

Evans City Borough Council Meeting
Monday, December 2, 2019

Members in attendance: Councilman Dyer, Councilwoman Armstrong, Councilwoman Parenti, Councilman Otto, Councilwoman Zoelle

Also Present: Mayor Zinkhann, Solicitor Neva Stotler

Council President Dyer called meeting to order at 6:07 PM with pledge of allegiance.

Public Comment:

Jill Eudaly, who resides at 252 Reibold Road, Renfrew, spoke to an event where the children decorated pumpkins, P&B Sweets sold them and they raised \$803. The library had 153 people attend the Christmas Market on Small Business Saturday where Elsa from Frozen made an appearance. No one has picked up the light-up night project and she is asking for volunteers. Sports & Spirits is having Cookies with Santa on December 14th.

Sarah Troyan, who resides at 235 W. Main Street, spoke to the fact the residents are at a standstill with Vogel regarding the Main Street garbage pick-up. Vogel picked up at 7:30 AM opposed to 4:30 AM and the traffic back-up was huge. Vogel has a smaller truck and offered to have alley pick-up. Residents are looking into Waste Management as an option. Patty Timminch (sp?), who resides at 805 S. Washington Street, spoke to this same issue.

Rick Reifenstein, who resides at 346 W. Main Street, talked about crosswalk issues regarding the rules of motorists yielding to pedestrians while they are on the sidewalk opposed to stepping into the street before the traffic stops for the children trying to cross to school before the crossing guard is present. The borough printed a packet sent by Chief McCombs with rules of crosswalks and this was given to Rick.

Discussion Items:

Councilman Dyer talked about the Route 68 oversized sign stating it exceeds the borough standards and that the solicitor will follow-up with a letter once we hear from Kevin Harancher regarding the sign vs borough ordinance.

Councilwoman Zoelle presented information from three bids for a new phone system which will separate the borough and police calls on the present phone system. The low bid was Armstrong \$51.98 for phone and \$76.93 for fax line.

Councilwoman Zoelle spoke regarding Sensible Surroundings updating the borough filing system. They will charge \$50 per person for two people to make a spreadsheet of the filing system along with the file folder labels. Council Zoelle and Councilwomen Parenti will purge the files and set up the filing system to the budget line item numbers.

Councilman Dyer spoke to the Green Light Go Grant which is a 40% match grant. The next council will be applying for this grant as well as the biannual look at traffic lights.

Councilwoman Zoelle spoke regarding the cooperation with area storm water management, ACT 167. She attended a meeting November 12th with seven local municipalities and hoping to include more. The idea is to create an authority to oversee our work on storm management. There was also discussion regarding applying a \$3.00 storm water management fee to individual property owners. The fee for business owners would be higher and based on the size of the business.

Councilman Dyer spoke to the fallen tree behind Roenigk Bus Garage being removed by a company who has agreed to the removal as a donation to the borough.

Councilman Dyer talked about the EDCO Park Authority Agreement for the \$31,250 reimbursement to the borough for the grant matching for the pool decking. Ashlee Zinkhann, authority treasurer, had signed the agreement at the November 18, EDCO Park Authority Meeting and John Rogers was to take to the borough office to sign. The solicitor will print another agreement for the proper signatures.

Councilwoman Zoelle attended the November 27th police commission meeting and reported in 2020 the monthly meeting location will alternate between Seven Fields and Evans City.

Councilman Dyer sent a congratulatory letter to the new incoming council members offering to arrange meetings with Human Resources, Finance, and Street Committees along with himself to review history and current issues that reflect in each of those departments; the budget being primary.

Councilman Dyer made a statement that the police department bill dropped approximately \$48,000 however, the borough receives a separate billing by the police department anytime main street is closed for an event.

Official Actions:

Motion for tree removal behind the Roenigk Bus Garage as a donation by local company by Councilwoman Armstrong. Seconded by Councilman Otto. Motion carried.

Motion to accept the minutes of the November 4th meeting by Councilwoman Armstrong. Seconded by Councilwoman Zoelle. Motion carried.

Motion to accept the minutes of the November 15th meeting by Councilwoman Armstrong. Seconded by Councilman Otto. Motion carried.

Motion to pay the bills by Councilwoman Armstrong. Seconded by Councilwoman Zoelle. Motion carried.

Motion to ratify the payment of \$441 made to Penn National Insurance for the EDCO Park Authority Dishonesty Bond by Councilwoman Armstrong. Seconded by Councilwoman Zoelle. Motion carried. The payment was made to avoid cancellation of the coverage and a late fee.

Motion to approve payment to Sensible Surroundings to update our filing system not to exceed \$1,000 by Councilwoman Zoelle. Seconded by Councilwoman Parenti. Motion carried.

Motion for the borough to support the creation and distribution of a local newsletter not to exceed \$256 per quarter by Councilwoman Zoelle. Seconded by Councilwoman Armstrong. The initial costs will be taken from business donations for ads and the borough will pay the rest.

Motion to advertise the 2020 Evans City Council meeting revised start time of 7:00 PM by Councilman Otto. Seconded by Council Armstrong. Motion carried.

Motion to advertise the 2020 meeting dates, time, and location for the Evans City Council, EDCO Park Authority, and Planning Commission by Councilman Otto. Seconded by Councilwoman Zoelle. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the 2020 balanced budget of \$904,365 by Councilwoman Armstrong. Seconded by Councilwoman Zoelle. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the advertised tax ordinance of .5 mill reduction in street lighting tax for 2020 by Councilwoman Armstrong. Seconded by Councilman Otto. Motion carried.

Motion to forgive \$6,250 of the \$31,250 debt for the EDCO Park Authority reimbursement to the Evans City Borough for the borough's payment made to the Butler County Parks and Recreation for the grant matching funds for pool decking by Councilwoman Armstrong. Seconded by Councilman Dyer. Motion carried. The agreement will stand with the payment schedule being changed to reflect the difference of \$6,250.

Minutes submitted by Councilwoman Parenti.