

CITY HALL
EVANSDALE, IOWA, DECEMBER 15, 2015
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: Walker, Nichols, Seible, and Dewater. Absent: Loftus. Quorum present.

Seible/Nichols to approve the December 15, 2015 agenda. Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Walker/Dewater to approve the following items on the December 15, 2015 consent agenda. a) Approval of December 1, 2015 regular meeting minutes. b) Resolution 5902 authorizing payment of bills and transfers. c) Accept and place on file the minutes and reports from the following Departments, Boards, and Commissions: Ambulance & Fire Report (Nov), Building Inspection Report (Nov), Clerk/Treasurer Report (Oct), Parks & Rec Dept. (Nov), Police Dept. (Nov), Water Works (Nov), and Storm Water (Oct.). Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Discussion/Possible action: request from Public Works Director to review the options for Waste Water Pump truck. Eric Thorson with Trans Iowa Equipment explained the options that could include the capability to jet and vacuum sewer lines as well as a hydro excavating attachment that several cities utilize for the purpose of troubleshooting utility breaks and locates. Thorson also explained their inspection process for the pre-owned units and that the inspection information is available for review. Councilman Nichols questioned the water and air system. Mr. Thorson explained the hydro excavating process by utilizing water to cut the soil. Councilman Seible questioned if the unit would have a root sawing device. Thorson stated that it did not, but optional equipment could be added in future years, and that it is a stepping process. Seible also stated that it would be beneficial for the unit to have enough equipment to eliminate some of the current sub-contracted labor. Councilman Walker asked Chris Schares, Public Works Director, what capabilities our current unit has. Schares, stated that the unit only jets lines. Walker also asked Schares, in his opinion, would he spend \$45,000 on repairs to our current unit, or is it like throwing mud at something. Schares responded that he wouldn't repair our current unit. Mayor Faas stated that it is an appropriate time for the discussion as budgeting time is upon us. Loraine Atkins, 625 River Forest Rd., questioned how often the lines are jetted. Mayor Faas responded that we use our current unit for emergencies only and contract out maintenance of lines.

Walker/Seible to approve Resolution 5903 approving a loan agreement between the Home Acres TIF Fund and New Residential TIF Fund and authorizing City Clerk to transfer said funds. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Walker/Dewater to open the Public Hearing - Weed and mowing assessments at 6:27p.m. Proof of publication on file, no public comments were received. Mayor Faas asked for comments, there were none. Motion carried.

Walker/Dewater to close public hearing at 6:27 p.m. Motion carried.

Dewater/Walker to approve Resolution 5904 approving weed and mowing assessments. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Seible/Dewater to approve Resolution 5905 approving the canvass of the 2015 Municipal Election. Mayor Faas congratulated all elected officials. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Dewater/Walker to approve Resolution 5906 to approve 2nd payment to Baker Concrete & Excavating of Waverly, IA, for the Gilbert Drive/River Forest Road Intersection Project in the amount of \$1,170.59. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Walker/Dewater to approve Resolution 5907 to approve 2nd payment to Peterson Contractors, Inc. of Reinbeck, IA, for the Norma Avenue Extension Project in the amount of \$26,374.75. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Walker/Nichols to approve request from Public Works Director to purchase 200 feet of tubing for Crisafulli Pump as part of flood control in an amount not to exceed \$2,600. Mayor Faas stated that we purchased the Crisafulli Pump to pump water over the dike at Grand and Gilbert, but tubing was never purchased to move the water. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Seible/Walker to approve request to enter into a Safety and Loss Control Agreement with Bill Trammell, PDCM Insurance Safety Advisor, OSHA Certified, to create an OSHA required Lock Out/Tag Out procedure manual for the City of Evansdale in an amount not to exceed \$4,515. Allocation is as follows: Waste Water-\$2,040, Public Works-\$975, Water Works-\$800, and other work center Departments-\$700. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Dewater/Seible to approve request from Fire Chief, Ryan Phillips, to send two (2) Volunteer's to EMT school at Hawkeye Community College, in an amount not to exceed \$3,100. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Walker/Nichols to deny request approving a one-time payment to salaried positions of Chief of Police (\$3,999.05), City Clerk (\$2,697.70), and Mayor (\$2,505.60) for unused comp time, vacation, and/or casual days. Councilman Seible questioned the comp time earned that was due to Chief Jensen while we was a sergeant and in the union. Councilman Walker stated that he has accepted the position of Police Chief and asked Seible if he thought it was unfair to take it away from him. Seible responded that he thought at one point he was entitled to his compensation. Councilman Dewater questioned why we were not approving the request as it was listed on the agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes-Two. Nays-Two (Walker, Dewater). Motion not carried.

Nichols/Walker to approve request to jet, televise, and root saw up to 3000 linear feet of sewer line, total cost not to exceed \$6,634. Mayor Faas stated that there is no certainty on the cost for the root sawing but an accurate estimation on the cleaning and televising the lines. Seible questioned the location of impact. Mayor Faas stated Morrell, Evans, and Sippel. Councilman Dewater asked if the televising is necessary. Mayor Faas responded yes so it gives us direction if a repair is needed. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Public Discussion: Mayor Faas made the following announcements: expressed his appreciation for the entire Public Works Department for their service above and beyond in the repair of the lagoon; that the city employee Christmas party will be held on the 22nd of December at the CRC from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and all council members are invited to attend; and Police Chief Jensen, Fire Chief Phillips, EMT – JT, and myself will attend the January 2016 Elk Run Heights council meeting with information on sharing services. Councilman Walker questioned the cost to repair the lagoon. Mayor Faas responded \$600 for the liner and the guys did all of the labor. Councilman Dewater questioned the status of Mr. Howard's project. Mayor Faas responded that the building inspector visited with him the day after the last council meeting and reissued his permit with an expiration date of June 2016. Councilman Walker questioned if the security cameras are up and operational. Mayor Faas responded yes.

Loraine Atkins, 625 River Forest Rd., questioned the activity on River Forest Rd. last Thursday. Mayor Faas stated that the engineer dept., public works director and I were performing a walk through for the reconstruction project. Ms. Atkins also questioned why the Planning and Zoning Committee is not meeting, why the city is allowing a residential apartment on Lafayette, and why the planning and zoning committee has not been involved in some of the city projects including the River Forest Rd. Reconstruction project for the City of Evansdale. Both Councilmen Dewater and Walker stated that the River Forest Road project is not a planning and zoning project and that she needs to contact the chair of the committee with her concerns. Councilman Seible questioned why the Planning and Zoning Committee is not meeting monthly or bi-monthly. Mayor Faas stated that the chairperson needed to be contacted with concerns.

There being no further discussion, Walker/Dewater to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Doug Faas, Mayor

DeAnne Kobliska, City Clerk