

CITY HALL
EVANSDALE, IOWA, SEPTEMBER 15, 2015
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: Dewater, Loftus, Walker, Nichols, and Seible. Quorum present.

Dewater/Seible approving the September 15, 2015 agenda. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Walker/Dewater to approve the following items on the September 15, 2015 consent agenda: a) Approval of September 1, 2015 regular meeting minutes. b) Resolution 5862 authorizing payment of bills and transfers. c) Liquor license renewal for Pilot Travel Centers, LLC-dba Pilot Travel Center #637. d) Accept and place on file the minutes and reports from the following Departments, Board, and Commissions: Ambulance & Fire report, Building Inspection report, Police Department, Waterworks, and Planning & Zoning. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Loftus/Walker to approve Resolution 5863 authorizing the mayor to sign a contract with the Iowa Northland Regional Council of Governments (INRCOG) for the general administration of the community development owner occupied housing rehabilitation contract with the Iowa Economic Development Authority. INRCOG representative Cindy Knox explained the process of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) that the city received to improve homes in the targeted area in an amount not to exceed approximately \$281,000. All contract fees will be reimbursed by the CDBG program grant with the exception of the \$24,000 that the city previously committed to the rehabilitation program. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Loftus/Seible to approve Resolution 5864 of the City Council of Evansdale, Iowa, Adopting an Equal Opportunity Policy for Evansdale, Iowa. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Seible/Loftus to approve Resolution 5865 of the City Council of Evansdale, Iowa, Adopting an Anti-Residential Displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan for Evansdale, Iowa. Cindy Knox stated that the city will not provide relocation assistance, resolution is a formality required by grant. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Walker/Loftus to approve Resolution 5866 of the City Council of Evansdale, Iowa, Adopting Policy on the Prohibition of the Use of Excessive Force. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Loftus/Seible to approve Resolution 5867 of the City Of Evansdale, Iowa, Adopting a Lobby Policy Governing The Lobbying of Housing and Urban Development Personnel and/or Department of Commerce Personnel, for the City of Evansdale, Iowa. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Walker/Seible to approve Resolution 5868 of the City Council of the City Of Evansdale, Iowa, Actively Promoting Fair Housing for the City of Evansdale, Iowa. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Seible/Walker to approve Resolution 5869 of the City Council of the City of Evansdale, Iowa, Adopting a Procurement Policy for the City of Evansdale, Iowa. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Walker/Seible to approve Resolution 5870 of the City Council of Evansdale, Iowa, Adopting a Code of Conduct for the Officers and Employees of the City of Evansdale, Iowa. Cindy Knox explained that the

resolution speaks directly to conflict of interest with council members and the CDBG program. She explained that once INRCOG proceeds to the technical stage that councilman Dewater may need to refrain from voting due to his involvement with the inspection of the homes. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Dewater/Walker to approve Resolution 5871 approving FY2015 Street Finance Report. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Nichols/Loftus to approve rescinding Resolution 5827 authorizing the installation of street light at approximately 845 Hunter Drive. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Dewater/Walker to approve Resolution 5872 authorizing the installation of street light at approximately 845 Hunter Drive in the amount not to exceed \$1,114.23 (Francis Glaser has agreed to pay \$500 of the cities cost, so our cost will not exceed \$614.23). Councilman Nichols stated that he didn't believe the light was necessary at this location. Councilman Walker stated that he didn't want the city to set a precedence for the cost for the lights going forward. Councilman Loftus questioned if the Police Chief can be involved in the safety process. Councilman Dewater stated that if the city needs to place a light, for safety purposes, at this location or any location in the future that it needs to be considered on a light per light basis. Roll call vote: Ayes-Three. Nays-Two (Nichols and Seible) Motion carried.

Nichols/Walker to approve request from City Clerk to have the State of Iowa Auditors office conduct the FY2015 Audit. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Public Discussion: Mayor Faas discussed the safety needs in our city for street lights and asked that the council would review them as the placements were requested. He discussed a request for a street light at 215 Heather Avenue and asked the council members to evaluate the area requested. Mayor Faas gave the council four (4) examples of street light ordinances for the council to review. He would like a discussion on the possibility of a street light ordinance on the next agenda and welcomes feedback from the council. He also updated the council on the following projects: River Forest Rd. and Gilbert should open by Monday September 21st, Dubuque Road Bridge Project will open September 18th or the 21st they are not finished, but will open and repairs under the bridge will be made within the next week. The Norma Avenue Extension Project is running against the substantial completion date of September 30th and we are hoping for the completion, but will receive a stipend for every day it is not complete from the 30th of September. He also stated that we have received complaints in regards to parking on Brookside between Evans Rd. and Grand Blvd. and encouraged the council to review the area for further discussion.

Councilman Seible stated that there has been a street light out on the corner of Wema and Evans for a long time and he would like it resolved. The Mayor stated that we have been turning the repairs into MidAmerican Energy and they are working on them. Seible also stated that he has had some complaints on ponding of ground water on Earl Street since it had been resurfaced. Mayor Faas stated that he would have the Public Works Director review the situation and get back to council. Seible also stated that residents in the 700 block of Fox Avenue are experiencing water back up as well and would like to place a dry well in their front yard to resolve the issue.

There being no further discussion, Walker/Loftus to adjourn the meeting at 6:39 p.m. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Doug Faas, Mayor

DeAnne Kobliska, City Clerk