

November 19, 2018

The Keota City Council met on November 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: Matt Greiner, Scott Westendorf, Keith Conrad, Rod Hill, and Mike Bender arrived at 7:04 p.m. City employees present were Doug Conrad, Kevin Slaubaugh and Tomisha Hammes. Also in attendance was Rita Sheetz, Jim Tinnes, Dan Flynn, Jade Redlinger, Mary Pat Redlinger, Patty Tinnes, Scott Flynn, Linda Werger, Scott Flynn, Kathy Davis, and Amy Stouric – *The Keota Eagle*.

Motion was made by Keith Conrad to approve the consent agenda items including Minutes from the November 5, 2018 meeting, Bills for Payment, and Month End Financials for September. Rod Hill seconded the motion. Motion passed with a majority vote.

Citizens Forum: Linda Werger asked Officer Doug Conrad about why her conversation with him was recorded. Officer Conrad stated that their conversation was not recorded. Jim Tinnes asked if his conversation with Officer Conrad was recorded. Officer Conrad stated that he did not record the conversation with Mr. Tinnes. Mr. Tinnes asked about any updates on the McDonald Boneyard. There was nothing to report at this time. Keith Conrad stated that it could be after the first of the year before anything gets taken care of due to the number of questions that have come up a different meetings in regards to the McDonald Boneyard. Mr. Tinnes asked what was going on with the property at 508 N. Davis Street. If the city wants to sell the property, Mr. Tinnes requests that it be put up for auction. Mayor Cansler stated that the comments were noted and nothing was going on with said property at this time.

Public Works Director Kevin Slaubaugh gave the Public Works Report. Waggoner Solutions will start back up applying the sludge to the surrounding fields on Tuesday. Snow equipment is ready to go. More tile will need to be put in at the Northwest Drainage Project. Mayor Cansler asked about the lights that were put up on the water tower. Slaubaugh stated that Andy Conrad put the lights up on the tower and they are working on getting a lighted star put up in the next couple of weeks on the water tower. Motion was made by Rod Hill to approve the Public Works Report. Mike Bender seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Officer Conrad gave the Police Report. He had twenty (20) service calls/complaints. Two simple assaults, two controlled substance, one suspicion, two suicide/statements, eight assist and serve, one misc. complaint, two dog/cat/misc. animal, one domestic abuse, one scam. Officer Conrad stated that he was in trial last week in Davenport for the Curtis Jones case. He will follow up with the Milam clean up next week. It looks like the property is getting cleaned up and the vehicles are getting registered. Motion was made by Rod Hill to approve the Police Report. Mike Bender seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Scott Flynn discussed briefly the Nuisance Property and Abandoned Building Loan Program and also the Workforce Housing Loan Program. The council decided that they could move forward on approving the programs for Mr. Flynn, but would look at future applicants case by case to determine if they would approve them. Motion was made by Keith Conrad to approve the city applying for the Nuisance Property and Abandoned Building Loan Program for Scott Flynn – The Ramsey Building Project. Mike Bender seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. Motion was made by Keith Conrad to approve the city applying for the Workforce Housing Loan Program for Scott Flynn – The Ramsey Building Project. Mike Bender seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 4-1 vote.

The Council reviewed the new City of Keota Employee Handbook.

Motion was made by Keith Conrad to approve the City using GovPay for credit card/debit card payments to the City of Keota. Mike Bender seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Rita Sheetz presented information on the city's employee health insurance policy and answered questions the council had about the current policy and changes that could be made. The city's current policy was grandfathered in in 2010 and if any changes are made the city would lose their grandfathered status. She will look into other

options for pools that the city can join. The Council will let her know of any other questions they may have going into budget season regarding employee health benefits.

Motion was made by Keith Conrad to approve the Annual Financial Report. Matt Greiner seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

City Clerk Tomisha Hammes discussed the possibility of hiring a part-time person at city hall. The auditors write up the city each year for not having a second person in office to segregate the duties. Libertyville Savings Bank recently did the annual bank audit and they commented that they typically like to see a segregation of duties as well.

Clerk/Council/Mayor Comments: The city clerk recently attended a budget workshop in Hiawatha. She presented the council with some of the information she received. The State Auditors will be at city hall December 10-14 for the annual exam. Employee evaluations will take place starting at 6:30 p.m. at both meetings in December. Kevin Miller and Kevin Slaubaugh will be on December 3. Tomisha Hammes and Doug Conrad will be on December 17. Budget meetings will take place in January.

Motion was made by Scott Westendorf to adjourn at 7:47 p.m. Rod Hill seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote. The Keota City Council will meet on Monday, December 3 at 6:30 p.m. with employee evaluations and the regular meeting to follow at 7:00 p.m.

MAYOR ANTHONY CANSLER

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK TOMISHA HAMMES

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