

CITY HALL
EVANSDALE, IOWA, OCTOBER 1, 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: Bender, Walker Loftus, Dewater, and Seible. Quorum present.

Loftus/Bender to approve October 1, 2019 agenda. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Dewater/Seible to approve the following items on the October 1, 2019 consent agenda. a. Approval of September 10, 2019 special meeting minutes and September 17, 2019 regular meeting minutes. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Walker/Loftus to approve Resolution 6352 authorizing payment of bills and transfers. Roll call vote: Ayes- Five.

Loftus/Dewater to approve Resolution 6353 approving the FY2019 Urban Renewal Report. Roll call vote: Ayes- Five.

Dewater/Seible to approve request to reschedule the November 5, 2019 council meeting to November 6, 2019 due to the city election. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Council to consider approval of Audio/Video system quote. Mayor Faas stated that he requested quotes from three different companies and only received one. Councilor Dewater stated his surprise at the cost of the audio equipment and questioned what the mixer consisted of. Mayor Faas responded that the audio is the most important piece of the equipment and it is the same equipment that the City of Jesup is using. Councilor Seible stated that he had a contact he would forward to the Mayor.

Dewater/Walker to approve request from Public Works Director to approve the removal and replacement of asphalt on Elmer Avenue from W. Gilbert to the entrance of Angels Park in the amount of \$24,145 with ASPRO. Councilor Dewater questioned if the roadway was part of a plan. Mayor Faas responded that the roadway is receiving a lot of use due to Angels Park and it is falling apart. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Walker/Loftus to approve request from Public Works Director to complete the 4000-hour service on the John Deere 544K in the amount of \$3,785.36. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Walker/Loftus to approve request from Waste Water Foreman to approve an auxiliary pump connection on the force main from the Michigan Avenue Lift Station in an amount not to exceed \$6,500. Mayor Faas stated that in the last major storm the lift station lost electricity and couldn't keep up with the flow so the waste water crew were manually pumping the station so sewer wouldn't back-up into residents' homes. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Walker/Seible to approve request to renew a ten (10) year lease agreement with Lamar Advertising. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Dewater/Loftus to approve setting the date of Trick or Treat for October 31st from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Public discussion: non-agenda items: None.

Mayor/Council Reports: Mayor Faas stated city updates as follows: the city received the People's Choice Award from the Iowa Leagues of Cities All Star Award for the bridge project at Angels Park and thanked Clerk Kobliska for nominating the city; The 2019 Fire Awareness and child safety event will be held on the 10th of October from 5-8 p.m.; The City completed their LMI survey and after compilation received notification that we were eligible to apply for a CDBG grant for our wastewater project upwards of \$600,000; He also stated that he attended the meeting regarding Des Moines area wastewater regionalization and that several of the communities that participated were already connected as customers before the regionalization started. When they decided to regionalize in 1972 it took the communities another two years to complete the language of the agreement. The final stipulation a 50/50 split to any future improvements to the wastewater plant and since their regionalization connected communities had contributed over \$75 million for the continued upgrades to the wastewater system. Surrounding communities that are regionalized are still responsible for their own infrastructure. If interested in viewing their agreement you can review at <http://www.dmmwra.org/> Operating Contract. Councilor Dewater questioned if the agreement was 45 years old. Faas responded that it had been updated; Faas questioned if council had an opportunity to review the playground equipment as the parks department had authorized the sandblasting and painting of park equipment back in 2008 and questioned Jeff Dawson if he knew what they had done as lead paint issues were questioned. Jeff Dawson, 507 Morrell, responded that it was mostly swing sets and slides; the Mayor also stated that residents of the City of Elk Run Heights and Evansdale have initiated an Evansdale/Elk Run Heights 1st annual fundraiser for an off-leash dog park at Bunger Park and that the event "Howlin' Halloween Dog Walk" would be held on the 19th of October beginning at 9:00 a.m.; the Mayor also stated that he had received information from a company called Clear.gov that prepares data for cities and one of the facts that they had disclosed is that the expenditures of our city were 33% per capita lower than that of cities in the state of Iowa of like size and that we are being good stewards of the city's funds; He also stated that it had been questioned the number of times the city had discussed the wastewater plant and the upgrades that were mandated. After of review of the minutes it was discovered that we began discussing the wastewater plant in June of 2016 over three years and three months ago and it had been on the agenda twenty-one times and four discussions that were not on the agenda but were included in discussion time.

Councilor Dewater stated that the property at 945 Mc Coy was not keeping their end of the agreement with the city and wondered if we needed to take action as the owner of the property wasn't concerned. Faas responded that we could send out a letter and give them fourteen days to cease business. Councilor Walker stated that we agreed to four customer and two employee vehicles at any given time. Faas suggested we review the number of cars present for the next ten days and have it on the next agenda for a discussion item. Council agreed. John Peverill, 543 East End Ave., questioned when the property located east of Evansdale Dr. on Gilbertville Rd. would be addressed as he is up to over forty vehicles on his lot. Faas responded that it is zoned U-1 district and changes would have to be made to that district before we would be able to enforce if otherwise in compliance.

There being no further discussion, Seible/Dewater to adjourn the meeting at 6:23 p.m. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Doug Faas, Mayor

DeAnne Kobliska, City Clerk