

CITY HALL
EVANSDALE, IOWA, AUGUST 7, 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. Council members present in order of roll call: Seible, Bender, Walker, and Loftus. Absent: Dewater. Quorum present.

Seible/Loftus to approve August 7, 2018 agenda. Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Walker/Bender to approve the following item on the August 7, 2018 consent agenda. a. Approval of July 17, 2018 regular meeting minutes. b. Liquor License Renewals: Kwik Star #278 - BC0030451 - Effective 10/05/2018, Station Mart 2 - LE0002939 - Effective 09/19/2018, and Pronto Market - BC0028905 - 08/15/2018. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four.

Loftus/Seible to approve request from AECOM/City of Waterloo for temporary easement for wing dike project. Ayes-Four. Motion Carried.

Presentation by Mark Durbin, AECOM, NE Iowa Corridor Study. Mr. Durbin explained the need to meet with city councils whom would be involved in the project as they would meet with the public regarding this project on September 20, 2018. He explained that the study was to improve access to NE Waterloo Industrial area including Tyson, and John Deere NE site from I-380/Hwy 20, Evansdale and Plaza Drive, Dunkerton Rd. @ Hwy 63, Elk Run Rd., etc. The study highlighted local roads that were not designed to handle high truck traffic, train traffic/Canadian national railroad, and how to improve access in the future. Councilor Seible questioned what local funds would be required. Durbin responded that it was too early to give numbers but could be upwards of 1.9 million.

Loftus/Walker to approve Resolution 6238 authorizing payment of bills and transfers. Councilor Seible questioned the parts/repairs made to the street sweeper in excess of \$6,000, uniform purchase, dash camera, and light bar for city trucks. Mayor Faas responded that it was the end of the Cintas contract and uniforms had to be purchased. Chris Schares, Public Works Director (PWD) responded that all items replaced on street sweeper were wear items and dash camera and light bar were for new ford. Roll call vote: Ayes-Three. Nays-One. (Seible).

Seible/Bender to approve Resolution 6239 approving Final payment #7, less retainage, to Vieth Construction Corp, Cedar Falls, Iowa for the 2017 Patching and Maintenance Project-Doris Drive in the amount of \$8,550. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four.

Walker/Loftus to approve Resolution 6240 approving the FY2018 Annual Financial Report and authorizing publication. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four.

Seible/Walker to approve Resolution 6241 approving FY2018 Street Finance Report. Roll call vote: Ayes-Four.

Walker/Seible to approve request from Waste Water Foreman (WWF) Chris Even to reimburse Jeremy for a portion of tuition required to earn an Associate Degree in Water Environmental Technology from Kirkwood Community College in the amount of \$4,182.75. Mayor Faas stated that there would be an agreement that employee would have to sign for repayment in the event he leaves the city's employment. Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Seible/Walker to approve request from Public Works Director to approve the annual levee maintenance,

weed prevention, in the amount of \$3,097.50 and waste water plant fence weed application in the amount of \$900.00 as budgeted for FY19. Councilor Seible questioned what areas of the levee were treated. Schares responded both Cedar River levee and W. Gilbert Levee were rip-rap is present. Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Walker/Loftus to approve request from Waste Water Foreman to repair a blower at the Waste Water Plant in an amount not to exceed \$2,332. Councilor Seible questioned the repair of blower. Chris Even, WWF, responded that it is the fourth blower, back-up blower, but need to have a back-up as it supplies oxygen to the system. Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Walker/Loftus to approve request from Fire Chief to send two volunteer firefighters to EMT training in the amount of \$3,848 and one volunteer EMT to advanced EMT training in the amount of \$1,999 as budgeted for FY19. Mayor Faas stated that an agreement will be signed for each volunteer. Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Seible/Bender to approve request from resident to identify trees located at 454 Grand as dead, diseased or damaged. Mayor Faas stated that this topic will come up often as time goes on due to the emerald ash borer and council will need to decide how to proceed. Councilor Seible stated that it is the homeowner's responsibility to remove the dead or decayed tree. Faas responded that the city will send a certified letter to property owner and if not removed within the period stated in the code the city would have to hire a contractor to remove the tree and assess to the homeowner's taxes. Councilor Walker stated that the city has been enforcing all ordinances, so it is only fair to enforce this ordinance. Ayes-Four. Motion carried.

Public discussion: non-agenda items: Luke Jensen, Swisher & Cohrt representing Charles McNally, 947 Colleen Ave., stated that he was in communication with the mayor and wouldn't go into the background but stated the issue of water back-up on the corner of Mr. McNally's property that has also lead to water in their basement. He questioned why the city was involved in putting a beehive in the yard and as a result the city should remain involved in putting together a solution. Mayor Faas stated that he handed to council the letter from Swisher & Cohrt, several resident letters stating to the city that they contracted and hired their own contractor to repair their draining issues in their yard, and a local contractor that stated they made several repairs in residents' yards that the city wasn't involved in. He also stated that it was a liability issue for the city to be involved. Mr. Jensen stated again that the city had already become involved. Mayor Faas responded that a hole had been dug to the neighbors and to stop the erosion and undermining of the street the beehive was installed. Councilor Seible stated that the city should make the repair and assess the homeowner's taxes in good faith. Mayor Faas responded that Chris Schares with public works, the McNally's, and their neighbors had a discussion and the neighbors had agreed to allow Mr. McNally to hook up to their draining system. Chris Schares, PWD stated that the repair the city made was to stop the erosion of the city street and it is working as it should. Councilor Walker stated that he had a conversation with Mr. McNally and understood from the Mayor that a resolution was made between their neighbors to hook into their drain pipe.

