

**July 23, 2018**

The Keota City Council met on July 23, 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. City Employees present were Tomisha Hammes, Kevin Slaubaugh, and Doug Conrad. Also in attendance was Chris Greiner, Tom Messenger, Jim Tinnes, Patty Tinnes, Nick Mahan, Chris Heisdorffer, Mary Pat Redlinger, Jade Redlinger, Kathy Davis, Dan Flynn, Judy Baumert, Denny Baumert, Amie Van Patten - *The Keota Eagle*.

Motion was made by Mike Bender to amend the agenda adding in Approve publication of Notice of Hearing and Letting for the Northwest Drainage Project. Keith Conrad seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Scott Westendorf to approve the amended agenda. Matt Greiner seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

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

Citizens Comments: Chris Greiner discussed a party that was held at his pond outside the city limits of Keota. He commented that tickets were written and he is not arguing the tickets, he is okay with the tickets being written. His complaint was that police vehicles drove over his hay field that is a cash crop. Discussion on this topic was held with the council, Officer Conrad, and Mr. Greiner during the meeting. Tom Messenger stated that his wife, Cindy, was barricaded in her office at the church recently by someone from the community. The resident did not threaten Cindy, but Cindy did and does feel threatened by the person that was in her office. Officer Conrad stated that he had spoken with Cindy about the issue. Jim Tinnes commented that there is a drug problem in Keota right now and it needs to be addressed. He asked if the State Fire Marshall has responded yet to the McDonald Boneyard fire. Fire Chief Chris Heisdorffer stated that he hasn't heard back from the State Fire Marshall's office yet. Mr. Tinnes asked Mayor Cansler if he had discussed hours of operation with Heath McDonald. Mayor Cansler has talked to Mr. McDonald and Keith Conrad also spoke with Mr. McDonald about the hours of operation. The Mayor and Councilman Conrad both stated that this is an item that needs to be discussed more with the city attorney to possibly change the city's ordinance. There were concerns with trailers still coming into town with loads that are not strapped down or are unsafe. The Council recommended that citizens write down license plate numbers if and when possible and turn those into Officer Conrad. Mr. Tinnes requested a copy of the letter from the city's attorney in regards to the McDonald Boneyard that the city received. The council stated they were fine with the release of the letter. The city clerk made copies and handed them out to those asking for a copy.

Public Works Director Kevin Slaubaugh reported that RAGBRAI is this week and everyone is preparing for Friday. He has the street sweeper ready to clean off the streets and will have those done Wednesday or Thursday. Slaubaugh stated that the mailboxes on the west end of Broadway Avenue were knocked down. The city fixed them this time, but the city will not fix them again. It is not the city's responsibility to take care of the mailboxes that get knocked down or hit. Motion was made by Matt Greiner to approve the Public Works Report. Keith Conrad seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Mike Bender to approve the publication of Notice of Hearing and Letting for the Northwest Drainage Project. Keith Conrad seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Officer Doug Conrad presented his Police Report. He had thirty (30) service calls/complaints. One theft, one simple assault, one vandalism, two sex offenses, one controlled substance, two family and children, two liquor

laws, three suspicion, two mental, two assist and serve, one attempt to locate, one civil dispute, four misc. complaints, one livestock, two domestic abuse, three harassment, and one scam. Motion was made by Matt Greiner to approve the Police Report. Rod Hill seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

The Pool Committee traveled to the Wapello Pool and the Keosauqua Pool to see their new facilities. The next step will be to look into cost estimates for a new pool for Keota and funding.

Barricades will be put up around town on Thursday, July 26 in the late evening. Council members will meet and go around town to set up barricades for street closures and vendors. Broadway Avenue from Jefferson Street to Keokuk Washington Road will be closed off from 5:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Friday, July 27. There will be limited traffic on Washington Avenue from 330<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Lincoln Street. Also, Lincoln Street from Washington Avenue to Broadway Avenue will be closed off.

Motion was made by Scott Westendorf to approve the Building Permit for 214 N. Davis Street - Fence. Keith Conrad seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Scott Westendorf to approve Leander Construction Pay Application #13. Mike Bender seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

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

Clerks/Council/Mayor Comments: City Clerk Tomisha Hammes stated that the Municipal Institute week in Ames went well and that she learned a lot. She has had a request of information regarding the land at the Wilson Park. The Ball Association was inquiring about restrictions on building on that land. They were told that it was stipulated that nothing was to be built there. The council said that there would need to be more research to see if there are stipulation on the land. Council comments included statements on 214 N. Hamilton needing citations written for nuisance violations per the city ordinance. The council told the city clerk to look into getting a security system for the front door at city hall. She was told to contact the Keota School to see where they purchased their system through. Many councilmen have received complaints about the drug issues in town. There needs to be more enforcement when it comes to the drug issues. Discussion was held at length in regards to the animal control ordinance. The council requested an article be put in the newspaper in regards to the ordinance, review of the ordinance take place at the next meeting, and enforcing the ordinance 100% in the future.

Motion was made by Keith Conrad to adjourn the meeting at 10:02 p.m. Mike Bender seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote. The next Keota City Council Meeting will take place on Monday, August 6, 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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