

Keota City Council Meeting
Monday, January 5, 2026 – 7:00 pm
Minutes

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at **7:01 p.m.** by **Mayor Carr**.

Present:

Mayor Carr; Council Members Matt Greiner, Heath McDonald, Chad Greiner, Keith Conrad, John Mather; Clerk Bruns; Assistant Clerk Clarke; Public Works Director Micah Harmsen.

Public Present:

Patty Tinnis, Laurie Amos, Jess Amos, Casey Jarmes (The News Review), Danielle Imhoff, Brandon Imhoff, Josh (ION).

2. Amendments to the Agenda

Motion made by **Conrad**, seconded by **M. Greiner**, to amend the agenda to add **Item f under New Business:**

Discussion / Possible Approval – Delay of Demo at 108 W. Keokuk Ave.

Motion carried.

Motion made by **Conrad**, seconded by **McDonald**, to approve the **amended agenda**.

Motion carried.

3. Department Reports

Public Works Report – Micah Harmsen:

Harmsen reported he was called in on Sunday, December 28, for two separate sewer backups. Tremmel came on Monday, December 30, and determined the issue was a City responsibility related to the new clinic. The issue has since been repaired and is operating properly.

The new snow plow was taken to Winter Wonderland on December 22 for warranty work. Salt has been ordered and is expected to be delivered this week.

Waterhouse plans to begin demolition at **108 W. Keokuk Ave** this week; all utilities have been disconnected.

Harmsen reported ongoing winter maintenance work in the shop and plans to work with the Clerk's Office this week to prepare for upcoming budget.

ION Report – Josh:

Josh reported the cost for new motors would be **\$1,295 plus freight per motor**, with a **1–2 week lead time**. No labor costs were included.

Library Report:

No report.

4. Resolutions & Ordinances

Resolution 2026-1: Update Authorized Signatures for City Bank Accounts

Motion made by **Conrad**, seconded by **McDonald**, to approve Resolution 2026-1.

Motion carried.

Resolution 2026-2: Approval of Mayoral Appointments and Additional Boards and Committees

Motion made by **Conrad**, seconded by **McDonald**, to approve Resolution 2026-2.

Motion carried.

5. New Business

Discussion / Possible Approval – Set Budget Workshop Times for Expenditures and Revenue

Motion made by **Conrad**, seconded by **M. Greiner**, to set budget workshop times as follows:

- **Revenue Workshop:** January 12, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.
- **Expenditure Workshop:** January 26, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion carried.

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Discussion – Sidewalk Snow Removal

Discussion only. No motion was made.

Council Member Chad Greiner stated the City does not need to pay for sidewalk snow removal, as residents are responsible for clearing sidewalks in their right-of-way and are liable for injuries if snow is not removed. The remainder of the Council agreed.

Discussion / Possible Approval – December Time Sheets & Comp Time

Motion made by **Conrad**, seconded by **McDonald**, to approve December time sheets and comp time.

Motion carried.

Discussion / Possible Approval – Delay Demo at 108 W. Keokuk Ave

Motion made by **Conrad**, seconded by **M. Greiner**, to delay demolition of the property at 108 W. Keokuk Ave and to set a date to collect sealed bids to sell the house at the next meeting.

Motion carried.

6. Council Comments

- **Chad Greiner:** Thanked the public for attending and expressed appreciation to residents who participated in Christmas in Keota house decorating, noting the lights made the town look great.
- **Keith Conrad:** Reported that the purchase agreement has been signed for the Green Street property and provided an update on the School Street property.
- **John Mather:** Commented that Christmas in Keota was great.
- **Matt Greiner:** No comment.
- **Heath McDonald:** No comment.

7. Public Forum

No comments.

8. Mayor's Comments

Mayor Carr stated the next two years will be exciting with much to learn. He noted that experienced Council members will help provide guidance and knowledge. He praised community involvement and stated Keota is a great community.

9. Closed Session – Iowa Code 21.5 (Real Estate)

Motion made by **Conrad**, seconded by **Mather**, at **7:41 p.m.** to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5.

Motion carried.

Motion made by **Conrad**, seconded by **McDonald**, to start closed session at **7:46 p.m.**

Motion carried.

Motion made by **Conrad**, seconded by **Mather**, to end closed session at **8:27 p.m.**

Motion carried.

Motion made by **Conrad**, seconded by **McDonald**, to resume open meeting at **8:28 p.m.**

Motion carried.

10. Adjournment

Motion made by **M. Greiner**, seconded by **Conrad**, to adjourn the meeting at **8:41 p.m.**

Motion carried.

Ryan Carr Mayor

Hunter Bruns City Clerk