

CITY HALL
EVANSDALE, IOWA, APRIL 16, 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, Seible, Bender, and Walker. Absent: Dewater. Quorum present.

Loftus/Seible to approve April 16, 2019 agenda. Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Walker/Bender to approve the following items on the April 16, 2019 consent agenda. a. Approval of April 2, 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 (n/a), Building Inspection Report (March), Clerk/Treasurer Report (n/a), Code Enforcement Report (n/a), Evansdale Municipal Housing (March), Library (March), Parks & Rec Dept. (March), Planning & Zoning (Jan), Police Dept. (March), Storm Water Commission (n/a), and Water Works (March). Roll call vote: Ayes-Four.

Bender/Loftus to approve Resolution 6311 authorizing payment of bills and transfers. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four.

Seible/Loftus to approve Resolution 6312 approving Lease Agreement with the City of Elk Run Heights for city land abutting Mayor's Park in Elk Run Heights for the purpose of developing the property for disc golf. Mayor Faas explained to council what the land would be utilized for and included a hand-out from the black hawk county assessor's website showing the parcels that would be included. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four.

Presentation from Dan Knipp, Air Services on options for HVAC system at the Community Response Center: Dan Knipp explained water consumption issues during the winter months as the water is coming in so cool that the system is requiring more to flow through. The current boiler system is approximately ½ the BTU's as the system we are quoting. The 400K BTU boiler would greatly reduce the water usage as well as extend the longevity of the existing heat pumps. Councilor Seible questioned if the boiler replacement will eliminate future expense and if lack of maintenance contributed to the issues. Knipp responded that some of the issues were related to maintenance but it was mostly related to original design issues. Mayor Faas questioned if the gas fired unit heaters for supplemental heat would still need to be added to the bay area. Knipp responded that he would check into it but didn't believe so.

Discussion/Action: Preferred option for HVAC system at the Community Response Center. Loftus/Seible to approve the installation of a 400K BTU boiler in the amount of \$14,365. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four.

Discussion/Presentation: Chris Even, Waste Water Foreman presents sewer rate analysis. Mayor Faas discussed the Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) upgrades and the overview that Chris Even put together for the council. Chris Even, Waste Water Foreman, stated that his proposal was based on borrowing five (5) million dollars for the WWTP upgrades but the upgrades will also include replacing the Michigan lift station, lift station upgrades, e-coli upgrades, and flood plain protection to protect disinfection system ultimately we want to design and include upgrades that would last the city 15-20 years as the process with engineers, administration, DNR regulations, etc. are expensive. Faas stated that 84% of the equipment at the waste water plant was installed in 1968. Even explained the 1st proposal A would include a sewer increase of \$7.50 per month and 1.5% each year after; proposal B would include an increase of \$6.00 per month and 2% increase each year thereafter for the life of

the loan; and proposal C would include an increase of \$2.25 per month and an increase of \$2.25 per month each year for five years with a 1% annual increase per month for the life of the loan. Councilor Seible questioned if we were obligated to bank the money up front before the plans were completed and project started. Even responded that if the city waited another two years to start increasing the rates for the mandatory DNR upgrades the increase would double or triple per month in comparison to what we are proposing now. Seible stated that proposal C at \$2.25 per month will be a lot more agreeable to the citizens instead of a large increase all at once. Even also stated that the projections cover a period of twenty (20) years, but that council should review rates annually. Walker and Bender both stated they were in favor of the council moving forward with proposal C \$2.25 per month for five years with a 1% annual increase thereafter.

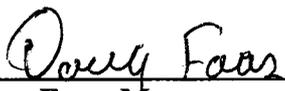
Walker/Loftus to approve Formal request from Chris Even, Waste Water Foreman to purchase the Warthog WGR Switcher Nozzle from MacQueen Equipment in an amount not to exceed \$2,830 (verbally approved by email on 04/02/19). Councilor Seible encouraged department heads to bring requests to council instead of asking for an item via an email or phone call. Chris Even responded that that MacQueen Equipment would not hold item without approval. Nozzle has not been purchased as we waited for formal approval. Ayes-Four

Public discussion: non-agenda items. Loraine Atkins, 715 Central Ave., #203, thanked volunteer firefighter/EMT Justin Smock, his assistant, and officer on duty for the care during required services.

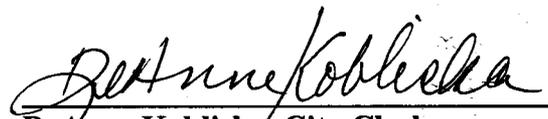
Mayor/Council Reports. Mayor Faas discussed the progress report for the Lafayette Road Project and a decision would have to be made if we want to go out for bid this fall; meet with INRCOG to start the process for a CDBG grant for waste water treatment plant improvements. The potential grant would amount to \$600,000, however, the city no longer meets the LMI (low to moderate income) status the city went from 51% down to 47% therefore we will be sending out random questioners to approximately 1300 residents just to get a better grasp on the income range in our city. If you do receive the survey, please complete and return to city hall as your response would possibly help us qualify for the grant, which would offset costs for our WWTP improvements. Councilor Walker questioned Jake breaking on I-380, who was responsible for enforcing the "No Jake Breaking" signage, and who was responsible for placing the signs on I-380. Chief Jensen responded that the DOT places the signs on I-380 and that it was nearly impossible to enforce as if we place a car on the interstate at our city's entrances the truckers won't do it. Tom Nichols, 616 Grand Ave., stated that the BHC Sheriff's department requires a decibel reading to enforce jake breaking violation in court. Councilor Seible questioned why the street department isn't have a dump truck available to unload waste while the streets are being cleaned. Mayor Faas and Walker both stated that the dump truck is staged at both the skate park and Myers Lake. Seible also stated that he would be interested in attending some conferences. Clerk Kobliska responded that the conferences are usually advertised in the City Scape monthly magazine and would be glad to sign him up. Walker stated that Seible didn't attend the last conference the city paid for.

There being no further discussion, Dewater/Loftus to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 p.m. Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

ATTEST:



Doug Faas, Mayor



DeAnne Kobliska, City Clerk