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News from City Hall

Thanks to the generous donation by Libertyville Savings Bank, the new city hall at 225 E. Broadway Avenue has now been open for about nine months.

The new city hall offices are set up and open for regular business hours. Stop in anytime from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The Keota Historical Museum is also located at the new city building. They now have more room to spread out their items for display and seem to be getting more and more donations each month. They do not have set hours at this time, so be on the lookout for Open Houses and when the OPEN flag is flying out front to be able to stop in and check it out!

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Keota City Council Happenings

- Appointed the Keota Community Club as the organizer for the 2023 Keota Sesquicentennial celebration.
- Approved moving the Keota Historical Museum to the new city hall building.
- Sold city property at 201 S. Davis Street to Mulberry Lane, LLC to allow for new construction of a house.
- Sold city property 105 N. Davis Street to Miss Emma's for a new building to be build for commercial use.
- Christmas tree and decorations were put up in the green space across from the Keota City Hall thanks to many donations of lights and decorations! With all the donations, we will have enough to hopefully put up another tree for Christmas 2021!
- Approved giving the KeWash Trailhead \$10,000 each year for three years to pave part of the KeWash Trailhead.
- Removed trees along 330th Avenue on the west end of town to allow for safer traffic flow at the intersections.
- Remodeled the Keota Police Station with new drywall, new lighting, painted walls, and epoxy floors.
- Donating the previous city hall building at 309 E. Broadway Avenue to the Keota Volunteer Fire Department.
- Approved fixing a rough portion of Keokuk-Washington Road between Vision Ag and Farmers Cooperative in Summer 2021.
- Identifying a safe route to school with the hopes of writing grants to replace the sidewalk on the east side of Ellis Street from the school to Broadway Avenue.
- While reviewing the budget last year, the Council voted to do the city wide clean up every other year to save tax payers money.

Other Happenings >>>

Once again the water rates will increase in July 2021. Due to the completion of the new wastewater treatment plant, the City of Keota is required to raise the rates from a base rate of \$41.67 to \$50.00 in order to keep up on the interest and principal payments for the new plant.

The City of Keota offers automatic withdraw payments for your monthly water bills. Payments can be automatically deducted from your checking or savings account. Stop by City Hall and fill out a form before the 1st of the month to have your bills automatically withdrawn! We also offer online payments through our website at www.keotaiowa.org. Just go to "City Services" and click on "Click Here to Pay Utility Bill Online". You are able to pay by credit or debit card.

Thinking of a fence, a deck, new garage or any other kinds of building on your property? You probably need a building permit for that. Building permit applications can be found on our website, at city hall or at Wilson Memorial Library.

Don't forget to register your golf cart, ATV or UTV. Registration forms can be found at our website or at city hall. There is no cost to register. Just fill out the form, submit to city hall, and we will send you a sticker.

Are you an organization that needs a space to host a meeting? Look no further than the Community Room at the Keota City Hall. There are tables, chairs, internet access coming soon, and a large tv to do presentations on. The room gets used quite often for different events, so contact city hall if you are interested in hosting your meeting there!



Upcoming Events

Wilson Memorial Library

Check with the library on dates for the Summer Reading Program!

Keota City Wide Garage Sales

April 16-17

Rural Road Trip

April 23-25

Keota Ed. Foundation Golf Tourney

Sunday, June 6 – 11:00 a.m.

Keota Fun Days Celebration

June 12

**For more information go to
www.keotaiowa.org**

Spring & Summer Guidelines

Code of Ordinance Title VI, Chapter 15, Duty to Trim Trees states: "The owner or agent of the abutting property shall keep the trees on, or overhanging the street, trimmed so that all branches will be at least fifteen (15) feet above the surface of the street and eight (8) feet above the sidewalks.

Trash, debris, and junk also needs to be picked up from yards in accordance with City of Keota Code of Ordinances Title III, Chapter 2, Section 1.p: Nuisance – "Accumulation of rubbish or trash tending to harbor vermin, rodents, and rank growth of weeds or other vegetation and plants which is conducive to hazard."

Dangerous Animals Prohibited. No person shall keep, shelter, or harbor for any purpose within the City limits, a dangerous animal. The following are animals which shall be deemed to be dangerous animals per se: "...Pit bulls meaning any dog that is an American Pit Bull Terrier, American Staffordshire Terrier, Staffordshire Bull Terrier, or any dog displaying majority of physical traits of any one or more of the above breeds (more so than any other breed), or any dog exhibiting those distinguishing characteristics" Also, according to City of Keota Ordinances dogs are prohibited to run at large. This means that if a dog is off owner's property it is to be leashed, under the control of a competent person, in a motor vehicle, or kenneled.

Burning of leaves, trash, rubbish or other combustibles is prohibited in city limits. There is a compost site outside of the city limits for yard waste only. Stop by city hall if you are unaware of the location and the city clerk will have a map for you. If using a fire pit for a camp fire in town, only untreated wood is allowed to be burned.