

CITY HALL
EVANSDALE, IOWA, SEPTEMBER 15, 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: Beam, Dewater, Seible, Bender, and Walker. Quorum present.

Seible/Beam to approve the September 15, 2020 agenda as amended by pausing item 5 – request from FBI until they arrived. Ayes-Five. Motion carried

Mayor Beatty read Disable American Veterans Day – September 25, 2020 proclamation.

Walker/Beam to approve the following items on the September 15, 2020 consent agenda. a. Approval of September 1, 2020 regular meeting minutes and September 3, 2020 special 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 (n/a), Building Inspection Report (Aug), Clerk/Treasurer Report (Aug), Code Enforcement Report (Aug), Evansdale Municipal Housing (n/a), Library (n/a), Parks & Rec Dept. (Aug), Planning & Zoning (n/a), Police Dept. (Aug), Storm Water Commission (n/a), and Water Works (Aug). c. Setting the date of Trick or Treat for October 31st from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. d. Formal request to approve the replacement of the Wastewater air conditioning unit with Bergen Plumbing Heating Cooling in the amount of \$2,800. e. Liquor License Renewal: Station Mart #1-LE0003348-effective 10/01/2020. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Dewater/Seible to approve the Resolution Calendar as follows: a. Resolution 6447 authorizing payment of bills and transfers. b. Resolution 6448 setting compensation for Cody Paine as Grade II Laborer, Public Works Department. c. Resolution 6449 approving the FY2020 Annual Financial Report. d. Resolution 6450 authorizing and approving a certain Loan Agreement, providing for the issuance of \$2,265,000 General Obligation Urban Renewal Bonds, Series 2020A, and providing for the levy of taxes to pay the same. e. Resolution 6451 authorizing and approving a certain Loan Agreement, providing for the issuance of \$2,235,000 Taxable General Obligation Urban Renewal Bonds, Series 2020B, and providing for the levy of taxes to pay the same. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Walker/Dewater to open public hearing: FY2021 Budget Amendment at 6:04 p.m. Proof of publication on file, no public comments were received. Ayes-Five. Motion carried. Seible/Dewater to close public hearing at 6:04 p.m. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Dewater/Seible to approve Resolution 6452 FY2021 Budget Amendment. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Walker/Beam to approve request from Public Works director to accept the low bid of \$21,208.98 for crack sealing with Kluesner Construction, Inc. for the various street crack seal project FY21 as budgeted. Mayor Beatty stated that there was a wide difference between the two quotes causing him to reach out to a trusted person in the business and they stated that Kluesner was fair priced and a great company to work with. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Dewater/Seible to approve request from Public Works director to accept the low bid of \$5,764.02 for crack sealing with Kluesner Construction, Inc. for the Community Response Center crack seal project. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Walker/Dewater to approve the sale of a 20x200' portion of city property parcel ID 8912-32-401-025 located just east of 852 Central Ave. for \$1. Owner would be responsible for survey and closing fees. Mayor Beatty explained the property in question and why the homeowner next to the parcel wanted to purchase said property. He also stated that he had reached out to the City Attorney, IA League of Cities and a realtor to know what said property is worth. There would be a couple ways the sale could be handled. One way is to charge \$.10 per square foot of property or the second is we would charge a \$1 and quit claim deed the property since the purchaser would build on the property and add to the city's assessable value. Councilor Beam questioned if city utilities were involved. Mayor Beatty responded no. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Public Discussion: Kevin Wilkens, 852 Central Ave. stated that he had been the one interested in the property and had been maintaining the property for the last 20 years. He wanted to thank council for approving the purchase.

FBI to thank Barry Bodecker for his help during their work in our City. Chief Dean discussed an incident that had taken place last May where the FBI had enlisted many departments in the area to include the FBI, DCI, Evansdale Police Department, and the Evansdale Public Works Dept. Scott Irwin asked to come to a council meeting to recognize Mr. Bodecker's help in the project. Scott Irwin, FBI Agent, stated that they had a letter of appreciation and wanted to thank Mr. Bodecker for his professionalism in handling the situation. Mr. Irwin read the letter stating "Mr. Bodecker's expert handling of the heavy equipment, in a very precise and delicate manor expedited the collection of evidence without compromising the scene or other evidence or material. Your assistance played a vital role in the success for the FBI that day and helped bring closure to a grieving family. The skills and experience you brought to the scene that day had a tremendous impact and was appreciated by our whole team, signed Christine Johnson Special Agent in Charge, FBI." Mr. Irwin also presented Mr. Bodecker a challenge coin in their appreciation.

Mayor/Council Reports: Mayor Beatty updated council on the audio card for the sound system in the chambers; online bill-pay and paperless billing will be coming soon with a company called Paymentus. He also stated that he had spoken with Mr. Bennett, City of Waterloo, regarding the waste water plant and that McClure is taking the lead and discussing the plans with the IA DNR. We are at the place that we need to expedite the plan and move forward. Councilor Beam stated that he had spoken with Chris Even, Wastewater Foreman, regarding the condition of the infrastructure and that Beam was concerned that the infrastructure was deteriorating. He also stated that there was an assumption that our infrastructure was in good condition and he believed it wasn't. He also suggested expediting line televising and to also consider to line or replace deteriorated infrastructure to reduce infiltration. Mayor Beatty responded that it is important to reduce the infiltration, however, for the current WWT project an infiltration evaluation is not possible. We will have to have an evaluation completed if we combine with Waterloo wastewater, as would be paying for that storm water to be treated. Councilor Dewater questioned if we will rebuild or replace infrastructure. Beam responded that lining/repairing is the least expensive, however, it needs to be addressed and lines televised. Councilor Seible questioned if we can proceed with these repairs before we decide on a plan for the WWTP. Mayor Beatty responded that that ship had sailed and that we need to decide within the next month and a half on our WWTP plan. He also stated if you wanted to speed up the televising project, that hiring additional help

would be an option. Councilor Bender questioned if the City would be creating a Facebook page to keep the public informed on city business as the community page has become negative. We need a good social presence for those moving into the city. Beam questioned the status on the needed repairs at the CRC. Mayor Beatty responded that a portion of the budget amendment was to move forward with that project, however, the water table is down and there are no issues at this time. We will investigate and watch it further. Council Dewater questioned who was filling the edge of the Cedar River from the Heights. Chris Schares, Public Works Director responded that the homeowners had received permission from the IADNR as the bank was eroding away.

There being no further discussion, Seible/Beam to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Troy Beatty, Mayor

DeAnne Kobliska, City Clerk