

CITY HALL  
EVANSDALE, IOWA, OCTOBER 16, 2018  
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: Seible, Bender, Walker, Loftus, and Dewater. Quorum present.

Walker/Seible to approve October 16, 2018 agenda. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Dewater/Bender to approve the following items on the October 16, 2018 consent agenda. a. Approval of October 2, 2018 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 (Sept), Building Inspection Report (Sept), Clerk/Treasurer Report (Sept), Code Enforcement Report (Sept), Evansdale Municipal Housing (June/July/Aug/Sept), Library (Sept), Parks & Rec Dept. (Sept), Planning & Zoning (Aug), Police Dept. (Sept), Storm Water Commission (April), and Water Works (Sept). Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Walker/Loftus to approve Resolution 6257 authorizing payment of bills and transfers. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Seible/Bender to approve Resolution 6258 approving tax abatement for 1800 Timberline Drive. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Dewater/Loftus to approve request to accept the low bid with Bear Creek Landscapes to remove concrete slabs around city hall, replace with rock, and landscape around designated area in an amount not to exceed \$6,006. Councilor Seible questioned what repairs would be made. Mayor Faas responded that they would be removing cement pads in between panels around the building to help alleviate further cracking. Councilor Dewater questioned if the pads would be cut out to avoid any damage to the building. Mayor Faas responded yes. Ayes-five. Motion carried.

Discussion: Lafayette Rehabilitation/Reconstruction Project: Mayor Faas discussed the reconstruction of Lafayette Road project costs to be upwards of \$4.3 million, not including engineering fees, with only a 65% federal match instead of 80% that we received with the River Forest Road Reconstruction project leaving the city share at approximately 1.9 million. However, there are new techniques being used to rehabilitate roadways that has been found successful and the city cost, excluding engineering fees, would be as low as 1.7 million. He also discussed meeting with Speer financial to discuss funding options. Councilor Dewater questioned what the rehabilitation process was called. Faas responded interlayering. Dewater also questioned if we would get a DOT traffic count before we proceeded further. Faas responded that he would check into it. Councilor Seible stated that we needed to address the road due to its deteriorating condition.

Public Discussion: non-agenda items: Ann McGovern, 432, Trail Ave., expressed concern with having to remove her lawn ornaments and wanted to know what the ordinance stated about lawn ordinances and felt the city denied her right to expression. Mayor Faas responded that he had spoken to the landlord as we had received complaints and it had become a distraction to drivers on the road. Ms. McGovern responded that her intent was to slow down the speed of traffic and felt she had accomplished that. Faas responded that it was border line public nuisance, and everything should be done in moderation. Ross Smith, 324 Madison, Waterloo, elected official for House District 62, running unopposed, wanted to know our issues and how he could help. He stated that he was on the transportation committee for the State of Iowa and would keep the committee abreast to the road construction needs throughout the area.

Mayor/Council Reports: Mayor Faas discussed the following city business: a meeting with IDOT and INRCOG was held regarding water Trailways and the possibility of placing a boat/kayak/canoe landing at no cost to the city along the Cedar River; Arbutus lift station updates: Chris Even and Chris Schares are working with McClure Engineering to get estimates to upgrade the lift station as only one pump is operating with the exterior auxiliary pump and it has barely kept up with flooding and inflow/infiltration issues with sump pumping into the sanitary sewer system; Meyers Lake Weir-Bolton and Menk Engineering have sent a proposal to complete a study on flood control at Meyers Lake and would like to be placed on the next agenda; Community Response Center still has water in the basement and mold is starting to grow on the drywall. Chief Jensen stated that Serv Pro came out to give an estimate and the other company was due the next day. Councilor Dewater questioned why we don't fill in the basement of the CRC as flooding has been an issue since it was built. Faas responded that all the mechanicals were in the basement, but it sure sounded like a great idea. Councilor Walker stated that he had experienced first hand the volume of clear water that was running through the sanitary sewer system. Dewater responded that he couldn't imagine that sump pumping would increase the I/I in as much to over load our system. John Peverill, 543 East End Ave., stated that a portion of the lake was filled in at one point and shouldn't have been.

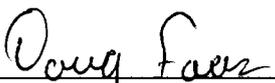
Mayor Faas stated that he had been approached by a group of residents that would like to have an annual Christmas decorating event where we would bring in celebrity judges and have prizes available, the city investment shouldn't be beyond \$500.

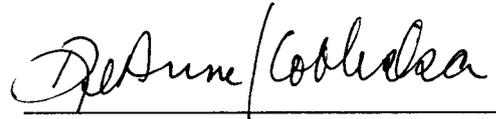
The Mayor wanted to give a special thank you to Public Works Director Chris Schares and his team for the 24/7 hours his team kept keeping pumps going and working aggressively at protecting the community against flooding. He also wanted to give a special thank you to Waste Water Foreman Chris Even for the nights he stayed at the plant so that he would be immediately available when the Arbutus lift station alarms went off to keep the city safe from sewer back-up in their homes. Councilor Seible stated that he had received complaints regarding the new car lot on Lafayette and wanted to know if we could ensure that the owner put a fence around the back of his property. Chief Jensen responded that fence placement had been the original intent, but a lot of upgrades have been completed to get the business going and it was just a matter of time before that task was completed. Seible also stated that there was a lot of junk/rubbish at a home on Norma Ave. if code enforcement would visit that home, it would be appreciated. John Peverill, 543 East End Ave., stated that the house on east Gilbertville Road needed to be addressed. Walker stated that yard art is getting out of hand in this city. Mayor responded that it would be a tough ordinance

to write and enforce. Loraine Atkins, 625 River Forest Rd., stated that personal property can not be placed on city property.

There being no further discussion, Seible/Walker to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 p.m. Motion carried.

**ATTEST:**

  
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**Doug Faas, Mayor**

  
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**DeAnne Kobliska, City Clerk**