CITY OF KEOTA, IOWA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

November 2, 2026 | 7:00 p.m. | Keota City Hall

Work Session: 6:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Carr called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

- Mayor Carr – Present
- Matt Greiner – Present
- Heath McDonald – Present
- Chad Greiner – Present
- Keith Conrad – Present
- John Mather – Present
- City Clerk Bruns – Present
- Assistant Clerk Clarke – Absent
- Public Works Harmsen – Present
- Librarian Greiner – Present

Public Present: Lori Hammes

2. Consent Agenda

Routine items may be approved in one motion unless a Council Member requests separate consideration.

a. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Conrad. Second by Mather.

b. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

Motion by Conrad. Second by Mather.

c. Approval of Bills

Motion by Mather. Second by McDonald.

3. Department Reports

a. Public Works

Public Works reported that Pool World was onsite last Wednesday to complete winterization of the pool vessel. Winterization of the bathhouse is approximately 90% complete and is expected to be finished this week.

Tremmel is working at 604 E. White Avenue, with the project expected to be completed this week. Tremmel will also finish connecting the waterline to Miller's property on the west end.

The pool restroom and RV park have been closed for the season.

Fall maintenance continues, along with winterization of warm-weather facilities. Street sweeping is anticipated this week to assist with keeping storm drains clean.

Public Works will begin getting out winter snow equipment in preparation for the upcoming season.

Kevin is on vacation this week.

b. Library

The Library reported a successful Halloween party, with over 300 attendees and 144 children's goodie bags distributed.

Trent Greiner reported that there is a hollow tree located out front.

The Library is currently offering a sweatshirt or T-shirt promotion. Adults may earn an item by checking out 20 books before January 1, 2027. Children may earn an item by completing 12 hours of reading.

c. Law Enforcement

The City is awaiting a response from Sigourney Police Chief Adam Clark to schedule a meeting with the Sigourney Public Safety Committee regarding a potential 28E agreement.

4. Resolutions & Ordinances

Resolution 2026-57: Appointment of New Library Board Member

Motion by Matt Greiner. Second by Mather.

Action/Notes:

5. New Business

a. Discussion/Possible Action – Bridget Greiner Payroll

Motion by Mather. Second by McDonald.

Chad Greiner abstained.

b. Discussion/Possible Action – Banyon Data Direct Deposit

Motion by Conrad. Second by McDonald.

c. Discussion/Possible Action – October Timesheets and Comp Time

Motion by Matt Greiner. Second by Conrad.

d. Discussion/Possible Action – Negotiate Sale of Police Truck

Motion by Matt Greiner. Second by Conrad.

Motion to authorize Mayor Carr to sell the police truck for no less than $20,000.

6. Council Comments

Matt Greiner: Stated that the sooner the City can move forward with the 28E agreement with Sigourney, the better. Also suggested looking into installing cameras throughout town.

Heath McDonald: Provided an update regarding the ordinance meeting held recently in Sigourney. He stated that there was a great deal of information presented and that it was beneficial to attend. He thanked the Sigourney Police Department and Adam Clark for organizing the meeting.

Matt Greiner: Suggested looking into a new local newspaper to improve communication and information distribution to residents.

7. Public Forum

Lori Hammes, Keota business owner, expressed concerns regarding the sidewalk project, stating that progress appears to have stalled, which is disappointing.

Hammes also reported that another business on Broadway will be closing, as the building owner does not intend to lease the building again.

She expressed concerns that approximately 30% of buildings on Broadway are not open to the public. She stated that buildings on Broadway should not be used for residential purposes or storage and that enforcement of the City's code is the responsibility of the Council.

Hammes stated that the majority of her business customers come from outside Keota and expressed concern that, without additional attractions or improvements to bring people into town, she could operate her business elsewhere.

8. Mayor's Comments

Mayor Carr provided an update regarding Keota sports teams.

9. Adjournment

Motion by Mather. Second by Matt Greiner.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.