

CITY OF EVART
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
October 23, 2017

The Council meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Keysor.

Present: **Council – Mayor** – Casey Keysor, Ralph Carlson, John Joyce; **City Clerk** – Acting City Clerk Sarah Dvoracek; **City Manager** – Zack Szakacs; **City Treasurer/Assessor** – Sarah Dvoracek

Absent: **City Clerk, Heather Pattee, Mayor Pro Tem BJ Foster, Dan Elliott**

Guests: Larry Lauman, Travis Douglas, Chief Beam, Jim White, Al Weinberg, Mark Wilson, Angie Kopriva, reporter

Brief Public Comment:

none

Approval of the agenda:

Addition to the agenda: Resolution to change the City’s Charter regarding date for filing election petitions.

Moved by Keysor, seconded by Joyce to accept the agenda with the addition. Passed unanimously.

Approval of the minutes:

Council Meeting October 9, 2017

Moved by Keysor, seconded by Carlson to approve the minutes stated above. Passed unanimously.

L DFA: Melora Theunick absent. Zack stated there will be a Friends of Evert meeting from 10:00 am -12:30pm at the Fairgrounds. Zack stated that he and some of his staff will attend the meeting.

DDA: Al Weinberg gave report regarding Fall Festival, Shop Local Event (November 25, 2017), Get Crafty, Monster Mash, Michigan Mainstreet Application Process, Deb Knowles purchased the old hotel, and his resignation December 2017.

Unfinished Business:

City Charter:

The City continues to work on resolutions to change the current charter. City charter will continue to stay on agenda until all necessary changes are made.

Zoning Ordinance:

Moved by Keysor, seconded by Carlson to adopt the new zoning code Ordinance No. 2017-08. Passed unanimously.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Keysor, Carlson, Joyce

Nays: none

Absent: Elliott, Foster

New Business:

Baird Cotter Bishop/Audit Results/Contract Renewal:

Angie Kopriva from Baird, Cotter, and Bishop presented council with a summary sheet for general, sewer and water. She explained why each fund had increases and decreases. Angie stated overall the audit went well and thanked the city for all their help.

City Manager Szakacs then presented council with a request to extend Baird, Cotter, and Bishop’s contract until June 30, 2022 for the following costs:

Five-Year Bid for Fiscal Year Ending:

	City of Ewart	DDA	LDFA
June 30, 2018	\$ 18,700	\$ 2 ,400	\$ 2 ,400
June 30, 2019	\$ 19,275	\$2 ,450	\$2 ,450
June 30, 2020	\$ 19,850	\$2 ,500	\$2 ,500
June 30, 2021	\$ 20,425	\$2,550	\$2 ,550
June 30, 2022	\$ 21,050	\$2,600	\$2 ,600

Discussion was held.

Moved by Keysor, seconded by Carlson to accept the 5-year contract for the amounts stated above with Baird, Cotter, Bishop until June 30, 2022. Passed unanimously.

Resolution to Change the Charter regarding Date for Filing Election Petitions:

Moved by Keysor seconded by Carlson to accept resolution to change the charter regarding date for filing election petitions Resolution No. 17-2017. Passed unanimously.

Roll Call Vote:

Yeas: Keysor, Carlson, Joyce

Nays: none

Absent: Elliott, Foster

City Treasurer/Assessor’s Report:

Dvoracek stated that the reappraisal should be completed by the end of December. Dvoracek will have office hours in January and February for residents to review their new record card after the reappraisal.

Dvoracek is hoping to get a head start on the 2017-2018 budget. Dvoracek wants to meet an hour before the next council meeting November 6 to address some of her concerns.

Motion to approved budget amendments:

Moved by Keysor, seconded by Joyce to approve the budget amendments presented journal entries numbers 3529, 3530, 3534, 3535. Passed unanimously.

Moved by Keysor, seconded by Joyce to approve the Vendor’s List 10/23/2017 for \$12,871.77 Passed unanimously.

City Manager’s Report:

Szakacs stated that FEMA will be hosting work sessions in Reed City and Marion in November. Szakacs stated that he will attend the work session and address any concerns.

Police Department:

Chief Beam stated he will be picking up the new vehicle in St. Ignace tomorrow and then drop it off in Mt. Pleasant so lights can be installed. The police department is well prepared for the Haunted Park and Monster Mash.

DPW:

Wilson stated the DPW received their new plow truck and they are very impressed with the condition of the truck. The DPW will have to do some minor modifications to the salter and some minor repairs to the truck to get it ready for snow but overall, he is very happy with the purchase. Next council meeting, Wilson stated he will have the truck parked at city hall for council members and residents to see. Wilson stated he and Sarah will be attending the Champion Award Ceremony in Lansing on Thursday, October 26, 2017. Parks and Recreation Department have been preparing for the Haunted Park on Saturday, October 28, 2017. Wilson stated he will be teaching a Hunter's Safety Class this week. Riverside West Park and the cemetery has been winterized. The city did both winterizations for both locations in house and did not hire a contractor.

City Attorney Report:

White stated he is continuing to work with Szakacs on Blarney Castle land swap. White stated he is also working with Mike Sweeney regarding the land donation for the Dietrich property.

Citizen's Comments

none

Moved by Keysor seconded by Carlson to adjourn at 7:34 pm.

Sarah J. Dvoracek-Acting City Clerk/City Treasurer