

February 5, 2018

The Keota City Council met on February 5, 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 Greiner, Westendorf, K. Conrad, Bender, and Hill. Employees present were Hammes and Conrad. Slaubaugh was available over speaker phone and stopped in around 9:00 p.m. to update the Council on the snow removal on the roads in town.

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

Motion was made by Conrad to approve the minutes of the previous meetings. Westendorf seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Citizens Comments: There were no comments.

Slaubaugh was not present for the meeting, but gave his report over speaker phone. Six trees were taken down and stumps grinded at the cemetery. Salt and sand both arrived. Motion was made by Hill to approve the Public Works report. Greiner seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Officer Conrad presented the Police Report. There were twenty-three service calls/complaints. Two vandalism, two weapon, one family and children, one suspicion, two traffic accidents, three assist and serve, one civil dispute, one death and bodies found, five misc. complaints, one traffic violation, two domestic abuse, two harassment. Conrad reported that it has been overly busy in the last year. He has still been working with the property owners at 508 N. Davis Street. He has been trying to talk to the home owners at 413 W. Keokuk Ave., but they are either not home when he stops or not answering the door. He will have the clerk send another letter to the property owners about the debris in their yard. Motion was made by Greiner to approve the Police Report. Westendorf seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Cort Winegard was unable to attend due to weather.

Motion was made by Greiner to approve Resolution 2018-4: Approving a Petty Cash Fund. Bender seconded the motion, Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Conrad, Bender, Hill, Westendorf, Greiner; Nays – None; Absent: None. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Conrad to approve Resolution 2018-5: Approving Application to the Paint Iowa Beautiful Grant. Bender seconded the motion, Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Conrad, Bender, Hill, Westendorf, Greiner; Nays – None; Absent: None. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Greiner to approve Resolution 2018-6: Approving the Addition of Mike Bender to the Pool Committee. Westendorf seconded the motion, Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Conrad, Westendorf, Greiner; Nays – None; Abstain: Hill, Bender; Absent: None. Motion carried with a majority vote.

Motion was made by Conrad to approve the change in date of next meeting to Tuesday, February 20 due to Presidents' Day. Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Conrad to approve Keota Unlimited's Ball Association Grant Purchase Agreement. Hill seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

The Council reviewed the FY2019 Budget. The tentative final budget will be presented at the next meeting for final review before the Public Hearing. The clerk was able to talk to Maggie Burger at Speer Financial to get a better understanding of the Wastewater Treatment SRF Loan and how to adjust the budget to allow for the specific revenues and expenditures that will need to be added to the FY2019 Budget. Salaries were discussed, but no official decisions were made.

Motion was made by Westendorf to approve the Public Hearing for the FY2019 Budget on Monday, March 5, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Conrad seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Conrad to approve the payment of bills. Westendorf seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Clerks/Council/Mayor Comments: The State Auditors were here the last week in January for the City's Annual Exam. The clerk will present the official findings once they come back from the auditors. It was a very positive experience for the clerk. Scott Flynn's Community Catalyst Building Remediation Grant was accepted through the pre-application stage and has moved on in the process. The clerk talked about the IMFOA conference in April she would like to attend and the Clerk's Institute that she will need to attend in July to eventually become certified. Conrad discussed with the Council that in the future the city needs to look into how we can improve the General Fund on the budget. Mayor Cansler talked with Heath Brewer from Habitat for Humanity. He was told to look into the organization out of Fairfield and to go online to review the application process.

Motion was made by Hill to adjourn the meeting at 10:27 p.m. Greiner seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

The next Keota City Council Meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 20 at 7:00 p.m.

MAYOR ANTHONY CANSLER

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK TOMISHA HAMMES