

**May 7, 2018**

The Keota City Council met on May 7, 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 Matt Greiner, Scott Westendorf, Keith Conrad, Mike Bender, and Rod Hill. Employees present were Tomisha Hammes, Kevin Slaubaugh, and Officer Doug Conrad. Also in attendance was Dan Flynn, Matt Wildman – HR Green, Kathy Davis, Mary Pat Redlinger, Jade Redlinger, Michelle Swanstrom, Morgan Wilson - *The Keota Eagle*.

Motion was made by Keith Conrad to amend the agenda to add Building Permit Extension for 605 E. Washington Avenue and Building Permit for 307 N. Carpenter Street. Scott Westendorf seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

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

Motion was made by Keith Conrad to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Matt Greiner seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Citizens Comments: Dan Flynn handed out documents to the city clerk, Mayor Cansler, and city councilmen. Kathy Davis reported that the Keokuk County Endowment Foundation handed out grants to five groups from the Harper and Keota area.

Discussion was held on the Chloride Compliance for the City of Keota. Matt Wildman, HR Green, discussed options for the city. He will come back to the council with some options to look into.

Motion was made by Matt Greiner to table the HR Green Service Agreement until the next meeting. The council requested that Matt Wildman take the service agreement back to Leander Construction and request that they cover the engineering costs due to the needed contract extension by Leander Construction. Scott Westendorf seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Keith Conrad to table the Leander Construction Contract Extension. Rod Hill seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Discussion was held on the 2018 Pool Season. Mike Bender commented that due to the number of lifeguards that applied, and the cracking floor that the city should close the pool for the 2018 season. He stated that the Pool Committee should take the time to make a plan of what to do with the pool. It gives the city time to have someone come and take a look at the state of the pool. Rod Hill asked Kevin Slaubaugh if he thought there would be more issues with the pool if left sitting for another year. Slaubaugh had the pool winterized last fall and commented that he didn't think that there would be any other problems – there are already problems that need to be fixed. Hill also stated that he doesn't want to see the pool close, but it can be a year of seeing if the community misses having a pool and if they want to vote on a new one. Keith Conrad asked for Mary Pat Redlinger, Keota Pool Manager, to comment. She stated that last summer there were issues with the floor and kids getting their feet cut. Concrete around the pool is uneven and is a tripping hazard. She doesn't want to see the pool close, but there are safety issues. The pool cannot operate with only 5 lifeguards if the council is wanting to keep it running the same as last year with morning swim, water aerobics, lessons, and open swim. Scott Westendorf stated that if we open it becomes a liability because of the state of the pool floor. Matt Greiner stated that he doesn't want to see the pool close, but with the safety of the pool floor and the number of lifeguards that applied it looks like it needs to close. Let the people of Keota decide what they want with a bond issue.

Motion was made by Mike Bender to close the Keota City Pool for the 2018 season. Rod Hill seconded the motion. Roll Call vote was taken:

Mike Bender: Aye

Keith Conrad: Nay

Matt Greiner: Aye

Rod Hill: Aye

Scott Westendorf: Aye

Motion passed with a majority vote.

Public Works Director Kevin Slaubaugh presented the Public Works Report. Slaubaugh talked to Keokuk County Engineer Andrew McGuire about the asphalt crew that is in the county painting lines. He has contacted the company to paint lines down Broadway Avenue for Keota, but hasn't heard back from them yet. Slaubaugh requested that Mayor Cansler contact the City of Riverside to use their paint machine for a day or two. Motion was made by Keith Conrad to approve the Public Works Report. Scott Westendorf seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Discussion was held on spraying the cemetery for weeds. Scott Westendorf stated that he will take care of the cemetery spraying.

Officer Doug Conrad presented the Police Report. There were twenty-eight service calls/complaints. One weapons, one controlled substance, one family and children, one disorderly conduct, two suspicion, three suicide, one traffic accident, nine assist and serve, one attempt to locate, two misc. complaints, two dog/cat/misc. animal, one parking, three harassment. Officer Conrad stated that it has been busier than ever lately. Rod Hill commented that maybe we now need two police officers in town. Mike Bender stated that he has been approached with some complaints and that they don't want to come forward because of repercussions if they make an official complaint. Motion was made by Keith Conrad to approve the Police Report. Mike Bender seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Discussion was held on the Vendors' Meeting that will be held at Lagos Acres on Tuesday, May 8 at 7:00 p.m. Mike Bender and Scott Westendorf will attend. Tomisha Hammes will set up Lagos for the meeting with packets that include vendor information, vendor permits, and sign in sheets.

