

CITY HALL
EVANSDALE, IOWA, JANUARY 2, 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: Loftus, Dewater, Bender, and Walker. Absent: Seible. Quorum present.

Loftus/Seible to approve January 2, 2019 agenda by amending agenda to exclude item 6 presentation by Cory Vieth and to move item 8 request from Trey Manthey-Lamon to item 7 and move request to approve Lafayette Rd. agreement to item 8. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Loftus/Seible to approve the following items on the January 2, 2019 consent agenda. a. Approval of December 18, 2018 regular meeting minutes. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Appointments:

Bender/Walker to approve appointments to the Hardship and Grievance Commission as follows: Rebecca Stansberry with term expiring 12-31-21 and Sandy Clements with term expiring 12-31-21. Gene Walker with term expiring 12-31-19, and Lynn Bender with term expiring 12-31-19. Municipal Housing Authority Board as follows: Pete Curtis - New term expires 12-31-19 and Sandy Robert - New term expires 12-31-20

Presentation by Cory Vieth-Video/Audio tabled to the next meeting.

Dewater/Seible to approve request from volunteer firefighter Trey Manthey-Lamon to hold his wedding at the Community Response Center (CRC) on June 8, 2019. Mr. Manthey-Lamon addressed council and discussed his intent to utilize the CRC for his wedding ceremony and handed out a lay-out of the event for their review. Councilor Walker stated that we would be setting a precedence for future functions if we start allowing city employees to use city facilities for their functions that has not been allowed in the past. Councilor Dewater stated that we could take requests to utilize public facilities on a case by case basis. Sharon Loftus, 316 East End Ave., questioned what the difference from that of the mud volleyball event at the CRC. Councilor Dewater stated that a request to use the facility should go to both Chief Jensen and Chief Phillips before it goes to council. Marcus Norman, Asst. Fire Chief, stated that he was neutral on the request but stated the request should be approved by council. He also stated that all events that have been held at the CRC in the past have been community events. Mayor Faas stated his concerns regarding the security of the facility. Fire Chief Ryan Phillips stated that we have denied similar requests in the past and didn't want to set a precedence moving forward. Mayor Faas questioned if Angels Park would be a better place to hold the event. Councilor Seible agreed. Dewater/Loftus to table request until the park board decided they could utilize Angels Park for the event in lieu of the CRC.

Seible/Dewater to approve request to approve an agreement for professional services for the rehabilitation of Lafayette Road with Shive Hattery in an amount not to exceed \$227,600. Mayor Faas discussed levy rates and the budget that had been given to council. The city can afford this project; however, the Levy rate would not stay static if we move forward with this project as funds will also come from LOST, road use, and the general fund as a portion of the project is not in a

TIF district. Even if the whole project was in the TIF district the more debt incurred reduces the amount received in property taxes for the general fund. There is a lot of infrastructure issues that need to be addressed that include new heaters for the street garage, purchase of a squad vehicle, city-owned sidewalk replacement, park playground equipment, CRC lighting, and Deerwood Campground electrical system, just to name a few. Councilor Seible stated that he was still in favor of the project as it needed to be done. Mayor stated again that the city is sound financially and can afford this project, but we must consider the maintenance needs of the city. Seible questioned if the weir at Meyers Lake really need to be dealt with. Mayor Faas responded that the weir would not be important until the city floods. Councilor Bender questioned if we could wait on rehabilitating Lafayette. Mayor responded yes, however, project costs will increase the longer we delay it. Councilor Dewater stated that he was surprised that the mayor was placing the weir project above the Lafayette Road project. The Mayor responded that the flood levels in the last five years have been raising and it's just a matter of time until we get another flood like 1993.

Dewater/Loftus to approve Resolution 6279 authorizing payment of bills and transfers. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Walker/Seible to open the public hearing for termination of city easement at 6:45 p.m. Proof of publication on file no comments received. Walker/Seible to close public hearing at 6:46 p.m. Ayes-Five. Motion carried.

Seible/Bender to approve Resolution 6280 approving termination of city easement. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Dewater/Bender to approve Resolution 6281 setting the date of public hearing to adopt the 2018 City of Evansdale Comprehensive Plan Update. Councilor Seible questioned if we had to adhere to the plan as stated. Mayor Faas responded no. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

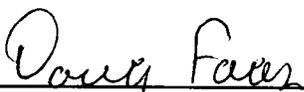
Walker/Bender to approve Resolution 6282 transfer funds from East Heights TIF to the 2015 CDBG Rehabilitation Project fund as budgeted. Roll call vote: Ayes-Five.

Public discussion: non-agenda items. None.

Mayor/Council Reports: Mayor Faas discussed that One Site Development will provide site plans by the end of the month moving forward with the Dollar Tree build. Councilor Dewater questioned the outcome of the water issues on Grace Hernandez property. Mayor Faas stated that the city crew and himself reviewed the property and spoke with the property owner that was intending on building a utility building on his lot and spoke again with Grace and her son Ben. He stated that the properties were in low lying areas and that it is inevitable that they had water problems.

There being no further discussion, Seible/Walker to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 p.m. Motion carried.

ATTEST:



Doug Faas, Mayor



DeAnne Kobliska, City Clerk