

CITY HALL
EVANSDALE, IOWA, MARCH 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. Council members present in order of roll call: Walker, Loftus, Dewater, and Seible. Absent: Bender. Quorum present.

Loftus/Seible to approve March 19, 2019 agenda. Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Dewater/Seible to approve the following items on the March 19, 2019 consent agenda. a. Approval of March 05, 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 (Feb), Building Inspection Report (Feb), Clerk/Treasurer Report (Feb), Code Enforcement Report (n/a), Evansdale Municipal Housing (Feb), Library (Feb), Parks & Rec Dept. (Feb), Planning & Zoning (n/a), Police Dept. (Feb), Storm Water Commission (n/a), and Water Works (Feb). Roll call vote: Ayes-Four.

Dewater/Loftus to approve Resolution 6308 authorizing payment of bills and transfers. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four.

Walker/Dewater to approve Resolution 6309 approving tax abatement for 1005 Fran Street. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four.

Seible/Dewater to approve request from Waste Water Foreman, Chris Even to amend engineer contract with McClure Engineering by adding the Anti-Degradation Alternatives Analysis to the scope of services in an amount of \$17,500. Councilor Seible questioned why this wasn't included in the original scope of the contract. Waste Water Foreman, Chris Even responded that the original agreement did not include this anti-degradation analysis because it wasn't required. After the design parameters were approved, the DNR determined the anti-degradation analysis would be a necessary step. Seible questioned if analysis was to prevent excessive disposal into the river. Even responded that yes that is the basic idea; this is a necessary step for the DNR to allow us to increase what is discharged into the river. Seible asked if this is a set amount regardless of what is determined from the analysis. Even answered yes. Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

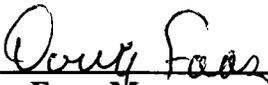
Discussion/Possible Action: Unlawful Treatment of Animals. Councilor Dewater questioned if it had been an issue. Animal Control Officer, Wanda Adams responded over this winter there had been multiple complaints from citizens claiming inadequate shelter for animals. Our current ordinance does not specify how shelter should be provided when outside in the elements; they are looking to tighten up the language in the ordinance and make the harsh weather safer for the animals in the city. Councilor Seible questioned if there would be a fine charged. Adams responded that a citation would be given after a warning when noncompliant.

Public discussion: non-agenda items. Loraine Atkins, 715 Central Ave., #203, thanked Police Chief, Jeff Jensen and all the officers for their work in the last week. Mark Atkins, 909 3rd St., stated the 6:00 p.m. meeting-time doesn't work for a lot of citizens and would like to see meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. Atkins also stated councilmen should have to complete all the nomination paperwork on their own accord. Russell Cobb, 4233 Lafayette Rd., questioned when the city is planning on getting a PA system, noting that it is very hard to hear and understand everything said during

meetings. Mayor Faas responded that this topic had been discussed; a PA system would be a more fiscally reasonable option over the audio video system that was researched, and the city would explore options. Donna Frickson, 911 Central Ave., questioned if the Mayor would explain the chart he had presented at the previous meeting. Mayor Faas went over the property examples showing the county, city, and school system share of the city taxes for each property and what the increase would be for the two properties listed. He also stated all the city services that were covered by the general fund to include the police department, fire rescue and ambulance services, community development, parks and campground, building inspection, code enforcement, animal control, and general government services. Schools, county, and Hawkeye Community College are a separate portion of your property tax dollars. Mark Atkins asked how much the TIF would be going up. Mayor Faas briefly explained each TIF is tied into the debt that is associated into that TIF district and each of the 4 districts have different rates. Councilor Seible added he had called the County assessor's office and protested the assessed value of his home and the county came out and surveyed his neighborhood. Ron Nichols, 1120 Evans Rd., suggested the City of Evansdale lower city taxes in order to compensate for the state and county's rising tax rates. Mayor Faas responded we could do that if we didn't need to address our infrastructure and all the other requirements the city has.

Mayor/Council Reports. Mayor Faas discussed the flood damages being minimal, although, EYSA may have a delayed start this year due to the flood water in the ballparks. He continued to explain Public Works Director, Chris Schares and himself are watching the projected river levels, the pumps will remain deployed for the next couple of weeks due to the large amounts of ice and melting in northern Iowa. Mayor Faas updated council on the following items: meeting with FEMA regarding updating the flood plain maps; Evansdale's map may not be updated until 2022 or 2025; NE Iowa Corridor Study will be coming to an end; Dollar Tree construction starting sometime soon; potential new commercial projects looking up. Faas addressed a rumor regarding an error in the budget; this was a computer-generated error. This error has nothing to do with the levy rate and was corrected before council voted on it. He informed everyone there was a budget protest filed with Black Hawk County, there will be 5 or 6 steps to come, and he will keep everyone updated as it proceeds. Councilor Dewater questioned if Deerwood has incurred damage this year. Mayor Faas responded yes, it is flooded, but we still have almost \$50,000 in repairs from the flooding last fall to be completed. There will be some minor additional damage to roadways, but we are hoping as far as electrical is concerned there wouldn't be any additional damage. Dewater questioned if we budgeted for these expenses. Faas stated no, this is why we need to have reserves for unanticipated expenses.

There being no further discussion, Dewater/Loftus to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m. Ayes-Four. Motion carried.



Doug Faas, Mayor

ATTEST:


Julie Eastman, Deputy City Clerk