

February 20, 2018

The Keota City Council met on February 20, 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, Slaubaugh, and Conrad. Also in attendance was Dan Flynn, Cort and Colleen Winegard, and Amie Van Patten – *The Keota Eagle*.

Motion was made by Conrad to amend the agenda to add Letter of Support for the Community Catalyst Building Remediation Program Grant for Scott Flynn and Approve the Ragbrai XLVI 2018 Pass-Through Town Agreement. Hill seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

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

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

Citizens Comments: There were no comments.

Slaubaugh presented the Public Works Report. He received a bid for the generator repairs. He felt the bid seemed high so he will continue using the same person to service the generator. Clearing out the drains was priority this week with the rain. There have been a couple good days of snow accumulation. Jim Tinnes has been running the loader and had his dump trucks moving the snow for the city. Water was shut off at the wrong apartment at 103 N. Fulton Street. The water was turned back on soon after the city was made aware of it. The automatic shut offs will be checked against the location to make sure they are all connected with the proper numbers. Motion was made by Conrad to approve the Public Works Report. Greiner seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Officer Conrad presented the Police Report. There were fourteen service calls/complaints. One simple assault, two family and children, one suspicion, four assist and serve, one attempt to locate, two dog/cat/misc. animal, one livestock, one traffic violation, one parking. Conrad is still in communication with the property owners of 508 N. Davis St. Their sixty days will be up as of March 20, 2018 to make repairs on the property. Daily citations can be issued after that date if no progress has been made. Motion was made by Westendorf to approve the Police Report. Bender seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Cort and Colleen Winegard attended the meeting to discuss the special assessments issued to their property taxes for the city mowing the property they purchased in October 2016. They requested that the last special assessment be removed since it came through on their 2017 taxes and those assessments should have been processed prior to the sale. The Council will have the city clerk look back through the city's receipts and contact the County Treasurer to get information on when the special assessments were turned into the County and when they were applied to the property taxes. More discussion will be held on this item at the next council meeting once the information is received from the County Treasurer.

Motion was made by Westendorf to approve the Roost's Liquor License. Conrad seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Conrad to approve County Line Mart's Liquor License. Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Greiner to table the employee salaries until the next meeting. Westendorf seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Greiner to approve the Employee Health Insurance Policy. Westendorf seconded the motion, Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

The council reviewed the submitted FY2019 Budget that will be posted in the newspaper on February 21, 2018. The Public Hearing for the budget will take place on Monday, March 5, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Motion was made by Bender to approve the Help Wanted ad for lifeguards. Greiner seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote. The ad will be sent to the Sigourney and Keota newspapers. The clerk will have a flyer made up to post in Keota, at locations in Wellman, and in Washington. The clerk will contact the school to have announcement made about the city looking for lifeguards. Also, the information will be posted on the city's website and on social media.

Motion was made by Westendorf to approve the Letter of Support to the Community Catalyst Building Remediation Program Grant for Scott Flynn. Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Bender to approve the Ragbrai XLVI 2018 Pass-Through Town Agreement. Conrad seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote. The actual Ragbrai route will be announced on March 11, 2018. This agreement does not guarantee that Keota will be a pass-through town, this just states that the Council has approved Keota as a possible pass-through town.

The 2018 Keota Cemetery Mowing Contract was reviewed. The Garman's will be asked to attend the next meeting to sign the contracts with the city.

Motion was made by Conrad to approve the Building Permit for 110 N. Lincoln Street. Westendorf seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Westendorf to approve the Payment of Bills. Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Westendorf to approve the January Financial Report. Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Clerks/Council/Mayor Comments: The City Clerk is still waiting to receive the official auditor's report. The phone at city hall is not working. Windstream will be in this week to fix the issue. Councilman Greiner was asked to attend the Museum Meeting the following night. He asked the council what their opinions were on if the museum were to be moved to another location. Dan Flynn told the council that he was asked to find out what the city would be able to help with if the museum were to move – mowing, maintenance, etc.? Greiner also stated that he had a request from Keota Eagle Foods to move the handicap parking sign from the Senior Dining Center to the spot directly in front of the grocery store. The clerk will contact Slaubaugh to get the handicap parking sign moved. Councilman Conrad requested that for next year's budget the city looks into other health insurance options. Is there another insurance pool we can get into? Can we give an employee stipend and the employees pick their own package and pay out of pocket the remaining fee? The clerk will talk with Rita Sheetz at Lyle Insurance to see what options she can present to the council.

Motion was made by Westendorf to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 p.m. Hill seconded the motion. Motion passed

with a unanimous vote.

The next Keota City Council Meeting will take place on Monday, March 5, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.

MAYOR ANTHONY CANSLER

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK TOMISHA HAMMES