

CITY HALL
EVANSDALE, IOWA, OCTOBER 15, 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.

Dewater/Loftus to approve the October 15, 2013 agenda. Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Walker/Miller to approve the following items on the October 15, 2013 consent agenda: a) Approval of October 1, 2013 regular meeting minutes b) Resolution 5636 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 (n/a), Police Dept (Sept), Library Minutes (Sept), Library Statistics (Sept), Library Circulation Report (Sept), Building Inspector (Sept), EWW Minutes (Sept), EWW Treasurers Report (Sept), Parks Minutes (Sept/Oct), Fire Dept (Sept), Ambulance (Sept), Evansdale Municipal Housing (Sept), TV Commission (n/a), Planning & Zoning (n/a), Storm Water (Sept) d) Liquor license renewals: Fareway Stores, Inc – expires 11/12/2013. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Miller/Loftus to approve request from Public Works Director to purchase 275 tons of road salt for a total cost of \$20,341.75. Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Road salt
Public Works

Walker/Dewater to approve request to purchase Bobcat track loader with snow blower from Black Hawk Rental for a total cost of \$65,941. Ayes-Four. Motion carried. Public Works Director Dustin Kreger explained that the existing unit is limited to only a few attachments in his line of work but a bigger unit would run more attachments such as a cold planner and snow blower. He added that Black Hawk Rental would buy the existing unit for \$14,500; however he preferred to obtain sealed bids to see if he could get more for it. Councilmember Dewater asked why he isn't getting sealed bids on the purchase of the new unit. Kreger responded that he put it out for bid and received three competitive quotes. Walker/Dewater to allow Kreger to solicit sealed bids for the existing track loader unit for not less than \$14,500. Ayes-Four. Motion carried. Note: Walker originally motioned for the approval of said purchase at the price of \$51,441, which is less the trade in, however he rescinded his motion after Kreger explained that the City would have to pay the full price of the unit and would receive the trade in value in a subsequent and separate transaction.

Track loader
Public Works

Dewater/Walker to approve Resolution 5637 approving levy assessments for nuisance abatement charges. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Res. 5637
Assessments

Miller/Loftus to approve Resolution 5638 authorizing the first payment to Stickfort Construction in the amount of \$35,956.29 for the work done on Arbutus Avenue and Fran Street as a part of the 2013 Street Reconstruction Project. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Res. 5638
Payment #1
2013 Street
Project

Walker/Loftus to approve Ordinance 632 establishing regulations pertaining to golf carts, in its second reading. Sandy Clements stated that she wasn't convinced that the City should allow golf carts because it would be limiting a segment of the population that could use the carts and where one could travel with them, which would be difficult to enforce. The Mayor agreed that while certain areas are limited, it does accommodate most neighborhood traffic. While looking at other cities, he found that most cities also have isolated areas where the carts couldn't travel. He added that Smock found that overall other cities that allow golf carts haven't had any major problems. Clements asked if those cities were smaller than Evansdale. The Mayor responded that some of the cities were actually larger than Evansdale. Councilmember Miller stated that if problems arise with the golf carts, Council will address the ordinance as needed. She added that permits would be required so users will be instructed on the rules. John Peverill asked how many are expected to drive carts. The Mayor responded that there will probably only be a few in each neighborhood. Councilmember Walker pointed out that he knows of some that are thinking of purchasing golf carts but are going to wait a year to see how it goes. Clements asked why the ordinance was requested. The Mayor responded that the resident who originally requested the use of golf carts came from Arizona where it's very typical and it's an easy way to get around the neighborhood as it was getting harder to get around by foot. The Mayor added that other towns were having success and if there are problems, it could be repealed. Walker asked if one would need their own permit to drive their neighbor's cart. City Attorney Craig Ament responded that permits would be issued to carts not persons just like vehicle licenses.

Ord. 632
Golf carts,
second reading

Loftus/Miller to approve Ordinance 634 amending provisions pertaining to the Fire Chiefs authority to issue a burn ban, in its first reading. The Mayor explained that last year there was a drought that required

Ord. 634
Fire Chief, first
reading

a burn ban and this ordinance would allow the Fire Chief to call a burn ban to expedite the process. Councilmember Walker asked if this ordinance would allow the fire chief to bypass the Council's approval. The Mayor responded, yes. Roll call vote: Ayes-Three, Nays: Walker. Motion carried.

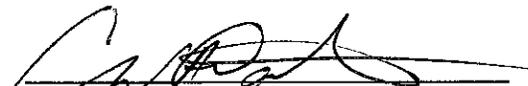
Discussion: The Mayor stated that he received a draft of an agreement from Natel Inc, a wireless internet provider, about offering private/public wireless internet access to residents as an alternative to current providers. He added that it hasn't been looked at by City Attorney but would be put on the next agenda. John Peverill asked when the bike trail would be constructed on the Cedar River levee along River Forest. The Mayor responded that the project was to be funded for spring 2014 along with the River Forest Road reconstruction. Councilmember Miller pointed out that the sidewalk was poured along Grand Blvd today. Steve Sieble thanked the street department for their help planting trees this fall.

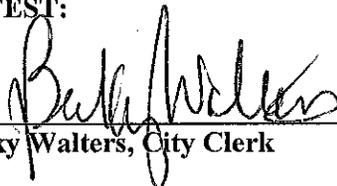
Discussion

There being no further discussion, the Loftus to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m. Ayes-Four.

Adjourn

ATTEST:


Chad Deutsch, Mayor


Becky Walters, City Clerk