

March 19, 2018

The Keota City Council met on March 19, 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 Melinda Eakins, Denny Lyle, Morgan Pilcher and Amie Van Patten – both from *The Keota Eagle*.

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 meeting. Greiner seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Citizens Comments: There were no comments.

Slaubaugh presented the Public Works Report. Streets will be cleaned and then repainted for the summer. Dredging has begun at the lagoons. The divers have been working on Cell #1. Clean up at the parks will start within the next week. Hoping to mow once before Easter weekend. There has been a request from the Ball Association to cut down the tree by the concession stand at Wilson Park because it is breaking up the concrete. They also requested that the trees to the east of the ball fence be taken down or heavily trimmed to allow the new light poles to be installed. Slaubaugh will get an estimate on removing the trees. Motion was made by Westendorf to approve the Public Works Report. Bender seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Conrad to approve the CCR Water Report. Westendorf seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Officer Conrad requested Closed Session for his Performance Review per Iowa Code 21.5.1.i. Motion was made by Conrad to go into Closed Session. Bender seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Conrad, Bender, Hill, Westendorf, Greiner; Nays – None; Absent: None. Motion carried with a unanimous vote. The meeting went into Closed Session at 7:06 p.m.

Motion was made by Conrad to end Closed Session at 8:28 p.m. Bender seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Conrad, Bender, Hill, Westendorf, Greiner; Nays – None; Absent: None. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Officer Conrad presented the Police Report. There were eighteen service calls/complaints. Three assault, two sex offenses, two controlled substance, one family and children, one other criminal violations, two suspicion, one assist and serve, two attempt to locate, one misc. complaint, one dog/cat/misc. animal, one livestock, one parking. Conrad requested that the city hire two other officers to be available on Friday, July 27 when Ragbrai comes through Keota. This item will be on the agenda for the next meeting. Motion was made by Conrad to approve the Police Report. Bender seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

There has been a complaint that there is a rat infestation at 508 N. Davis Street. The council asked the clerk to call All American Pest to have them come in and treat the problem. Bender and Conrad will meet with the property owners on Friday, March 23 to discuss the property.

Motion was made by Conrad to approve the Polygon Structure for the KeWash Trailhead. Westendorf seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Westendorf to approve the building permit for 104 N. McKinley Street. Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Bender to approve the 2018 Mowing Contract with Carrie and Jeff Garman. Westendorf seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Bender to approve the Ragbrai route through Keota to go down Broadway Avenue. Westendorf

seconded the motion. Vote: Ayes –Bender, Hill, Westendorf, Greiner; Nays – Conrad; Absent: None. Motion passed with a majority vote.

The clerk has submitted the intent to apply form for the Washington County Riverboat Foundation Grant for a pool liner. Bender has tried to make contact with the company for the pool liner, but has received no return call. Hill will talk with a pool committee member about having someone come and look at the structure of the pool. It was requested to try to get the original blue prints of the pool.

Hammes went over the Annual Exam of the Auditors. The main finding was that there is no separation of duties since there is only one city clerk in the office. Conrad has been coming in after the clerk finalizes the monthly financials to review the accounts each month. The report is on hand at the city hall for the public to review.

Motion was made by Greiner to table the New Resident form until the council can amend the ordinance changing the customer deposit details. Conrad seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Westendorf to approve the new Service Change Request Form. Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Westendorf to approve the Resident Moving Out Form. Conrad seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Westendorf to approve the Leander Pay Application #9. Hill seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Greiner to approve the February Financials. Westendorf seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

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

Clerks/Council/Mayor Comments: The clerk reported that only one life guard and one concession stand worker had turned in applications. The deadline is Friday, March 23. Hammes applied for a scholarship to help cover the costs of the Clerks Schooling this summer. She will find out in late April if she was awarded the scholarship. The clerk will call Cox Sanitation to get dates for the city wide clean-up day. Greiner stated that he has driven around town and gave the clerk a list of properties that need to have letters sent to them in regards of junk cars or debris in their yards. A letter will be drawn up for the properties and Councilman Conrad will stop in to sign them. Hill stated that he has received complaints about the debris on North Davis Street. Slaubaugh will be asked to go through and clean the street.

Motion was made by Hill to adjourn the meeting at 9:46 p.m. Greiner seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

The next Keota City Council Meeting will take place on Monday, April 2, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.

MAYOR ANTHONY CANSLER

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK TOMISHA HAMMES