

December 3, 2018

The Keota City Council met on December 3, 2018, in the city hall. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 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 Doug Conrad and Tomisha Hammes. Also in attendance was Dan Flynn, Jim Tinnes, Kathy Davis, and Jason Milam.

Mayor Cansler gave city clerk, Tomisha Hammes, her employee evaluation in open session.

At 6:41 p.m. Doug Conrad requested closed session per Iowa Code 21.5.1.i for his employee evaluation. Motion was made by Keith Conrad to go into closed session. Rod Hill seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Ayes – Greiner, Westendorf, Conrad, Bender, Hill; Nays – None; Absent – None. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Keith Conrad to end closed session at 7:12 p.m. Mike Bender seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Ayes – Greiner, Westendorf, Conrad, Bender, Hill; Nays – None; Absent – None. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Scott Westendorf to approve the consent agenda items including Minutes from the November 19, 2018 meeting, Bills for Payment, and Month End Financials for October. Keith Conrad seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Citizens Forum: Dan Flynn wanted to thank those council members and city employees that came to see the Museum last week and weekend. He stated that there were about sixty (60) people that attended the Museum's Open House. If any other council member would like to walk through it, then give one of the Museum Board members a call and they will open it up. The Museum will be closed for a few more months to get more work done. Jim Tinnes asked about any McDonald Boneyard updates. Mayor Cansler stated that the city attorney is working on an ordinance. He is trying to figure out how to best word the ordinance for what Keota needs. Doug Conrad and Mike Bender did a walk-thru of the McDonald property on Friday, November 30. Officer Conrad stated that when he does the walk-thru he will have documentation about the site visit. Mr. Tinnes also commented that the workers at the Northwest Drainage Project have made a mess of his shop area. The road has been torn up. The council and city employees will look into the issue and contact HR Green to see what the plans are to clean it up.

Public Works Director Kevin Slaubaugh was absent. The city clerk presented a list of twenty-four (24) street signs that need replaced in Keota. She received a cost estimate from Iowa Prison Industries that she presented to the council. The council gave their approval to move forward with the project. Motion was made by Mike Bender to table the Public Works Report. Scott Westendorf seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Officer Conrad gave the Police Report. November 17 to November 30 he had fourteen (14) service calls/complaints. One theft, two simple assaults, three accidents (traffic), one assist and serve, one attempt to locate, two misc. investigations, one dog/cat/misc. animal, one domestic abuse, two harassment. Officer Conrad stated that he is trying to use call back time and vacation time. He stated that he will visit with Mr. Milam about the order to clean up his property. A deadline of Friday, December 14, 2018 was given by the council to get the property cleaned up per the judge's request. During the next council meeting, Officer Conrad will then report to the council on the status of the clean-up. If Mr. Milam does not follow through with the request, Officer Conrad will then write more citations to him. Motion was made by Scott Westendorf to approve the Police Report. Keith Conrad seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Mike Bender to approve Resolution 2018-34: A Resolution Authorizing the City Clerk to Destroy Certain Records of the City of Keota in Accordance with Section 372.13(5) of the Iowa Code. Scott Westendorf seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Ayes – Greiner, Westendorf, Conrad, Bender, Hill; Nays – None; Absent – None. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Mike Bender to approve Resolution 2018-35: A Resolution Approving Automatic Deposits from GovPayNet to the City's Checking Account. Rod Hill seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Ayes – Greiner, Westendorf, Conrad, Bender, Hill; Nays – None; Absent – None. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Clerk/Council/Mayor Comments: The city clerk had some questions for the council from the city attorney in regards to the ordinances of Salvage Yards, Animal Control, and Hours of Operation for Building Permits. The council discussed the questions and requested that the clerk get back to the attorney on their thoughts. Matt Greiner stated that he attended the Library Program over the weekend and it was a great program. He also walked through the Museum and said that it looked great. Keith Conrad stated that the property at 413 W. Keokuk is becoming an issue again. Letters have been sent to the property owner numerous times. The property gets cleaned up and then reverts back to having junk again. The council would like to see citations written if it continues this way. Mike Bender stated that we need to do a better job with following up with the nuisance letters that are sent out. Rod Hill asked the city clerk to contact the pool designer to see where he is at with the plans. Mayor Cansler wanted to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas.

Motion was made by Mike Bender to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Matt Greiner seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote. The Keota City Council will meet on Monday, December 17 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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