

CITY HALL
EVANSDALE, IOWA, FEBRUARY 19, 2019
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. Councilors present in order of roll call: Dewater, Seible, and Walker. Absent: Bender and Loftus. Quorum present.

Walker/Seible to approve February 19, 2019 agenda. Ayes-Three. Motion carried.

Walker/Dewater to approve the following items on the February 19, 2019 consent agenda. a. Approval of February 5, 2019 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 (Jan), Building Inspection Report (Jan), Clerk/Treasurer Report (Jan), Code Enforcement Report (Jan), Evansdale Municipal Housing (Jan), Library (Jan), Parks & Rec Dept. (Jan), Planning & Zoning (n/a), Police Dept. (Jan), Storm Water Commission (n/a), and Water Works (Jan). c. Liquor License Renewal: Lofty's Lounge-LC0021911-effective 03/27/2019; Kwik Star #278-BC0030451 Ownership Change. Roll call vote: Ayes-Three.

Walker/Dewater to accept a verbal resignation of Mike Cahoe from the Planning & Zoning Commission. Ayes-Three. Motion carried.

Dewater/Walker to approve the appointment of Shannon Jensen to fulfill a term ending 12-31-2020 for the Planning & Zoning Commission. Councilor Seible questioned if the appointment was taken to the public for consideration. Mayor Faas responded that the agenda had been posted for four days and we haven't had any inquiries. Loraine Atkins, 715 Central Ave., #203, wasn't in agreement with appointing a city employee to the position. Ayes-Two. Nays-One (Seible). Motion denied.

Request from Police Chief Jensen to recognize Dave Tipton as Reserve Officer of the Year and Dan Taylor as Police Officer of the Year. Chief Jensen introduced Reserve Officer Dave Tipton, congratulated him for his service and explained to council how he was always available to help and always served with excellence. The Chief also introduced Police Officer Dan Taylor and explained that Officer Taylor has served as the Waterloo Schools Resource Officer for several years and last summer volunteered many hours during the disappearance of the young boy in La Porte City and Tony Thompson, Black Hawk County Sheriff called for help on the case and specifically asked for Taylor to help facilitate volunteers. He is also now considered our onboard doctor as he delivered a baby last week.

Dewater/Seible to approve Resolution 6296 authorizing payment of bills and transfers. Councilor Seible questioned the Lafayette Road line item from MidAmerican Energy invoice. Clerk Kobliska responded that it was our city street lights. Mayor Faas stated that several of our city lights are not metered and that he met with MidAmerican Energy and they would like us to proceed with metering the poles, but a project of that magnitude will take several years to complete. Roll call vote: Ayes-Three.

FY20 Budget discussion/workshop: Mayor Faas stated that no changes had been made besides setting up general fund escrow funds for future capital purchases. Councilor Seible questioned where the proceeds from the sale of city land had went. Mayor Faas responded that \$55,000 will be spent on repairing park amp panels and the remaining \$25,000 would go to repairing the HVAC

system at the Community Response Center. Seible also questioned the parks and library expenses and didn't think it would be a disservice to the city to not have a full-time library director and wanted to know what would be cut from the budget and why no one questioned the budget and didn't request budget cuts. Councilor Dewater responded that he questioned the budget and had some ideas on how to cut the budget and met with the Mayor and City Clerk and found he was grossly misinformed on the increasing cost of supplies and services. Mary Kettwig, 721 Timber Oak Dr., library board member, questioned if Councilor Seible had ever been in the library or spoken with the library staff regarding their budget. Seible responded that he had not been in the library nor visited with library staff. The Mayor also brought up the library calculator that was passed out at the last meeting showing the value of items checked out. Library Director Shannon Jensen stated that the library value calculator equated to about a quarter of a million dollars that would have been spent if all library patrons purchased the items checked out that included books, DVD's, computer use, etc. Seible questioned the realism of that form and just wanted to see the budget cut. Loraine Atkins, 715 Central Ave., #203, questioned what the employees share for insurance was. Faas responded \$50 for a single plan and \$100 for a family plan, but surrounding communities currently charge \$40/\$80 for their plans. Mark Atkins, 909 3rd Ave., questioned what Elk Run Heights and Gilbertville paid for utilizing our libraries and what the insurance increase has been in the past two years. Mayor Faas responded that he didn't know the exact contract figure for the library contracts but would check into it, he also stated that the insurance rates increased 12% last year and an anticipated 7% this year. Kathleen Johnson, library board member, stated that the last 3-year contract with Elk Run Heights and Gilbertville was agreed at \$9.54 per capita and if the city would ever entertain the idea of closing our library and contracting with the Waterloo Library system their pricing is \$24.51 per capita. The Mayor stated that unless the council had specific ways to cut the current budget it is our intent is to bring the budget back as stated this evening.

