenses. Mark Atkins 909 3rd Ave., stated that there was Canadian thistle growing in the ditches and roadways on 6th Street and it needed to be addressed. Councilor Dewater stated his concern as well. Mayor Faas responded that he would discuss the mowing issues with the Public Works Director right away. Atkins also questioned If instead of cold patching on McCoy Rd. it could be sealed. Tammy Causevic, 1770 Timberline Drive, questioned if the storm water outlets in the Timber Creek addition would be repaired yet this season. Mayor Faas responded that they were on the list of outlets to be repaired but were having difficulty getting the contractors to show up as they were so behind due to the wet spring. Atkins also stated that the special meeting minutes from July 30 were inaccurate and void of expressed comments regarding regionalization of the WWTP. Causevic also questioned when the WWTP would be discussed again. Mayor Faas responded that we would discuss that next.

Mayor/Council Reports: Mayor Faas stated that the city would have a special meeting on the 10th of September. The engineers and DNR will both be in attendance. The Mayor also stated that INRCOG would be hosting a representative from the greater Des Moines regionalized WWTP on the 18th of September, he would make any handouts and comments available to the council. Councilor Seible stated that there was grass growing on the city curbs and storm sewers that could be causing the cement to break. He also stated that if a contractor quoted a project in the City, they should be required to complete the project in a timely manner. He also questioned the Mayor if he did or did not call Charles Beams employer and state that the city would no longer use Municipal Pipe Tool Co. due to Charles Beam working there. The Mayor denied that allegation. Dewater questioned if the Mayor would elaborate on the comment and Mayor Faas did so. Councilor Walker questioned if the council would consider increasing the department head expenditures spendable limit from \$1,000 to \$1,500 the consensus of the council was to place request on the next agenda.

There being no further discussion, Seible/Walker to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Doug Faas, Mayor

DeAnne Kobliska, City Clerk