

CITY HALL
EVANSDALE, IOWA, OCTOBER 18, 2022
CITY COUNCIL
DEANNE KOBLISKA, 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: Smock, Bergman, Nichols, Seible, and Osborne. Quorum present.

Seible/Nichols to approve the agenda for the October 18, 2022, meeting. Motion carried.

Nichols/Bergman to approve the minutes from the October 4, 2022, meeting. Ayes: Bergman, Nichols, Osborne, Seible, Smock. Nays: None. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Park Board update: Youth Softball presented by Tom Nichols and Rick Nolan. Over the last few months, the Park Board had meetings regarding the youth softball program. The board addressed problems regarding facility maintenance, finances, and moral. Cedar Valley Sports Association was presented a one-year contract for running the youth softball program that could be renewed depending on performance. Seth Gerst, Cedar Valley Sports Association, said that the association has been fundraising and they are excited to continue with the program.

Nichols/Seible to approve the Consent Agenda – All items listed under the consent agenda will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a request is made prior to the time Council votes on the motion: a. Accept and place on file the minutes and reports from the following Departments, Boards, and Commissions (n/a = not available): Ambulance & Fire Report (Sept), Building Inspection Report (Sept), Clerk/Treasurer Report (Sept), Code Enforcement Report (n/a), Evansdale Municipal Housing (Sept), Library (Sept), Parks & Rec Dept. (Sept), Planning & Zoning (n/a), Police Dept. (Sept), Storm Water Commission (Dec '21), Wastewater (Sept), and Water Works (n/a). Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Smock/Bergman that all the following items listed under the Resolution Calendar will be enacted by one vote. a. Resolution 6647 authorizing payment of bills and transfers. b. Resolution 6648 authorizing City Clerk to certify TIF Debt with County Auditor. c. Resolution 6649 receive and place on file Civil Service list. Ayes: Bergman, Nichols, Osborne, Seible, Smock. Nays: None. Resolution adopted.

Bergman/Seible that Resolution 6650 for setting compensation for Full-time Police Officer - Dalton Epley. Ayes: Bergman, Nichols, Osborne, Seible, Smock. Nays: None. Resolution adopted.

Seible/Smock to open the Public Hearing for the proposed Amended and Restated Plan for the Evansdale Urban Revitalization Area at 6:33 p.m. Proof of publication on file and no public comments were received. Mayor Kobliska stated that the current plan allows up to \$75,000 for tax abatements split out into a tiered program. Bond Counsel recommended giving every property owner the same amount across the board. Seible/Bergman to close the public hearing at 6:35 p.m.

Seible/Smock that Resolution 6651 for adopting the amended and restated Urban Revitalization Plan for the Evansdale Urban Revitalization Area. Ayes: Bergman, Nichols, Osborne, Seible, Smock. Nays: None. Resolution adopted.

Osborne/Bergman to approve Ordinance 685 amending the Nuisance Abatement process to include person in possession of nuisance. The Mayor said it was a recommendation from the City Attorney to add language allowing the City to issue a municipal infraction against renters. The assessment costs would still be assessed to property owners. Nichols said that he believed that landlords should be responsible for managing the properties and tenants. Ayes: Bergman, Nichols, Osborne, Seible, Smock. Nays: None. Resolution adopted.

Bergman/Seible to waive second and third readings of Ordinance 685 amending Nuisance Abatement process to include person in possession of nuisance. Ayes: Bergman, Nichols, Osborne, Seible, Smock. Nays: None. Resolution adopted.

Smock/Seible to adopt Ordinance 685 amending Nuisance Abatement process to include person in possession of nuisance. Ayes: Bergman, Nichols, Osborne, Seible, Smock. Nays: None. Ordinance adopted.

Seible/Osborne to approve the request from Chief Dean to allow the purchase in the amount of \$350 for Sergeant Weber's service weapon. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Bergman/Seible to approve the request from Public Works Director to replace asphalt in an amount not to exceed \$2,500 on Deerwood Road. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Osborne/Nichols to approve the request to apply & sign Wastewater & Drinking Water Treatment Financial Asst. Grant application in the amount of \$600,000. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Smock/Seible to approve the request from Bendable Equities to extend closing date by ninety days for lots #1 & #3 Eagles Landing. Seible asked why the closing date needed to be extended. The Mayor said that it is difficult getting commitments from businesses at this time, but they do plan on breaking ground this Spring. Nichols asked if we could contact Mc Donald's and ask them to maintain their lot to help with the appearance. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Public Discussion: Kelly Parker, 117 Marion, thanked the Council for adjusting the pay scales for the police department.

Mayor/Council Reports: Smock said that he was pleased to see that the Civil Service list has grown and believed that the City is making progress in hiring officers. Nichols said that there is still a sewer smell on Arbutus. Steve Hoambrecker, People Services, said that he will investigate other options to help with the smell. The Mayor said that another company was interested in a spot in Eagle's Landing and currently working on plans and contract. She had also been working with a developer who was interested in building condominiums in the Lafayette Road development. The Wastewater Treatment Plant Project is on schedule and the financial costs are on track. The Engineer hopes to start the bid process in January 2023 and start construction in March 2023. She would like to reach out to the City Attorney to discuss ongoing issues with billboards, zoning ordinances, and the mobile home ordinance.

There being no further discussion, Seible/Bergman to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 p.m. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

DeAnne Kobliska, Mayor

Dana Laidig, City Clerk