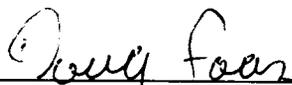
Jeff O'Brien, 939 McCoy Rd., stated that he was upset by a phone call received from his friend in TN, insinuating that he was intimidating city council and employees and he didn't appreciate a city official saying derogatory statements about him. He also stated that he was accused of running the Facebook community page he admitted that he was a member but didn't run the page. Mayor Faas responded that a city employee when off the clock is allowed on social media of their choosing. Aaron Pierce, 1104 Jones Rd., stated he was verbally insulted by a city employee. Councilor Seible stated that as city employees we should be ambassadors of the city and act in a professional manner. Mayor Faas stated that since this has been brought up in an open meeting he didn't appreciate the remarks, pictures, and insulting comments that have been posted about his wife and several city employees. Drew Collins, 166 Brovan Blvd., stated that getting involved in a Facebook page that is attacking city employees is wrong and if you don't want to be involved get off the site. Councilor Bender stated that you should ask about the facts before posting comments to Facebook. Dona Frickson, 911 Central Ave. posted a comment today questioning the

negativity of Evansdale residents on the page and if it's inappropriate for a city official to use social media, it should be for Councilor Seible as well. We should be dwelling on things to promote our city instead of tearing it down. Darrel Loveless, 930 McCoy Rd., first he wanted to commend the mayor and council for the terrific way they are running the city, he believes it would be a better place to live if we turn the negatives to positives, if you have an issue with the city or its employees go talk to the mayor. Loraine Atkins, 625 River Forest Rd., stated that people attending council meetings feel intimidated, so they don't attend, she also stated that she had been called names from people on the planning and zoning committee. Seible asked the mayor for his respect as well as respect for residents. Mayor responded respect is a two-way street but would do his part. Councilor Bender stated that council meetings have been going better the last couple months. Mayor Tim Swope, Elk Run Heights, wanted to commend the Mayor for working together, he couldn't believe the posts about Evansdale employees. He commended Chief Jensen, Chris Schares and the employees of Evansdale for their outstanding work in the city.

Mayor/Council Reports: Mayor Faas wanted to thank Rod Frickson for the in-kind services he has done for the city on the Angels Island shoreline project saving the city several thousand dollars. He also wanted to send special thanks out to Marcus Norman, JT Picha, and the Evansdale Fire Rescue Association and volunteer fire department for all the hours and labor to make Community Days a success; Chamber of Commerce with their financial help and the Kettwigs and Dona Frickson who volunteered at the events; to my wife Judi for the many hours designing marketing materials, working on the kids events, and volunteering at the events, the kids event wouldn't have been a success without her. Ted Gehrke, with Teds Hardware for the barbecue contest, kids' parade, and donations to the events; Evansdale Hope Church for their generous donation and supplies, members of the community, and the city employees, especially the street department for signage, fencing, and just about anything the committee asked, the police department for keeping everyone safe, the many businesses that made generous financial contributions to keep the kids events free, and Bobby Frickson for supplying the equipment and labor to dig the mud volleyball pits. It took many to pull off the event and it was appreciated by all.

City business: we have been getting estimates from other engineering services for the Lafayette Road Project it looks like the project will cost around 2 million for rehabilitation and approximately 3.8 million for reconstruction and future funding for the project will only be funded @ 32% by the DOT. He stated we could hold off on some other projects and start putting money aside from LOST funds to help with the project and then bond for the project in 2023. Comprehensive plan, phase one is completed and will be taken to planning and zoning for approval and brought to council later this year. Fran Street abatement: we received a request from a new homeowner, but we had talked about no further abatements on the Fran Street Project, but I think it was for the Leistikow family, but would like to place the abatement on the next agenda if council agrees. Council responded agreement. Cedar Bend Humane Society has a program for our "community cats" and could present to council if they so choose. Council responded to presentation on agenda. We will bring a review of community response centers current HVAC system to council in the next month or so as we have some major repairs that need to be completed. He also stated that he had placed correspondence that was given to us by the City of Laporte City for the sump pump ordinance implementation. Councilor Seible questioned if we could bond earlier for the Lafayette Road Project. Mayor Faas stated that we need to wait until we pay down off a couple GO Bonds. Seible also questioned if we had started using our televising equipment yet. Chris Even, WWF, responded only on a small project, but will be televising lines soon.

There being no further discussion, Loftus/Seible to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Motion carried.



Doug Faas, Mayor

ATTEST:


DeAnne Kobliska, City Clerk