

CITY HALL
EVANSDALE, IOWA, DECEMBER 5, 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: Seible, Nichols, Walker, Loftus, and Dewater. Quorum present.

Loftus/Seible to approve the December 5, 2017 agenda. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Walker/Loftus to approve the following items on the December 5, 2017 Consent Agenda: a. Approval of November 21, 2017 regular meeting minutes. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Seible/Loftus to approve Resolution 6170 authorizing payment of bills and transfers. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Nichols/Seible to approve Resolution 6172 approving adding permanent stop signs on Feldt Avenue at the intersections of Feldt and Lawrence Avenues replacing current yield sign. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Walker/Loftus to open Public Hearing-Angels Island Bridge Project at 6:06 p.m. Ayes-Five. Motion carried. Proof of publication on file, no comments received. Walker/Loftus to close Public Hearing at 6:06 p.m. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Dewater/Walker to approve Resolution 6173 approving the final plans, specifications, form of contract, cost estimate, and accepting low base bid for the project in the amount of \$149,302.50 and \$18,292.50 for timber decking alternate 4A and \$24,030 for picket railing alternate 5A to Peterson Contractors of Reinbeck, Iowa, and authorizing Mayor to sign said documents for the Angels Park Bridge Project. Jerry Shoff, CGA, explained the variation in bids from \$191,625 to \$478,400. He went over the recommended options for the council to include timber decking with picket railing in an amount of \$191,625 or timber decking with horizontal railing in the amount of \$187,845. Councilman Nichols questioned the width between bridge planks due to the likelihood of people wearing high heels. Jerry responded that it would be a typical gap between the planks. Jerry went over the other alternates that could include composite decking at an additional \$28,822.50, hardwood decking at an additional \$20,452.50, and cable railing at an additional \$41,580 as compared to the vertical pickets. Nichols questioned the distance between the bridge and the water. Jerry responded approximately six feet at center and 4 ½ to 5 ft. at the shore. Mayor Faas stated the current funding status at \$177,500. Tom Nichols, Park Board Chair, stated that funding would also include an additional \$10,000 from Angels Island Committee. Mayor restated with that new information funding total would be 187,500. Councilman Walker stated that he liked the idea of the hardwood decking for the durability, longevity, and slip resistance. Councilman Seible questioned if we could change the alternate decision if another grant came in this winter. Jerry responded that we need to have it narrowed down as soon as possible due to the supply order. Seible also questioned if in-kind services were provided for the removal of the causeway, if that would assist in the upgrade to the hardwood decking. Councilman Nichols stated that the timber decking will last 20-30 years as long as it is cared for and was in favor of the timber decking. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Loftus/Walker to approve request to approve quote from the Office of the Auditor of State in the amount of \$14,235 to prepare the FY18 audit and to authorize clerk to sign said agreement. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Loftus/Dewater to approve Ordinance 658 by amending Zoning Ordinance, in its third reading. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Nays-One (Nichols).

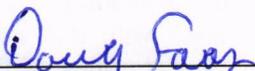
Dewater/Seible to adopt Ordinance 658 by amending Zoning Ordinance. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Nays-One (Nichols).

Public discussion: non-agenda items: Jason Martin, 935 Jones Rd., questioned the use of a city vehicle by Public Works Director. Mayor Faas responded that he currently is on call 24/7 with animal control. Seible questioned the liability and the cost to the city and when the city anticipated putting a stop to city vehicles being taken home. Mayor Faas responded that he was working on it. Bill Nichols, 221 Oakwood Drive, wasn't in agreement of employees taking city vehicles home. Loraine Atkins 625 River Forest Rd., questioned why our building inspector is also working as a building inspector for the City of Elk Run Heights. The Mayor responded that it was not our concern what he does on his own free time. Nichols stated that the building inspector has also taken a city vehicle home. The Mayor responded only when he was out of town for a meeting.

Mayor/Council Reports: The Mayor stated that Mr. Shaun Obrien, 246 5th Street has requested a hearing from the council regarding a nuisance abatement and that the hearing has been schedule for the 19th of December 2017. He also discussed that a tentative agreement has been made with the Teamsters union; budget talks will begin with department heads, and also reminded council that Elk Run Heights and Evansdale would be participating in the Cedar Valley challenge for Salvation Army at Fareway on the 9th of December from 9:00 a.m. until noon, please come out and support our city. He also spoke with council about an upcoming meeting with the Iowa DNR to discuss the future of the waste water plant. Councilman Dewater questioned if MSA will be present at the meeting. Mayor Faas responded no, but Jerry with CGA and Chris Even, Waste Water Foreman will be present. He also stated that Chris had been researching information regarding waste water plant flood plain specifications and that the information will be helpful when meeting with DNR. Dewater questioned if we were still pursuing a merge with Raymond and Elk Run Heights. Mayor responded after we receive more information from the DNR we will have direction how to proceed. Councilman Walker stated that he was really impressed with the improvements being made to the Arbutus lift station and the work that Blazek was doing. Councilman Seible questioned when budget talks would begin, that he wanted personal attacks to stop at the council meetings, and that he would be holding town hall meetings the 2nd Monday of every month at City Hall, everyone is welcome. Councilman Nichols questioned why nothing has happened with the comprehensive plan agreement that was signed over a year ago. Mayor Faas responded that the committees were coming together, and meetings will start the later part of January.

There being no further discussion, Loftus/Dewater to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. Motion carried.

ATTEST:



Doug Faas, Mayor



DeAnne Kobliska, City Clerk

