

CITY HALL
EVANSDALE, IOWA, NOVEMBER 8, 2017
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: Loftus, Dewater, Seible, Nichols, and Walker. Quorum present.

Seible/Loftus to approve the November 8, 2017 agenda. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Walker/Seible to approve the following items on the November 8, 2017 Consent Agenda: a. Approval of October 17, 2017 regular meeting minutes. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Dewater/Loftus to approve Resolution 6156 authorizing payment of bills and transfers. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Loftus/Dewater to approve Resolution 6157 approving 2nd payment to Vieth Construction Corp, Cedar Falls, Iowa for the 2017 Patching and Maintenance Project in the amount of \$19,560. Councilman Nichols questioned what project payment included. Mayor Faas responded projects that were completed through October 25th. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Seible/Loftus to approve request from Fire Chief to purchase a heart monitor for ambulance from Zoll Medical Corp. in an amount not to exceed \$26,819.71. Councilman Seible questioned the cost of the equipment. EMT, Christian Staley, responded that it is the component inside the ambulance that monitors the patient's heart, oxygen, and a professional defibrillator, it also relays patient data to the hospital during transport. Councilman Walker questioned if budgeted. Mayor Faas responded no, but we budgeted 10,000 for safety equipment the remaining balance will be drawn from reserves. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Loftus/Walker to approve request from Public Works Director to fabricate new guard railing for the Waste Water Treatment plant to bring into compliance with OSHA standards in the amount of \$1,400. Councilman Seible questioned why it was removed from agenda then placed back on agenda. Mayor Faas responded that the hard copy of the bid was not received until Monday, but a verbal quote was received on November 1st. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Walker/Dewater to approve rescinding Resolution 6146 approving preliminary plans for the Angels Island Bridge Project. Councilman Dewater questioned rescinding resolution. Mayor Faas responded that contractors needed more time to contact suppliers to receive a more accurate bid. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Nichols/Seible to approve Resolution 6158 approving the preliminary plans, specifications, form of contract and preliminary cost Estimate for the Angels Island Bridge Project; and setting date of bid letting for November 28, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. and of public hearing December 5, 2017 at 6:00 pm; and authorizing engineer to advertise for bids for said project. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Seible/Dewater to approve Resolution 6159 approving FY2017 Urban Renewal Report. Councilman Seible questioned the report. Clerk Kobliska responded that it identifies payments and balances in each Urban Renewal district. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Loftus/Dewater to authorize Mayor to sign Memorandum of Understanding between IBEW, Local Union 288 and the City for the amendment of union contract effective November 1, 2017 modifying Waste Water Department wages. Councilman Seible questioned the MOR. Mayor Faas responded it allows amendment to current contract since we increased the wages for the waste water grade III position. Ayes-Five. Motion

carried.

Seible/Dewater to approve Resolution 6160 approving Union Contract with IBEW, Local 288. Mayor Faas explained the changes due to legislature updates for the union contract. Councilman Seible questioned insurance benefits. Mayor Faas responded that wage increase reflected the increased cost of insurance. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Walker/Loftus to approve Resolution 6161 approving change order #1 to All Seasons Underground, LLC for the Elk Run Creek Flood Control Project in an amount not to exceed \$9,500. Mayor explained the need for change order and that it could be considerably less than initially quoted. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Dewater/Nichols to approve Resolution 6162 fixing compensation for Waste Water Grade III Operator position, and welcoming Chris Even to the City of Evansdale. Councilman Seible asked Chris to tell the council a little about himself. Chris shared that he had been public works director for the City of Jesup for over 17 years, licensed as a Grade III in waste water and Grade III/IV in water. He also stated that most recently had been employed by Aecom Engineering. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Seible/Walker to approve Ordinance 658 by amending Zoning Ordinance, in its first reading. Councilman Seible stated that two planning & zoning members did not approve the building height amendment and questioned why it was part of ordinance change. Mayor Faas responded that it was approved by majority of the board. Councilman Nichols stated that the zoning manual needed to be amended so it is understandable. Currently the language in the manual reverts between districts making it confusing. Mayor Faas responded that it only makes sense that what is allowed in the most restrictive district would be allowed in the least restrictive district. Councilman Seible questioned if the P & Z commission could amend manual to make it more understandable. Councilman Dewater questioned if there has been a problem with the manual. Mayor responded that the building height had been an issue, but wasn't aware of an interpretation issue. Dewater responded that he didn't know of any problems. Mayor Faas went through the changes to the ordinance. He also discussed the change in criminal penalties for violation of municipal infractions. Seible questioned the increment raises for fines. Mayor responded due to the recent cases the increment raises for fines is acceptable language. Nichols stated that he didn't know if the city took the right course in the recent ordinance changes as residents are putting crushed rock over grass in front yards. Mayor Faas responded that the council discussed the changes for over eight months. Nichols would like to see the ordinance changed. Seible stated that the trailers, campers, etc. would be better off placed at the back of the yard instead of placing them in front yards or covering their lots with gravel. Mayor Faas stated that he received a list from Seible about a year ago with several addresses on it of areas that needed to be addressed in the city. He also stated that if the council would like to make changes to the ordinance he would be open to their suggestions. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Nays-One (Nichols).

Dewater/Loftus to approve request from City Clerk to authorize Iowa Codification to codify Zoning Manual in an amount not to exceed \$1,640. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Discussion: Replace yield sign on Feldt Avenue at the intersection of Lawrence Avenue with a stop sign. Mayor Faas explained the issues at the intersection that were both reported by residents and Chief Jensen. The council agreed to review the area and report back at the next meeting.

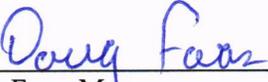
Public discussion: non-agenda items: Tom Nichols, 616 Grand Blvd., questioned if the ordinance regarding campers will be addressed on the next agenda. Mayor Faas responded that he would review any proposed language the council wanted to give him. Al Chidester, 176 River Forest Rd., wanted to congratulate the Mayor and new council members on the recent city election.

Mayor/Council Reports: Mayor updated council on construction progress and the anticipated end of the season. He also questioned the progress of the stop signs at Evans Rd./Central Ave. Chris Schares, Public

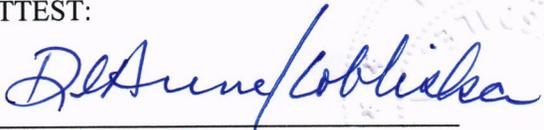
Works Director responded that the flashers are in, but still haven't received the signs, they are due in this week.

There being no further discussion, Loftus/Seible to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 p.m. Motion carried.

ATTEST:



Doug Faas, Mayor



DeAnne Kobliska, City Clerk

