

## September 17, 2018

The Keota City Council met on September 17, 2018, in the city hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Mayor Anthony Cansler.

Council Members answering roll call were Matt Greiner, Scott Westendorf, Keith Conrad, Mike Bender and Rod Hill arrived at 7:04 p.m. City Employees present were Tomisha Hammes and Kevin Slaubaugh. Officer Doug Conrad was at training. Also in attendance was Jade Redlinger, Mary Pat Redlinger, Jim Tinnes, Patty Tinnes, Jason Milam, Amy Stourac - *The Keota Eagle*.

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

Motion was made by Mike Bender to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Scott Westendorf seconded the motion. Motion carried with a majority vote.

Citizens Comments: Jim Tinnes asked if there were any updates on the McDonald Boneyard. Matt Greiner and Keith Conrad recently visited with Heath McDonald regarding the hours of operation for the McDonald Boneyard. Mr. McDonald is open to having set hours. The city clerk will contact the city attorney about the R-1 Zoning Hours of Operation to get an ordinance written up regarding hours of operation. Traffic options to access McDonald Boneyard – there had previously been discussion about opening up Carpenter Street north to McDonald Boneyard. This option was not favored due to adding an additional street to clean up and that there wasn't reasonable access through the business to make this option work. It was recommended that there be no loading/unloading before and after school and also during funerals. Patty Tinnes asked about the McDonald Boneyard expansion to their Broadway Avenue location. There is a truck and trailer registered to McDonald Boneyard that sits at the Broadway location, otherwise all other vehicles are personally registered to the property owners, not the business.

Public Works Director Kevin Slaubaugh reported that he recently talked to Erik Strand with Keota Transmission and Repair. They decided that the best option for the handicap parking spots would be on the northeast corner of Broadway Avenue and Ellis Street. Also, there will be a handicap parking spot on Broadway Avenue just east of Mr. Strand's building. Slaubaugh also talked to Robyn Morgan at Libertyville Savings Bank and Mary Ollinger at Keota Eagle Foods to see if there was a need for handicap parking spots outside either business. He was told not at this time by both. There will be one addition handicap parking spot put in at the northeast corner of Broadway Avenue and Fulton Street. The idea with these new parking spots is to make it safer to turn onto Broadway Avenue as it will increase visibility of traffic at both corners. Tremmel will be coming to town soon to hook up the water line to the KeWash Trailhead. The area has been marked. A lot of dirt has been moved and there has been a lot of progress on the Northwest Drainage Project so far. The trees on Stanley Herr's property have all been cleared out for the project. Motion was made by Keith Conrad to approve the Public Works Report. Matt Greiner seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Scott Westendorf to approve Resolution 2018-25: Appointing a Temporary Committee for Reviewing Public Works Department Applicants. Keith Conrad seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Matt Greiner, Scott Westendorf, Keith Conrad, Mike Bender, Rod Hill; Nays – None; Absent – None. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Matt Greiner to hold a special meeting on Monday, September 24 at 12 noon to approve the new public works department employee. Scott Westendorf seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Officer Doug Conrad was absent, but submitted a written Police Report. He had fourteen (14) service

calls/complaints. One theft, one simple assault, three controlled substance, two family and children, two suspicion, one civil dispute, one misc. investigation, one dog/cat/misc. animal, one domestic abuse, one harassment. Four citations were issued. One storing/accumulating junk /junk vehicles, one speed/alternative enforcement, one theft 5<sup>th</sup> degree, and one domestic abuse causing bodily injury. Motion was made by Mike Bender to approve the Police Report. Rod Hill seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

The council discussed Officer Doug Conrad's request for a new rifle. The current police rifle has been jamming. Officer Conrad has taken the rifle to Tim Barnes for repair. Comment was made to have Officer Conrad apply for the Keokuk County Community Endowment Grant this fall. The city clerk will have a Resolution written up at the next council meeting to apply.

Motion was made by Matt Greiner to approve Mayor Cansler's appointment of Curt Burroughs to the Board of Adjustments. Mike Bender seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Mike Bender to approve the written contract from Cloudburst9 for the updated rental payments for the water tower. Matt Greiner seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Keith Conrad to approve Resolution 2018-23: Keokuk County Community Endowment Grant for the Keota Ball Association. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Matt Greiner, Scott Westendorf, Keith Conrad, Mike Bender, Rod Hill; Nays – None; Absent – None. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Mike Bender to approve Resolution 2018-24: Approving the Street Finance Report for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018. Rod Hill seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Matt Greiner, Scott Westendorf, Keith Conrad, Mike Bender, Rod Hill; Nays – None; Absent – None. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Tomisha Hammes did the Second Reading of Ordinance 263: Amending the Rates Charged for Sewer. 6-9-2: Rental Rate: Each customer shall pay a sewer rental based on water used each month. 1. For the first 2,000 gallons of water used, sewer rent shall be \$32.94 (Minimum Charge). 2. For the next 3,000 gallons of water used, sewer rent shall be \$5.00 per 1,000 gallons.

Motion was made by Keith Conrad to approve Pay Application #14 to Leander Construction for the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Matt Greiner seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Discussion was held on the City of Keota ad in the Keokuk County Visitor's Guide. The council requested that the city clerk contact Keota Unlimited to see if they would be sponsoring the ad again this year.

Motion was made by Scott Westendorf to approve the Payment of Bills. Matt Greiner seconded the motion. Motion carried with a unanimous vote. Scott Westendorf expressed his concern with the amount of money the city is paying for legal fees. He wanted it noted that we are paying a great deal and it doesn't seem like we are getting any answers from the attorney. Keith Conrad stated that when we are asked for updates on the Boneyard or reviewing ordinances that we need to call the city attorney to have him review the questions.

Clerks/Council/Mayor Comments: Tomisha Hammes stated that the Daycare Committee has finished the Washington County Riverboat Foundation Grant and will be turning it in this week. Matt Greiner commented that he called and talked with a couple of Ball Association Members about the reason why the Council voted against the Resolution for the Ball Association Washington County Riverboat Foundation Grant. He stated that a few understood the reasons that were given. Rod Hill commented that he wasn't at the previous meeting when this item was voted on, but wanted it known that he would have voted no with the rest of the Council on the Ball Association grant. Scott Westendorf brought up that there have been some animals running at large. Amy Stourac

commented that there is a plan for a shelter in the works at the moment for Keokuk County. If there is a need for an emergency rescue that she can be called as there are a few foster homes for animals available. Tony Cansler stated that he and Matt Greiner attended the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on September 9 for the KeWash Trailhead.

Motion was made by Rod Hill to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m. Matt Greiner seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote. The next Keota City Council Meeting will take place on Monday, October 1, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. There will be a special meeting held on Monday, September 24, 2018 at 12 noon to hire a new public works department employee.

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MAYOR ANTHONY CANSLER

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK TOMISHA HAMMES

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