

CITY HALL
EVANSDALE, IOWA, NOVEMBER 19, 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: Dewater, Loftus, Walker, Seible, and Nichols. Absent: None. Quorum present.

Loftus/Seible to approve the November 19, 2013 agenda. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Walker/Dewater to approve the following items on the November 19, 2013 consent agenda: a) Approval of November 6, 2013 regular meeting minutes b) Resolution 5642 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 (Sept/Oct), Police Dept (Oct), Library Minutes (Oct), Library Statistics (Oct), Library Circulation Report (Oct), Building Inspector (Oct), EWW Minutes (Oct), EWW Treasurers Report (Oct), Parks Minutes (Nov), Fire Dept (Oct), Ambulance (Oct), Evansdale Municipal Housing (Sept/Oct), Cable TV Commission (n/a), Planning & Zoning (n/a) d) Liquor license renewal: Kug's Bar & Grill – expires 11/30/2013. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Mike Schill outlined the benefits if the City partnered with Natel, Inc on installing a wireless internet in the city. Wireless would be installed at Deerwood Park so that wireless internet could be offered to campers. He added the Park could generate revenue by selling the wireless access to campers. Public Works could also benefit from the wireless internet: the traffic lights and the sewer plant use internet from Mediacom that Natel would provide at no charge. Depending on how the terms and conditions are specified, the City could share in the revenue generated from the user accounts with Natel, Inc. as long as the City share in the equipment installation cost to the water tower. Councilmen Loftus and Walker voiced that they were concerned with other communities drawing a signal from the water tower when the City would be sharing in the cost of the equipment. Schill responded that the City would share a portion of that revenue generated as well. He stated that all the particulars could be negotiated. He answered questions on topics relating to customer support and service from the audience. Walker stated he would like to see two or three different proposals. Councilman Dewater motioned to direct the Mayor to submit two proposals to Council for review, but he later withdrew his motion to direct the Mayor to submit just one proposal. Dewater/Loftus to direct the Mayor to submit one proposal with costs and base pricing where the City would receive a fixed fee. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Wireless internet service

Walker/Seible to approve request from Dona Frickson, board member of the Angel's Memorial Fund, to light and decorate trees at the Community Response Center in remembrance of Lyric Cook and Elizabeth Collins. The Mayor pointed out that the agenda read that the request was from the Evansdale Chamber, however was a printing error. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Angel's Memorial Tree lighting

Loftus/Walker to approve request from the Evansdale Chamber of Commerce for annual business promotional funds in the amount of \$2,500. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Evansdale Chamber Promotional fund

Dona Frickson of the Evansdale Chamber requested permission from Council to put up "Welcome to Evansdale" signs up at the four main entrances to the City. Frickson stated that she planned on working together with the Public Works Director and Police Chief to find a location for the signs that everyone agreed on. She added that the Evansdale Chamber would be selling advertisement slots on each sign to local business owners. Frickson stated that she had spoken with the Mayor in the past about sharing the cost of an electric reader board sign with the City. The Mayor stated that a reader board could be useful in communicating with residents. On a side note, the Mayor explained that the business advertisement sign and its sign pole at the intersection of Evans and Dubuque Road is owned by the City. He stated that BPI had contacted him about purchasing the land around it so they could put fence in their building. He suggested that the City sell the land but keep an easement for the sign and do something with it. Loftus asked if the advertiser, Mike Brustkern, is paying rent. The Mayor responded, no. Councilman Dewater stated that he wouldn't be in favor of the Chamber's proposed signs because of the advertising. The Mayor stated that a sign at Gilbert and River Forest probably wouldn't be a good idea because there was a congestion of signs that caused a distraction for drivers and as a result, the Public Works Director removed several signs at that intersection. Loftus/Nichols to address said sign request as a future Council meeting once potential locations are specified and whether the signs are going to be lighted. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Evansdale Chamber Welcome sign

Loftus/Walker to approve request from Public Works Director to purchase electric door openers for Building B. The Mayor clarified that Building A faces Brown Street and Building B is the next building around the corner that houses the salt/sand mix. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Public Works Director-Electric door opener

Dewater/Loftus to approve Resolution 5643 approving the FY2013 Annual Financial Report. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried. Res. 5643 Annual Financial Report

Loftus/Dewater to approve Resolution 5644 approving the FY2013 Urban Renewal Report. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried. Res. 5644 Urban Renewal Report

Loftus/Dewater to approve Resolution 5645 authorizing City Clerk to certify TIF debt with County Auditor. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried. Res. 5645 Certify TIF debt

Loftus/Seible to approve Resolution 5646 fixing a date for a hearing on the proposed reissuance and refunding of a revenue note (Goodwill Industries of Northeast Iowa, Inc. Project). Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried. Res. 5646 Setting P11 di Goodwill Ind

Walker/Loftus to approve Resolution 5647 approving the canvass of the November 2013 municipal election. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried. Res. 5647 Election Can

Loftus/Dewater to approve Ordinance 634 amending provisions pertaining to the Fire Chiefs authority to issue a burn ban, in its third reading with amendments from the prior Council meeting. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried. Ord. 634 Fire Chief, 3rd reading

Dewater/Loftus to adopt Ordinance 634 after three readings. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried. Ord. 634 Fire Chief, Adoption

Discussion: Councilman Nichols presented photos of poor drainage around the new sidewalk on Grand Blvd. The Mayor responded that the grant wouldn't fund a beehive drain so the City Engineer Jerry Shoff and Public Works Director obtained a bid to install the two drains in the area, which would be installed any time now. Discussion ensued as to where the beehives would be needed. Nichols was also concerned with how a tree is in the direct way of the sidewalk at Brookside Ave and urged Council drive by to take a look. The Mayor stated that it's a federally funded project and there are guidelines that sometimes don't make sense but he would take a look at it and if necessary, ask the City Engineer to attend the next meeting. Discussion

There being no further discussion, Loftus/Seible to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 p.m. Ayes-Five. Adjourn

ATTEST:


Chad Deutsch, Mayor


Becky Walters, City Clerk