

EVANSDALE, IOWA, NOVEMBER 18, 2014
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, Nichols, Dewater, Walker, and Seible. Absent: None. Quorum present.

Walker/Dewater to approve the November 18, 2014 agenda. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Nichols/Seible to approve the following items on the November 18, 2014 consent agenda: a) Approval of November 5, 2014 regular meeting minutes b) Resolution 5735 authorizing payment of bills and transfers. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Loftus/Seible to approve request from Mayor for purchase of road paint from the Iowa DOT totalling \$2,144.04. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion Carried.

Walker/Dewater to approve request from Mayor for snowplow blade repairs proposal for up to \$1,450.00. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Loftus/Dewater to approve request from Sewer Foreman for payment to Hupp Electric for emergency repairs to Timber Creek lift station totaling \$3,679.47. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Mayor Faas presented the City of Evansdale's opening issues for contract negotiations with IBEW. Mayor Faas stated that the City would like to amend article 22.2 by adding a paragraph stating, "An employee that suffers a work related injury shall submit to a drug screening within 24 hours of the reported accident." The agenda item was for information only and required no action by Council.

Dewater/Seible to approve Resolution 5736 approving the FY2014 Annual Financial Report and authorizing publication of said report. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Walker/Dewater to approve Resolution 5737 approving FY2014 Urban Renewal Report. Roll Call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Nichols/Loftus to approve Resolution 5738 authorizing City Clerk to certify TIF Debt with County Auditor. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Loftus/Seible to approve Resolution 5739 amending list of signatories on the City of Evansdale's financial accounts and safe deposit box. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Walker/Dewater to approve Resolution 5740 approving property tax exemption for 210 Heather Avenue. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Dewater/Seible to approve Resolution 5741 approving pay and compensation for new public works director. Councilman Seible asked if the pay was similar or less than what the previous Public Works Director earned. Mayor Faas stated that the pay is slightly less. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Public discussion: Mayor Faas informed Council that the Street Department would put up Christmas decorations on November 21. Councilman Loftus asked the Mayor to provide Council with a list of all projects undertaken by the City over the last eleven months. Councilman Nichols asked why a property owner has filled in a ditch along the North side of Lafayette Road. Faas stated the owner filled in the ditch to create a driveway and six inch drainage tile underneath the driveway. Councilman Dewater stated that if the City has any questions concerning the size of tile an engineer would need to be consulted to determine the proper requirements. Nichols stated that someone from the City needs to approve filling in a ditch because the ditch owned by the City.

Councilman Walker asked if any progress has been made on removing old signage behind ABC Embroidery and Regal Plastics. Faas stated that it is difficult to force a commercial property owner to clean up their property. Faas further stated that the City could take the property owners to court but doubted that the case would be successful.

Seible asked if the City would establish a five-year plan of projects needing completion when the new Public Works Director starts his job. Faas stated that the plan would include a review of storm water intakes, sewer intakes, and road projects to help Council with budgeting. Faas further stated that progress towards these projects would be a component of his employment reviews. Nichols stated that five-year plans have been used in the past. Loftus added that sometimes five-year plans are started but not finished.

Seible asked Fire Chief Smock why Waterloo paramedics were responding to a call in Evansdale. Smock responded that the department did not have enough personnel available. The full time EMT is still on leave for an injury and will hopefully be back to work in December.

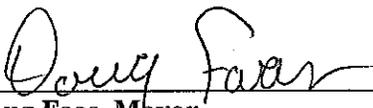
Nichols asked what has been done about the businesses on Doris Drive needing to put a hard surface on their parking lots. Faas explained that several of the businesses were established prior to the hard surface ordinance being written and is unsure whether the City can force businesses to comply. The hard surface ordinance was established less than four years ago. At the time many of the businesses were built on Doris Drive, the City only required businesses to have a dust free surface. Nichols pointed out that some businesses have only been on Doris Drive for two or three years and still do not comply. Faas stated that one of the businesses is doing everything they can financially to comply with the ordinance.

Nichols asked if electricians need to be licensed to work in Evansdale. Faas stated that electricians must be licensed and bonded to work in Evansdale. Nichols added that he has heard complaints of an electrician taking advantage of customers of town. Faas stated that a lack of ethics is not the City's concern. An electrician's work must meet City code. Loftus clarified that Nichols was asking if the electrician in question is licensed to work in the City. Faas stated that the electrician in question is licensed.

Lorraine Atkins asked if more meetings would take place on the River Forest Road project. Faas stated that meetings will take place four to six weeks ahead of construction and that feedback favors a two-lane road. Atkins added that she is not in favor of a two-lane road and feels like she and her neighbors have no say in the matter. Atkins added that she is in favor of four lanes. Dewater asked Atkins if she would be in favor of having a special assessment in order to help pay for four lane construction. Atkins replied that she would not be in favor a special assessment. Faas stated that the four-lane option does not meet Federal guidelines and that the City would most likely lose the Federal funding they have already secured for the project. John Peverill asked if a timeline would be set on the project. Faas explained that since it is a Federal project, the government has additional approval requirements to meet. If the project cannot be completed in 2015, he will push the start date back to 2016 to ensure timely completion.

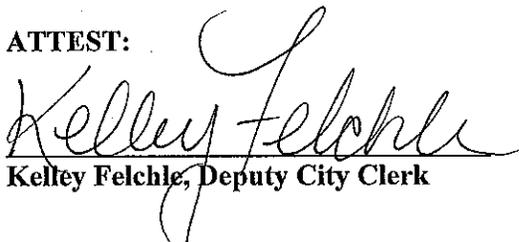
There being no further discussion, Walker/Seible to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m. Motion carried.

Adjourn



Doug Faas, Mayor

ATTEST:



Kelley Felchle, Deputy City Clerk

