

October 15, 2018

The Keota City Council met on October 15, 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, Doug Conrad, and Kevin Slaubaugh. Also in attendance was Jade Redlinger, Mary Pat Redlinger, Dan Flynn, Jim Tinnes, Patty Tinnes, Nick Mahan, Scott Flynn, Kathy Davis, Amy Stourac - *The Keota Eagle*.

Motion was made by Scott Westendorf to approve the agenda. Rod Hill seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

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

Citizens Comments: Nick Mahan asked why the handicap spots that were discussed a few meetings ago have not been painted yet. Kevin Slaubaugh stated that the paint was delivered a couple weeks ago, but due to the amount of rain recently, they have not been able to paint. The plan is to get it done at the end of this week or next week. Mahan also commented that vehicles are not stopping at the stop sign at the corner of Ellis Street and Dewey by the school. Officer Conrad stated that he will park down by there and watch the area. Jim Tinnes asked about any updates on the McDonald Boneyard. Mayor Cansler stated that there would be discussion on it later in the meeting. Dan Flynn presented a letter to the city council to read.

Public Works Director Kevin Slaubaugh reported that he will be attending classes in Dubuque October 22 to 24. He feels confident that Kevin Miller can handle everything while he is gone. Craig Frederick's last day is set for October 31, 2018. Kevin Slaubaugh will be gone on October 25 for a deposition and November 15 and 16 to testify at the Curtis Jones trial in Davenport. He presented a proposal from ION Environmental Solutions in Washington to do the sampling at the Water Plant and the Waste Water Treatment Plant until Kevin Miller gets his certification. The Council will discuss the proposal and make a decision at the next meeting. Kevin Miller spray foamed the building at the Waste Water Treatment Plant to insulate it. The 2015 Chevy city truck will need new front tires and aligned before winter. Motion was made by Keith Conrad to approve the Public Works Report. Mike Bender seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Officer Doug Conrad reported that from September 29 to October 11 he had seventeen (17) service calls/complaints. One burglary, one simple assault, one disorderly conduct, one other criminal violation, one suspicion, one assist and serve, one misc. complaints, one wildlife, one weather, one traffic violation, one domestic abuse, five harassment, one scam. DOT will be in the area about every other week. Officer Conrad will look into the letter that Dan Flynn presented to the council. Motion was made by Keith Conrad to approve the Police Report. Rod Hill seconded. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Scott Flynn discussed the Nuisance Property and Abandoned Building Remediation Loan Program. The city would be responsible for applying for the loan. The state has funds available for cities to have short term loans at 0% to 1% interest for nuisance properties and/or abandoned buildings. These funds are for redevelopment or remediation of said buildings/properties. It is a restrictive 3 to 5 year loan. He also discussed with the council the Workforce Housing Loan Program through the Iowa Finance Authority. This loan is up to 20 years for housing development. This would be a contract entered into between the state and the city and then the city with the developer that is building the structure. Agreements would need to be set up between the parties to guarantee payback. Applications can only be submitted once the project is ready to go. The clerk will research both programs more with more emphasis on the Workforce Housing Loan Program for the next council meeting.

Motion was made by Rod Hill to approve the contract for Rental Inspections with Area 15. Mike Bender seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Discussion was held on the Hours of Operation for the Residential Zoning Ordinance. The clerk was asked to contact the city attorney to look into a Salvage Yard Ordinance for the Code Book.

Motion was made by Scott Westendorf to approve the Cox Sanitation Contract. Rod Hill seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Matt Greiner to approve Resolution 2018-33: Keokuk County Community Endowment Foundation Grant for City Hall Security Cameras. Mike Bender 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 Keith Conrad to approve the Financial Report. Mike Bender seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Scott Westendorf to approve the payment of bills. Keith Conrad seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Clerk/Council/Mayor Comments: The clerk presented a new agenda style listing consent agenda that helps to condense the agenda. The clerk will be attending the Iowa Municipal Finance Officers Association Fall Conference in Des Moines on Thursday, October 18 and Friday, October 19. Mike Bender was able to do a walk through at McDonald Boneyard before the city council meeting.

Motion was made by Matt Greiner to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 p.m. Scott Westendorf seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote. The next Keota City Council Meeting will take place on Monday, November 5, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.

MAYOR ANTHONY CANSLER

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK TOMISHA HAMMES

*These are not official minutes. These minutes will be approved at the next council meeting. All documents mentioned in these minutes can be viewed during business hours at the Keota City Hall.