

Keota City Council Meeting

August 3, 2026

Minutes

PUBLIC HEARING – 6:00 P.M.

Proposing to Dispose of Real Property and Publishing a Notice of Public Hearing

Council Present: Mayor Ryan Carr, Matt Greiner, Heath McDonald, Chad Greiner, Keith Conrad, John Mather

Staff Present: Clerk Bruns

Public Present: Rich Klein

Mayor Carr called the Public Hearing to order at 6:00 p.m. Rich Klein provided comments regarding the proposed disposal of real property but had no objections.

There being no further comments, a motion was made by Keith Conrad and seconded by Heath McDonald to adjourn the Public Hearing. Motion carried. The Public Hearing adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Mayor Ryan Carr called the regular meeting to order.

Council Present: Mayor Ryan Carr, Matt Greiner, Heath McDonald, Chad Greiner, Keith Conrad, John Mather

Staff Present: Clerk Bruns, Librarian Toni Greiner, Public Works Director Micah Harmsen

Public Present: Rich Klein, Lori Hammes, Bruce Hardt, John Hardt

2. CONSENT AGENDA

The following routine items were considered:

a. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Keith Conrad, seconded by John Mather, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

b. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

Motion by Matt Greiner, seconded by Chad Greiner, to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion carried.

c. Approval of Bills

Motion by Keith Conrad, seconded by John Mather, to approve the bills. Motion carried.

3. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

a. Public Works

Public Works Director Micah Harmsen reported that Kevin has been busy working on the mower. The interns have been staying busy with various projects. The pool is doing well, and the RV Park was full over the weekend.

b. Library

Librarian Toni Greiner reported that the Summer Reading Program has been finalized. A total of 550 hours were turned in.

Toni also reported that there are two cement benches located in the flower bed at the library. One of the plaques on the benches is no longer readable, and she is unsure of the wording that was originally on the plaque in order to determine what should be placed on a replacement plaque.

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c. Law Enforcement

Mayor Carr reported that he had discussed the possibility of a 28E agreement with the City Attorney. He also spoke with Adam Clark of the Sigourney Police Department. Sigourney may be interested in acquiring the City's old police truck and may also be interested in a possible 28E agreement. Mayor Carr stated that he would like all 28E options to be explored before the City makes a decision. Sigourney Police Department is also hiring an officer soon and hopes to hire a School Resource Officer, which could potentially be shared with the City of Keota.

4. RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES

a. Resolution No. 2026-48 – Joel Ackerman Building Permit

Motion by Matt Greiner, seconded by Chad Greiner, to approve Resolution No. 2026-48 regarding the Joel Ackerman building permit. Motion carried with all ayes.

b. Resolution No. 2026-49 – Resolution Accepting Purchase Agreement

Motion by Keith Conrad, seconded by John Mather, to approve Resolution No. 2026-49, a Resolution Accepting Purchase Agreement. Motion carried with all ayes.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion/Possible Action – Bridget Greiner Payroll

Motion by Keith Conrad, seconded by Heath McDonald, to approve Bridget Greiner's payroll. Chad Greiner abstained from the vote. Motion carried.

b. Discussion/Possible Action – Mia Conrad Payroll

Motion by John Mather, seconded by Heath McDonald, to approve Mia Conrad's payroll. Keith Conrad abstained from the vote. Motion carried.

c. Discussion/Possible Action – Ava and Marlee Greiner Payroll

Motion by Keith Conrad, seconded by John Mather, to approve Ava and Marlee Greiner's payroll. Matt Greiner abstained from the vote. Motion carried.

d. Discussion/Possible Action – July Payroll and Comp Time

Motion by John Mather, seconded by Heath McDonald, to approve the July payroll and comp time. Motion carried.

e. Discussion/Possible Action – Complaints on Commercial Buildings

The Council discussed complaints regarding commercial buildings.

Motion by Keith Conrad, seconded by John Mather, to contact DJ Engineering of Coralville to conduct an inspection. Heath McDonald abstained from the vote. Motion carried.

f. Discussion/Possible Action – First Reading of Sewer Amendment

Motion by Keith Conrad, seconded by Matt Greiner, to approve the first reading of the sewer amendment. Motion carried.

g. Discussion/Possible Action – Waive Second and Third Readings of Sewer Amendment

Motion by Keith Conrad, seconded by Heath McDonald, to waive the second and third readings of the sewer amendment. Motion carried.

h. Discussion/Possible Action – Employee Handbook Changes

The Council continued discussion regarding proposed employee handbook changes. The item was tabled again for further consideration.

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6. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Heath McDonald:

McDonald reported that he has been receiving unsettling phone calls from members of the public regarding nuisance letters being sent out. He stated that he was not aware the letters were being sent and requested that he be notified when nuisance letters are issued.

Matt Greiner:

Greiner reported that he had been approached by residents of Lagos Acres regarding having their lot returned to them.

John Mather:

Mather stated that it is time for the City to address the Lagos Acres lot and suggested that selling the property back may be an option.

Mather also reported that the speed radar sign has been installed and that another sign will be installed soon.

Keith Conrad:

Conrad agreed with McDonald's concerns regarding nuisance letters and requested that proper communication occur before letters are sent.

Conrad also stated that the City needs to follow the proper procedures regarding the Lagos Acres property rather than simply disposing of the property.

Heath McDonald:

McDonald stated that efforts are needed to reduce traffic speeds on Davis Street.

7. PUBLIC FORUM

Diana Mather:

Diana Mather stated that additional stop signs may not be effective because most motorists do not stop at existing stop signs. She suggested that a radar speed sign could be placed near Miller's lot. She also stated that increased law enforcement presence has helped encourage motorists to slow down.

Toni Greiner:

Toni Greiner suggested that school crossing signs near the library area may help slow traffic and provide a safer area for children walking in the area.

Lori Hammes:

Lori Hammes requested an update regarding the sidewalk situation on Broadway and the downtown development group that had previously been discussed. She stated that she had not heard any updates regarding either matter.

8. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Carr stated that nuisance letters need to be addressed with Heath McDonald first.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made by John Mather and seconded by Heath McDonald to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at **8:15 p.m.**

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Hunter Bruns, City Clerk
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