

OCTOBER 16, 2017

The Keota City Council met on October 16, 2017, in the city hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Anthony Cansler.

Council Members answering roll call were Greiner, Westendorf, K.Conrad, Davis, and Hill. City employees present were Slaubaugh, and Hammes. D.Conrad arrived at 7:41 p.m. Also in attendance were Brad Grefe – Area 15 Planning Commission, Dan Flynn, Mark Sheets, Nick Mahan, and Amie Van Patten - *The Keota Eagle*.

Motion was made by Conrad to amend the agenda by removing item #11 – Keota Historical Museum. Westendorf seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Conrad to approve the amended agenda. Hill seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Mayor Cansler opened the Public Meeting at 7:01 p.m. for the purpose of updating the public on the status of the wastewater improvements project funded, in part, by the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

Bradley J. Grefe, the grant administrator from Area 15 Regional Planning Commission, reported that in July 2016, the Iowa Department of Economic Development awarded CDBG funds to the City of Keota for the purpose of making improvements to the City's wastewater treatment plant. The benefit to low-to-moderate income persons is estimated at 51.50% based on a local income survey conducted in April 2013. The project benefits all persons in the community regardless of income.

The City applied for and was awarded \$300,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds. The city was to match the grant award with \$2,427,600 in local funds utilizing the Clean Water State Revolving Fund program. The original estimated cost of the project was \$2,727,600.

The scope of work for the project was to make major modifications to the existing wastewater treatment lagoon system by reconfiguring an existing lagoon into an aerated cell and a settling cell followed by four submerged attached growth reactors (SAGR), adding a UV disinfection system, and appurtenant piping, structures, electrical, and site work. Four bids were received for the project and the contract for construction was awarded to the lowest bidder, Leander Construction (Canton, IL). The original bid was \$2,905,037.19. To date, one change order has been approved increasing the contract price by \$10,644.67 to \$2,915,681.86.

Construction began in May 2017. Substantial completion of the construction is estimated to be in December 2017, while full completion is estimated to be June 2018. Including tonight's pay application (#5), the contractor has billed approximately 67% of the contract amount. Most of the SAGR system has been installed; however, installation of lagoon aeration equipment remains. Other work remaining on the project includes the installation of the UV disinfectant system, installation of sluice gates for the splitter structure, appurtenant piping and electrical work, and finish grading/seeding should wrap up the project in the spring.

The CDBG contract end date is July 31, 2019.

Open for comments, concerns, and questions. The only question raised was with regard to timing of draw requests and payments. The city clerk and engineer have arranged to get invoices to the grant administrator sooner so that a draw request can be initiated sooner. This should mitigate the delays that were noticed previously. Approximately 12 people were in attendance.

Motion was made by Conrad to close the Public Meeting at 7:09 p.m. Davis seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Mayor Cansler re-opened the Regular Meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Motion was made by Westendorf to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Greiner seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Kevin Slaubaugh presented the Public Works Report. The Sewer Project is on schedule. Aaron Gwinnup from HR Green is working on the terrace project on the northwest end of town. Washington County will be in town on October 17 to cut and re-shape the shoulder of Keokuk-Washington Road to help with the water runoff. Westendorf motioned to approve the Public Works Report. Hill seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Officer Doug Conrad was not present during the Police Report. Motion was made by Conrad to table the Police Report. Greiner seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Citizen Comments – There were no comments.

Motion was made by Westendorf to approve a building permit for Raymond Clarke to build a fence on his property. Hill seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Mark Sheets presented a petition signed by community members in his neighborhood that had complaints about the ‘unsightly condition’ of a property in their neighborhood. Concerns included overgrown weeds, a vehicle that does not run, debris in the driveway and the possibility of varmint infestation. Officer Conrad will contact the homeowner of the property in question.

Motion was made by Greiner to approve the SRF Loan Disbursement. Conrad seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Conrad to approve the Alliant Energy Customer Authorization to allow Moxie Solar to review the city building’s electrical usage. Westendorf seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Davis to approve General Accounting Expenditure to allow for the CBGB Grant disbursement for the Sewer Project. Westendorf seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Greiner to approve the Leander Construction Pay Application #5 for the Sewer Project. Hill seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Tomisha Hammes read the amendments for the Ordinance for Regulating Peddlers, Solicitors and Transient Merchants. Motion was made by Hill to table the amendments until an additional item can be added to the ordinance amendments. Davis seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Conrad to approve the September Financials. Westendorf seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Davis to approve the payment of bills. Greiner seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Officer Conrad arrived and gave his Police Report. He had nineteen service calls: assault, three theft, two family and children, other criminal violations, suicide, traffic accident, other accident, civil dispute, misc. complaints, two dog/cat/misc. animal, two traffic violations, two domestic disputes, harassment. Motion was made by Hill to approve the Police Report. Conrad seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Clerks/Council/Mayor Comments: LED Lighting has been installed at the City Hall. The bench out front of city hall has been sanded and repainted. The clerk will be gone to a conference in Des Moines on Thursday, October 19 and Friday, October 20. She will have a budget workshop at the University of Iowa on Tuesday, October 24. Discussion was held on properties that have ‘junk’ in their front yards and ways to get the areas cleaned up to make the town look better. Newsletter items were discussed including information regarding garage sales and snow removal on residential sidewalks.

Motion was made by Hill to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m. Greiner seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

The next regularly schedule Keota City Council Meeting will take place on Monday, November 6 at 7:00 p.m.

MAYOR ANTHONY CANSLER

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK TOMISHA HAMMES