

## August 6, 2018

The Keota City Council met on August 6, 2018, 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 Scott Westendorf, Keith Conrad, Mike Bender, and Rod Hill. Matt Greiner was absent. City Employees present were Tomisha Hammes, Kevin Slaubaugh, and Doug Conrad. Also in attendance was Tom Messenger, Jade Redlinger, Mary Pat Redlinger, Dan Flynn, Jim Tinnes, Denny Lyle, Melinda Eakins, Matt Wildman – HR Green, Amy Stourac - *The Keota Eagle*.

Motion was made by Keith Conrad to approve the agenda. Scott Westendorf seconded the motion. The motion passed with a majority vote.

Motion was made by Rod Hill to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Scott Westendorf seconded the motion. Motion carried with a majority vote.

Citizens Comments: Dan Flynn stated that at the last meeting there were complaints made about ducks and chickens. They are still at the property that the complaint was made about. Officer Doug Conrad stated that the property owner of the ducks and chickens was written a citation. Mayor Cansler commented that the Council is going to look at re-writing the city ordinance for animal control. There are people that have had animals in town for twenty (20) plus years that no complaints have been made about said property owners, so the ordinance needs to be re-evaluated with that in mind. Jim Tinnes asked if there were any updates on the McDonald Boneyard. The Mayor stated that there is nothing new to report at this time.

Public Works Director Kevin Slaubaugh reported that RAGBRAI went really well. He asked the city clerk to write up a thank you note to be sent to RAGBRAI thanking them for allowing Keota to be a Pass-Through Town this year. Jamey Waterhouse removed a large pile of dirt from the cemetery. This needs to be done a couple of times a year. It was requested by Slaubaugh to purchase a Brush Hog to put on the skid loader for the sewer plant. The council stated they were fine with the purchase. There were water violation letters sent to the residents of Keota. There is nothing wrong with the water – the samples were just sent in 12 days late. The DNR requires communities to notify the residents if this occurs. Motion was made by Keith Conrad to approve the Public Works Report. Mike Bender seconded the motion. Motion passed with a majority vote.

Matt Wildman, HR Green, discussed with the council Chloride Compliance in regards to the Effluent at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. He also talked about the heating and cooling system at the Influent Sampler Building. Slaubaugh receive an estimate at a lower cost. The council told Slaubaugh to go ahead and purchase the heating and cooling system.

Officer Doug Conrad presented his Police Report. He had twenty-three (23) service calls/complaints. One theft, one simple assault, one vandalism, one controlled substance, one family and children, one liquor laws, one other criminal violation, one mental, one accident (traffic), one accident (other), three assist and serve, one attempt to locate, three misc. complaints, three dog/cat/misc. animal, one parking, and two domestic abuse. The deadline to remove the dog from 212 N. Davis Street is at the end of this week. Conrad stated that the family is trying to move out of town. Motion was made by Keith Conrad to approve the Police Report. Mike Bender seconded the motion. Motion passed with a majority vote.

Motion was made by Keith Conrad to approve Resolution 2018-15: KeWash Trailhead Application for REAP Grant. Mike Bender seconded the motion. Roll call vote was taken: Greiner – absent; Westendorf – Aye; Conrad – Aye; Bender – Aye; Hill – Aye. Motion passed with a majority vote. Melinda Eakins talked to the Council about getting water hooked up at the Trailhead. Slaubaugh stated that he received a rough estimate of \$5000 to run a water line to the Trailhead. Eakins told the Council that there is a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony planned for Sunday,

September 9 at the KeWash Trailhead.

Motion was made by Keith Conrad to approve the purchase agreements with Vision Ag and Farmers' Cooperative Association for the KeWash Trailhead land. Rod Hill seconded the motion. Motion passed with a majority vote.

Motion was made by Keith Conrad to approve the agreement with Keota Eagle Newspaper for the Keota City Hall to be a drop off location. Mike Bender seconded the motion. Motion passed with a majority vote.

Rod Hill reported for the Pool Committee that he talked with Blaine from Myers Construction about getting a design plan for the Keota Pool. The clerk had not heard back from Blaine yet, but will let the council know when she does.

Motion was made by Keith Conrad to approve the Liquor License for Keota Eagle Foods. Mike Bender seconded the motion. Motion passed with a majority vote.

Motion was made by Keith Conrad to approve the Building Permit for 610 E. Broadway Avenue. Rod Hill seconded the motion. Motion passed with a majority vote.

Motion was made by Keith Conrad to approve the Payment of Bills. Scott Westendorf seconded the motion. Motion carried with a majority vote.

Clerks/Council/Mayor Comments: There was discussion about the drug issues that have come up more and more in Keota. Comment was made wondering if the Council is receiving accurate information from the police department about all the issues that are going on in regards to said drug problems. Mayor Cansler stated that these types of questions need to be addressed during the Police Report when Officer Conrad is present to respond to them. The number of sick days, vacation days, and call back time for the police department was questioned. Mayor Cansler stated that this is also something Officer Conrad will need to respond to himself. Keith Conrad stated that he and the city clerk talked with Nick Beinhart and Tom Hahn at Libertyville Savings Bank in regards to a loan commitment letter from the bank to go along with the City's application for the Washington County Riverboat Foundation Grant for a new Keota Daycare if the city needs additional funding. The City's Ordinance for Animal Control was discussed. The council will review animal control ordinances from other communities to come up with new wording for the city's ordinance. Mayor Cansler ended the meeting by thanking all those involved with helping to make RAGBRAI possible in Keota on July 27, 2018.

Motion was made by Rod Hill to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m. Scott Westendorf seconded the motion. Motion passed with a majority vote. The next Keota City Council Meeting will take place on Monday, August 20, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.

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MAYOR ANTHONY CANSLER

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK TOMISHA HAMMES

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