

March 5, 2018

The Keota City Council met on March 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, Slaubaugh, and Conrad. Also in attendance was Morgan Pilcher and Amie Van Patten – both from *The Keota Eagle*.

Motion was made by Westendorf to amend the agenda to move item #5 Approve FY2019 Budget to #15 on the agenda. Conrad 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.

Mayor Cansler called the public hearing to order for the FY2019 Budget. There was no one present and no comments were submitted to the clerk prior to the public hearing. Motion was made by Greiner to close the public hearing, Bender 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 presented the Public Works Report. A trash pump was ordered. It pulls out trash and leaves, but also can pump out the water from the pool. A cab camera was purchased for the skid loader. This will help with safety as it is hard to see behind you in the cab. The camera gives a good, clear picture of what is behind you. Divers have been working at the sewer plant. The Chuck Wright Memorial Benches arrived. There was a DNR Water Inspection done at the Water Plant on Wednesday, February 28. Motion was made by Greiner to approve the Public Works Report. Westendorf seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Greiner to table the Conrad Performance Review until the next meeting to make sure the proper code is listed on the agenda before going into Closed Session. Hill seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Officer Conrad presented the Police Report. There were fifteen service calls/complaints. Two theft, one family and child, one disorderly conduct, one other criminal investigations, one suspicion, three assist and serve, one civil dispute, one dog/cat/misc. animal, one wildlife, one vehicle (abandoned), one parking, one harassment. Conrad has multiple trainings coming up in the next couple of weeks. Motion was made by Greiner to approve the Police Report. Bender seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

It was decided to have Councilman Bender and Officer Conrad go and talk to the property owners at 508 N. Davis Street on Friday, March 9 to let them know that the deadline for compliance is coming up soon.

Motion was made by Westendorf to not decertify the tax levy on the property at 206 S. Ellis Street since the receipt from the Keokuk County Treasurer was dated at June 9, 2016 which was prior to the purchase of the property. Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Greiner to approve Resolution 2018-7: Approving Application to the Washington County Riverboat Foundation for a Pool Liner. Westendorf 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 freeze Doug Conrad's salary with a zero percent increase for the FY19 Budget Year. Westendorf seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Greiner, Westendorf, Bender; Nays – Conrad, Hill; Absent: None. Motion carried with a majority vote. Mayor Cansler then vetoed the measure by Iowa Code 380.6. with the following written statement:

“To the Keota City Council - I have vetoed the pay freeze for Doug Conrad because I think he should get something for a pay increase, unless he is absolutely not doing his job, he should get something. If we, as a Council give Doug a direction and he doesn't do what is expected of him on a regular basis, then no pay increase should be considered, but it should not be a surprise.” Anthony Cansler, Mayor - City of Keota.

Motion was made by Greiner to raise Kevin Slaubaugh's salary by a 5% increase for the FY19 Budget Year. 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 freeze Craig Frederick's salary with a zero percent increase for the FY19 Budget Year. 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 raise the salary of Tomisha Hammes by \$1000.00 per year for three years upon passing of her summer clerk classes. Westendorf 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 2018-8: Approving the FY19 Keota City Budget. Westendorf 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 the Payment of Bills. Conrad seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Clerks/Council/Mayor Comments: The city clerk had the following comments – iHeart Radio's Tractorcade will be going through Keota on Monday June 11 from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon and Tuesday, June 12 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Chad Sieren and Cory Greiner are the co-chairs for the Ragbrai Committee for Keota. Community Club City Wide Garage Sales will take place on Friday, April 20 and Saturday, April 21. The Daycare Committee met on Tuesday, February 27 at 5:00 p.m. to discuss layout options for the facility. The committee will meet again on Tuesday, March 27 at 5:30 p.m. at the Kids Corral in Washington to look at a daycare facility to get an idea of what Keota will need for space. There was a complaint about the trash around the property at 306 W. Broadway Avenue. Officer Conrad stated he will go and take a look at the property and contact the property owner. The clerk asked if new forms could be made up for new residents, temporary water shut offs, and when people are moving out to have a better paper trail of these items. She will work up some forms for the council to review at the next meeting. Discussion was held on building inspectors, Councilman Conrad will touch base with a couple people to see if they would be interested in doing the rental inspections. Mayor Cansler stated that he talked with the City Attorney Bob Michaels. Michaels stated that the proper code needs to be listed on the agenda to go into closed session for performance review, but the items that will be discussed do not need to be on the agenda. Closed session personnel performance is to be sealed after the closed session has adjourned. He gave the clerk some Iowa Codes to review: 22.7.11; 22.15: 21.3. He is still in talks with getting the Habitat for Humanity going with the organization out of Fairfield.

Motion was made by Westendorf to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Bender seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

The next Keota City Council Meeting will take place on Monday, March 19, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.

MAYOR ANTHONY CANSLER

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK TOMISHA HAMMES