The first reading of Ordinance 263: An Ordinance amending Section 3.8.12 in the Code of Ordinances of the City of Keota adding "RAGBRAI Miscellaneous Permits" was read by the city clerk. The Ordinance is available to the public at the Keota City Hall. Motion was made by Keith Conrad to waive the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading of Ordinance 263. Mike Bender seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote. Motion was made by Keith Conrad to approve Ordinance 263. Mike Bender seconded the motion. Roll Call vote was taken:

Mike Bender: Aye

Keith Conrad: Aye

Matt Greiner: Aye

Rod Hill: Aye

Scott Westendorf: Aye

Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Matt Greiner to approve Resolution 2018-9: Resolution Approve the Compensation for Budget Year 2018-2019 – Kevin Slaubaugh. Roll call vote was taken:

Mike Bender: Aye

Keith Conrad: Aye

Matt Greiner: Aye

Rod Hill: Aye  
Scott Westendorf: Aye

Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Matt Greiner to approve Resolution 2018-10: Resolution Approve the Compensation for Budget Year 2018-2019 – Tomisha Hammes. Roll call vote was taken:

Mike Bender: Aye  
Keith Conrad: Aye  
Matt Greiner: Aye  
Rod Hill: Aye  
Scott Westendorf: Aye

Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Matt Greiner to approve Resolution 2018-11: Resolution Approve the Compensation for Budget Year 2018-2019 – Craig Frederick. Roll call vote was taken:

Mike Bender: Aye  
Keith Conrad: Aye  
Matt Greiner: Aye  
Rod Hill: Aye  
Scott Westendorf: Aye

Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Matt Greiner to approve Resolution 2018-12: Resolution Approve the Compensation for Budget Year 2018-2019 – Doug Conrad. Roll call vote was taken:

Mike Bender: Aye  
Keith Conrad: Nay  
Matt Greiner: Aye  
Rod Hill: Nay  
Scott Westendorf: Aye

Motion passed with a majority vote. Mayor Cansler then vetoed the resolution with the following written statement:

“To the City Council – I am vetoing the 0% pay raise for Doug Conrad because for Doug NOT getting a pay raise should NOT be a surprise to him.”

Motion was made by Scott Westendorf to approve Building Permit for 211 N. Fulton Street. Mike Bender seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Matt Greiner to approve the Building Permit extension for 114 N. Ellis Street. There will be a three month extension on the permit. Scott Westendorf seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Keith Conrad to approve the Building Permit extension for 605 E. Washington Avenue. There will be a three month extension on the permit. Scott Westendorf seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Scott Westendorf to approve Building Permit for 113 W. Ellis Street per Councilman Keith Conrad’s recommendations. Matt Greiner seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Scott Westendorf to approve Building Permit for 101 E. Washington Avenue. Mike Bender seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Scott Westendorf to approve Building Permit for 114 N. Fulton Street. Matt Greiner seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Mike Bender to approve Building Permit for 302 N. Green Street pending the requirements be followed that Keith Conrad instructed. Rod Hill seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote. Councilman Conrad requested flags be purchased for him to put out on this particular property to map out where the fence can be placed.

Motion was made by Scott Westendorf to approve Building Permit for 307 N. Carpenter Street. Keith Conrad seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Larry Sanders requested permission to use the mini-park to have an Elvis impersonator during Fun Days and RAGBRAI. The council stated that they would need more information before making a decision.

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

Motion was made by Mike Bender to demolish the now city owned property at 508 N. Davis Street. Keith Conrad seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote. Kevin Slaubaugh will get bids and a timeline as to when the house will be demolished.

Clerks/Council/Mayor Comments: City Clerk Tomisha Hammes stated that she attended the Keokuk County Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Meeting in Sigourney on Monday, April 23. These meetings are required in order to be eligible for certain FEMA Funds. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 30 in Sigourney. Matt Greiner asked if a letter could be sent to the landlord of the apartments at 510 N. Davis Street. The tenants are putting out trash after trash pick-up and it ends up blowing all over the neighborhood. He would like Officer Conrad to talk to Michael Holeyton about the vehicles parked on the street outside his house. He would like the truck moved that has been sitting outside the building at the corner of Broadway Avenue and Ellis Street. He also received a complaint about the junk cars by the school between Ellis and Davis Streets. Scott Westendorf commented that the house at 413 W. Keokuk Avenue is starting to look bad again – asked for a letter to be sent or Officer Conrad to talk to the residents. Keith Conrad stated he has had many complaints about minors driving golf carts all over town. He also has noticed the amount of junk and scrap that has accumulated at 214 N. Hamilton Street and requested a letter be sent to the resident. Mike Bender asked Mayor Cansler about the 40 hours a week and cell phone number change for Officer Conrad that had been discussed at the previous meeting. Mayor Cansler stated that that conversation would be tabled for now. Rod Hill stated that it was a hard decision to close the pool and that the Pool Committee will step up and start looking into options. He said that maybe it is time to look into getting an additional part-time police officer for Keota. He asked the city clerk to look into what the city has spent on law enforcement in the last 27 years and compare it to the costs now. Mayor Cansler said he has spoken to some that is interested in doing the rental inspections in Keota. He asked the city clerk to put together any rental inspection information on file and make a packet for him. Also, to start looking into inspection phone applications to do the inspections. As for the information presented by Dan Flynn, Mayor Cansler directed the city clerk to talk to the attorney about how to move forward.

Motion was made by Matt Greiner to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 p.m. Scott Westendorf seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

The next Keota City Council Meeting will take place on Monday, May 21, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.

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MAYOR ANTHONY CANSLER

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK TOMISHA HAMMES

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