Dewater/Walker to approve Resolution 6297 setting March 5, 2019 as the date of public hearing on the proposed FY2020 budget. Roll call vote: Ayes-Three.

Dewater/Seible to approve Resolution 6298 fixing compensation for Jeremy Even for Waste Water Grade I designation. The Mayor congratulated Jeremy in achieving his Grade I Waste Water license. Councilor Seible questioned when Jeremy was hired and why the increase was so large. Clerk Kobliska stated that he had started on June 4th, 2018 and that it was a union position. Roll call vote: Ayes-Three.

Walker/Seible to approve Resolution 6299 setting the date for a public hearing on proposal to enter into a Sewer Revenue Loan and Disbursement Agreement and to borrow money thereunder in a principal amount not to exceed \$550,000. Roll call vote: Ayes-Three.

Seible/Dewater to approve Resolution 6300 approving Transportation agreement with the City of Raymond regarding ambulance services. Roll call vote: Ayes-Three.

Walker/Seible to approve request from Public Works Director to purchase a hydraulic hose saw from TIFCO in the amount of \$1,556.48. Seible questioned what the saw would be used for. Chris Schares responded that it is a saw to cut hydraulic hoses. Ayes-Three. Motion carried.

Walker/Seible to table request from Public Works Director to purchase high output power work light to be utilized by Public Works, Water Works, and Waste Water in the amount not to exceed \$7,065 or \$2,355 per department. Mayor Faas requested that we table this item as we investigated the LED version but didn't have enough time to get a second quote. Councilor Seible questioned why we wouldn't just rent this equipment as needed. Sandy Clements, Office Manager Water

Works, responded that emergencies didn't normally happen during business hours. Ayes-Three. Motion carried.

Dewater/Walker to approve request from Waste Water Foreman to replace impellers at the Timber Creek Lift Station in the amount of \$3,253.20 from Electric Pump. Ayes-Three. Motion carried.

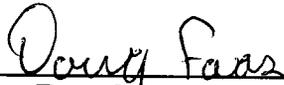
Seible/Dewater to approve request from Waste Water Foreman to replace scum pump at waste water plant in the amount of \$6,877.60 from Electric Pump. Ayes-Three. Motion carried.

Public Discussion: non-agenda items: Loraine Atkins, 715 Central Ave., #203, stated that the manhole at the corner of Leonard and River Forest Road was sinking in. Mayor Faas responded that the city was aware, and it would be repaired in the spring. Mike Thompson, 133 East End, discussed keeping the trail head on River Road clean and asked if the city would place a garbage cart there. Jeff O'Brien, 939 McCoy Rd., questioned if we would place a garbage cart near the fishing area as well. Ben Metcalf, representing Grace Hernandez, 928 Grand Blvd., questioned the city's proposal for the adjoining property owner that was building the pole building. Councilor Walker stated that the resident would have to follow code. Mayor Faas stated that the resident knows that any water that will be displaced would have to be addressed and a plan prepared. Grace Hernandez, 928 Grand Blvd., stated that her sump pump was still running. Mayor Faas responded that the water table is still very high and as water works was repairing a water main break on Norma Ave. ran into water after digging down 2 feet.

Mayor/Council Reports: Mayor Faas updated council on the following items: Molten and Menk would have the Meyers Lake weir plan to us by the end of March; revised fireworks ordinance passed by the City of Waterloo only allowing fireworks July 3rd, 4th, and 5th and wanted council's consensus to amend our ordinance. They agreed to the same days as City of Waterloo; he updated council on the meeting with AECOM regarding the Blowers Creek bridge closing and they insured us that they would only need the detour through Evansdale for one weekend during construction. He also stated that he had applied to the Wellmark Foundation and would be applying to Lawcon, Black Hawk Gaming and the Community Foundation, and that the city would look at playground equipment upgrades, pickle ball, and exercise stations on the trail. Councilor Seible stated that he had helped his neighbor clean around a fire hydrant and questioned who was responsible for keeping them free from snow. The Mayor responded that the volunteer fire department used to help with that, however, if the residents want to assist, it is appreciated. The street crew has been busy trying to keep the streets clean and clean up after the snow storms that we have had but will address the hydrants as time allows. Seible also commended Chris and his guys for keeping our streets clean. The Mayor extended his thanks as well.

There being no further discussion, Seible/Dewater to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 p.m. Ayes-Three. Motion carried.

ATTEST:



Doug Faas, Mayor



DeAnne Kobliska, City Clerk