

CITY HALL
EVANSDALE, IOWA, DECEMBER 19, 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: Nichols, Walker, Loftus, Dewater, and Seible. Quorum present.

Loftus/Dewater to approve December 19, 2017 agenda. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Dewater/Seible to approve the following items on the December 19, 2017 consent agenda: a. Approval of December 5, 2017 regular meeting minutes. b. Accept and place on file the minutes and reports from the following Departments, Boards, and Commissions (n/a = not available): Ambulance & Fire Report (Nov), Building Inspection Report (Nov), Clerk/Treasurer Report (Nov), Code Enforcement Report (Nov), Evansdale Municipal Housing (Nov), Library (Nov), Parks & Rec Dept. (Nov), Planning & Zoning (Oct), Police Dept. (Nov), Storm Water Commission (n/a), and Water Works (Nov). c. Liquor License Renewals: Station Mart – LE0002829 – Effective 01/01/2018. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Dewater/Walker to approve request to authorize Service Station Occupancy Permit for Tophat Automotive Syndicate located at 113 W. Gilbert Drive as approved by the Planning & Zoning Commission. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Council Hearing: Shaun O'Brien, 246 5th Street – Nuisance Abatement. Mr. O'Brien stated that he had been working on his property daily to come into compliance, but also stated that he was being singled out. He also stated several of the so-called junk items, such as the swimming pool, were in compliance with the city ordinance. Councilman Dewater stated that Mr. O'Brien had not made a good faith effort to clean up the junk that lay all over the property and was in favor of the nuisance abatement. Mayor Faas stated that Mr. O'Brien was given a copy of the "junk" ordinance and knew what items were in violation, but refused to comply after being contacted several times by code enforcement. Larry O'Brien, 291 Toneff Dr., stated that his son had been actively working on the site as well as himself. Councilman Seible stated that Mr. O'Brien had several opportunities to come into compliance and hasn't, and was in favor of upholding the nuisance abatement. Councilman Nichols stated that the city had selective code enforcement. Mayor Faas stated that if Mr. O'Brien would complete the construction on the shed for storage of his items, and stored the items in question in the shed, he would be in compliance.

Seible/Dewater to approve motion to confirm that a nuisance does exist and order to abate within 14 days as established by Ordinance standards. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Seible/Loftus to approve resolution 6174 authorizing payment of bills and transfers. Councilman Seible questioned the tardiness of the attorney's invoice. Mayor Faas responded that he had several conversations with our attorney as to invoice the city in a timely manner. Councilman Nichols questioned sending a council person to a conference before they began their term. Clerk Kobliska responded that it was standard protocol to send newly elected officials to the Municipal Leadership Academy before their term started. Councilman Seible questioned why he didn't receive information about the conference. Clerk Kobliska responded that it was in his mailbox at City Hall. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Nays-One (Nichols).

Walker/Loftus to approve resolution 6175 approving tax abatement for 817 Central Avenue. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Loftus/Walker to approve resolution 6176 approving final payment to Kirvan Enterprises in an amount of \$26,996 for project number eight (8) located at 1731 Enid Street as part of the 2015 Evansdale Housing Rehabilitation Program. Councilman Nichols questioned what the total project cost were. Clerk Kobliska responded \$26,996. Councilman Seible questioned if there were still funds available. Cindy Knox, INRCOG, responded that there will be the potential for 3 additional projects which will utilize the CDBG grant funds. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four. Abstain-Dewater.

Public Discussion: non-agenda items: Mayor asked for comments, there were none.

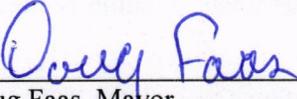
Mayor/Council Reports: Mayor Faas thanked all who contributed and for their generosity to the Salvation Army challenge on the 9th of December and stated that the Elk Run Heights/Evansdale Mayor teams raised \$1,172.20 coming in second to Waterloo who raised \$2,123.18 and Cedar Falls at \$503.78. He also stated that the engineer has been in contact with the DNR and that we are waiting on a date to meet with them.

Mayor Faas stated the fireworks usage policy as follows: fireworks may be exploded on December 28 through December 31st from the hours of 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. with the exception of New Year's Eve, they can be exploded up to 12:30 a.m. He advised that the ordinance be followed as other cities have banned fireworks and if we have issues we may have to re-address our ordinance and the use of fireworks in our city.

The Mayor thanked Councilman Nichols for serving for the last four years on council, even though we disagreed more than we agreed, your willingness to serve is recognized and appreciated. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

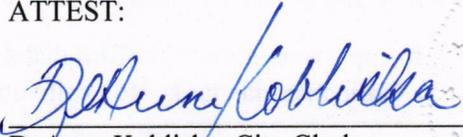
Councilman Seible stated that the 2nd townhall meeting was last week and residents expressed the need for microphones on the desk as the audience can't hear what was being said; they also asked in polite terms for civility between council members and the public. Merry Christmas to everyone as well. He also stated that Jeff O'Brien expressed the desire to serve on the planning and zoning commission. Mayor Faas stated that if concerns had come up at the town hall meeting, he would be interested in discussing them.

There being no further discussion, Loftus/Seible to adjourn the meeting at 6:39 p.m. Motion carried.



Doug Faas, Mayor

ATTEST:



DeAnne Kobliska, City Clerk

