

CITY HALL
EVANSDALE, IOWA, DECEMBER 20, 2016
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.

Walker/Seible to approve the December 20, 2016 agenda. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Loftus/Walker to approve the following items on the December 20, 2016 consent agenda. (a) Approval of December 6, 2016 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 (Oct/Nov), Building Inspection Report (Nov), Clerk/Treasurer Report (Nov), Code Enforcement Report (Nov), Evansdale Municipal Housing (Oct/Nov), Library (Oct/Nov), Parks & Rec Dept. (Nov), Planning & Zoning (n/a), Police Dept. (Nov), Storm Water Commission (Sept), and Water Works (Nov). Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Dewater/Seible to approve resolution 6034 authorizing payment of bills and transfers. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Walker/Loftus to approve request by Park Department to replace electrical panels, CT cabinets, meter sockets, and dryers, and lift station controls that were damaged in the flood in the amount of \$82,520 to the lowest, most responsive, and responsible bidder submitted by Black Hawk Electric. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Loftus/Dewater to approve resolution 6035 approving 5th payment to Peterson Contractors, Inc., Reinbeck, IA, for the River Forest Road Reconstruction project in the amount of \$611,311.54. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Dewater/Seible to approve resolution 6036 approving 1st payment to Vieth Construction Corp, Cedar Falls, IA, for the Meyers Lake Shoreline Rehabilitation project in the amount of \$36,083.93. Councilman Seible questioned if this is the total bill. Mayor Faas responded we withheld 5% retainage to insure the seeding is completed. Mayor also stated that we have received a grant and will be doing landscaping and the path around the bridge. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Nichols/Walker to approve resolution 6037 approving payment request #2 in the amount of \$6,705 to C & R Construction for CDBG project five (5) located at 759 Burr Oak. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Seible/Dewater to approve resolution 6038 approving the elimination of the No Parking sign on the east side of Clark Street between Lafayette Road and Morrell Avenue. Mayor Faas explained Chief Jensen and I looked at the area and do not see an issue with removing one of the signs. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Walker/Dewater to approve resolution 6039 approving tax abatement for property located at 1762 Timberline Drive. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Nichols/Seible to approve resolution 6040 approving payment request #2 to Tojo Construction in

an amount of \$10,032.75 for project number seven (7) located at 1691 W. Gilbert Drive as part of the 2015 Evansdale Housing Rehabilitation Program. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Dewater/Loftus to approve request from City Clerk to approve the installation of the new phone system as budgeted for FY2017 in the amount of \$15,112 with Advanced Systems, Inc. to be paid as follows: Waste Water-\$726.20; Public Works-726.20; Water Works-\$1,452.35; Police Department-\$4,830.80; Fire Department-\$3,019.25; City Hall-\$3,631; Library-\$726.20. Advanced Systems Monthly Total Phone Care support in the amount of \$125.93 divided amongst each department in the amount of \$17.99 each. City Clerk DeAnne Kobliska explained to the council the issues we have had with the new phone system and the importance of having a better functioning phone system mainly for the CRC. Councilman Seible asked if there is a warranty for the phone system. Mayor Faas responded they would back the hardware, but the software and connections is what's covered by the phone care, replacement of that could be very costly. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Discussion: amendments to Evansdale Employee Policy Manual. Mayor Faas went over some changes to be addressed in the new handbook draft copy, mostly sentence structure changes. Councilmen Nichols and Seible stated they were not in favor of the carryover of vacation for full-time elected officials. Mayor explained there wasn't any statement at all in the previous handbook and at the request of council members it was added. Councilman Dewater stated he thinks anyone should be able to carry over any vacation time that is unused. Councilman Walker responded all employees have an opportunity to carry over 1 week vacation, nothing over that. Walker asked for clarification on how many days can be carried over. Mayor responded it was 5 days.

Public discussion-non agenda items: Nicole Hughes, 470 River Forest Road, was disappointed the speed limit wasn't lowered to 25 mph after construction was complete. She pointed out other residential roads have not been raised to 30 mph, why was River Forest Road staying at 30 mph, if it is in fact residential. Mayor Faas responded he had brought this to council on the 6th of December and they voted against it; instructing her to direct her question towards them. Councilman Nichols stated yes they should be raised to 30 mph, and pointed out Waterloo has 30 mph roads in residential and school districts. Mayor stated Iowa code addresses residences and school districts requiring speed limits to be 25 mph, but also allows cities to adjust residential speed limits. Nichols stated if the population of the street residence want it reduced than it would be considered. Loraine Atkins, 625 River Forest Road, stated the placement of "Right lane must turn right" sign may need to be placed further back on the road so people can plan to get over with more time. Mayor responded he will look into the distance of sign. Al Chidester, 125 River Forest Road, stated he is pleased with his driveway and thankful for the project. Tom Nichols, 616 Grand Blvd., stated there will be some equipment at Angels Island removing shrubs off the sides of the island. Councilman Nichols asked what we are going to do with the truck traffic on River Forest Road. Councilman Seible stated the trucks are flying down the road. Mayor Faas reminded them he had brought up configuring a truck route in the past and he will bring back an ordinance to address the truck route.

Mayor/Council Reports: Mayor Faas stated he has had meetings with Waterloo and Covenant regarding EMT staffing issues and received some preliminary numbers; once all of the numbers are received he will bring it back to council. 2017 Road projects, Mayor asked the council to bring a list of streets they want to see repaired. We have some money in reserves and wants to focus that money on road repairs. Weir at Meyers Lake will be replaced by the end of the week. The generator at the CRC is up and running. Mayor asked the council how they would like the budget presented. Councilman Walker stated last years working budget worked great.

River Forest Road update, mailboxes should be installed by the end of the week. Loraine Atkins, 625 River Forest Road, asked if all of the street lights should be working on River Forest Road, and then stated there are few that are not working. Mayor Faas asked Chief Jensen if he could look into the lights. Councilman Seible questioned how many shifts are not covered for our ambulance service. Mayor responded he did not have that information available at that time. Councilman Dewater questioned if we could get some help right away. Mayor answered yes. Councilman Walker questioned if the problem with the volunteers has come about since we hired a Full Time EMT. Mayor responded the people are just burnt out. Walker also questioned if the EMT's hours could change to cover some of the hard to cover shifts. Mayor responded he would talk to the EMT about this, but we will need to change his job description accordingly. Bill Nichols, 221 Oakwood, dissatisfied with our ambulance service. Mayor stated we are going over all options. The Mayor also went over the costs of hiring outside the area and the revenue the city would lose. Seible stated Elk Run City hires outside the city. The Mayor responded that they are much smaller city. Walker pointed out he would like to see the EMT offered the opportunity to fill these hours before looking elsewhere.

There being no further discussion, Loftus/Seible to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried.

ATTEST:


DeAnne Kobliska, City Clerk


Doug Faas, Mayor

