December 14, 2015

The City Council met in the Council Room on December 14, 2015 with the following members present: Monica Olson, Richard Novonty, Mayor Terry Aasness & Bobbie Batesole and the following absent: NONE

Others Present: Troy Wolbersen-Douglas County Sheriff's Department, Colleen & Bob Shores, Darek Buse, Ardell Hendrickson, Lyle Olson, Shelly Eldridge-Ehlers & Associates, Dave Bedore, Jerry Buse and Diana K. Olson.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Aasness.

All present stood to say the pledge of allegiance.

A motion was made by Novotny, seconded by Olson and carried to approve the December 14th agenda.

A motion was made by Novotny, seconded by Batesole and carried to appoint Darek Buse to fill Missy's Council seat until the next regular election which will be held in 2016.

Darek was sworn in by the Clerk and took his chair on the City Council.

A motion was made by Novotny, seconded by Olson and carried to approve the November 9th Council minutes.

The meeting was paused at 7:07 PM to discuss the 2016 Budget. There was a question about the streets/alley amount. The City received some funds in 2015 to put towards the streets but there is no amount allocated for 2016 through the State.

The budget meeting was closed at 7:13 PM at which time the Council meeting was resumed.

The Douglas County Sheriff Troy was out to discuss drug drop boxes with the City Council. Evansville was picked as a location to install one of the boxes but due to miscommunications the City was unaware of this. The Council had questions about the safety, how the boxes work and liability. The Council would like a month to think about this and have it put on the January 2016 agenda.

The City has a contract with the Sheriff's department for police coverage and the contract will increase in 2016 by \$1.67 per hour. The contract will be addressed at the January Council meeting.

Shelly from Ehlers was present to discuss refinancing some of our bonds. Our 2003 & 2005 Bond could be refinanced with a savings of around \$115,000-125,000 depending on the market when we sell them.

Council Member Monica Olson introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption: Resolution # 15-008

PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF APPROXIMATELY \$1,195,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUDNING BONDS, SERIES 2016A

A. WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Evansville, Minnesota has heretofore determined that it is necessary and expedient to issue the City's approximately

- \$1,195,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2016A (the "Bonds"), to provided for the current refunding of the City's General Obligation Rural Water Loans, Series 2003A and 2005A for the purpose of interest saving to the City; and
- B. WHEREAS, the City has retained Ehlers & Associates, Inc., in Roseville, Minnesota ("Ehlers"), as its independent municipal advisor for the Bonds in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 475.60, Subdivision 2(9);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Evansville, Minnesota, as follows:

- 1. <u>Authorization; Findings.</u> The City Council hereby authorizes Ehlers to assist the City for the sale of the Bonds.
- 2. <u>Meeting; Proposal Opening.</u> The City Council shall meet at 7:00 PM on February 8, 2016, for the purpose of considering proposals for and awarding the sale of the Bonds.
- 3. <u>Official Statement.</u> In connection with said sale, the officers or employees of the City are hereby authorized to cooperate with Ehlers and participate in the preparation of an official statement for the Bonds and to execute and deliver it on behalf of the City upon its completion.

The motion fro the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Council Member <u>Bobbie Batesole</u> and after full discussion thereof and upon vote being taken the following voted in favor thereof: Darek Buse, Richard Novotny, Terry Aasness, Monica Olson & Bobbie Batesole

And the following voted against the same: NONE WHEREUPON said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted this 14th December 2015.

Council Member <u>Bobbie Batesole</u> introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

Resolution No. 15-009

Approving 2015 Tax Levy, Collectible in 2016

BE IT RESOLVED, by the council of the City of Evansville, County of Douglas, Minnesota, that the following sums of money be levied for the current year, collectible in 2016, upon taxable property in the City of Evansville for the following purposes:

| General Fund— | \$ 172,687 |
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| Fire Fund— | \$ 16,330 |
| 2003 Bond TIF Levy— | \$ 7,854 |
| 2010 Bond Phase 2— | \$ 23,967 |
| 2003 Bond Improv. Levy— | \$ 2,754 |
| Evansville Care Center Abatement— | \$ 6,347 |
| Total Levy— | \$ 229,939 |

The City Clerk is hereby instructed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the County auditor of Douglas County, Minnesota.

The foregoing resolution was duly seconded by <u>Richard Novotny</u> and upon vote being taken the following voted in favor thereof: Darek Buse, Richard Novotny, Terry Aasness, Monica Olson & Bobbie Batesole

And the following voted against the same: NONE WHEREUPON said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted this 14th December 2015.

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Batesole and carried to dedicate \$318,000 from the General Fund to pay down each years levy for the 2010 East Side Bond. It will be half of the scheduled levy for years 2016-2025.

John would like to swap the City's lot by Railroad and 2nd for the lot behind City Hall. There are special assessments against the lot by City hall so Council is wondering who would pay them. Gardonville has cables running through the lot so there would have to be some easements.

The City ranked 52 for the storage tower and 67 for the treatment plant on the PPL which is from the Department of Health.

A motion was made by Novonty, seconded by Buse and carried to bill the school for insurance on the community center for 2015 in the amount of \$2,675.40.

A motion was made by Novonty, seconded by Buse and carried to appoint Bobbie to the employee committee for the remainder of the year.

A motion was made by Olson, seconded by Buse and carried to appoint Monica to the school committee along with Richard who is currently on the committee.

A motion was made by Batesole, seconded by Novonty and carried to approve a structure permit for Sherwin Carlson to build a gazebo on his lot as long as he abides by the setbacks. It is parcel 72-0345-000.

A motion was made by Novonty, seconded by Batesole and carried to be paid for the 2014 Utility Improvement final public hearing and the closed meeting regarding Ulteig but not for the interview with Darek.

A motion was made by Novonty, seconded by Batesole and carried to issue the TIF checks once Shelly has them calculated.

Bob Shores made comment about their lawsuit against the City regarding their special assessment appeal. Since there is litigation with the Shore's the Council could not respond.

A motion was made by Novotny, seconded by Olson and carried to approve the December bills and authorize payment. (List Attached)

The Council meeting was closed at 10:07 PM for attorney client information regarding special assessments.

| The Council meeting was resumed at 10:40 PM |
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| A motion was made by Batesole, seconded by Buse and carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:40 PM. |
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| Diana K. Olson |