

January 21, 2019

The Keota City Council met on January 21, 2019, at the Keota 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, and Mike Bender. Rod Hill was absent. City Employees present were Kevin Slaubaugh, Officer Doug Conrad, and Tomisha Hammes. Also in attendance was Kathy Davis and Jason Milam.

Motion was made by Scott Westendorf to approve the consent items including minutes from the January 7 and January 14, 2019 meetings, payment of bills, and month end financials for December 2018. Keith Conrad seconded the motion. Motion passed with a majority vote.

Motion was made by Keith Conrad to approve the 2019 Mayoral Appointments. Mike Bender seconded the motion. Motion passed with a majority vote.

Citizens Forum: Kathy Davis attended as a representative of the Keokuk County Community Endowment Foundation. The KCCEF will be hosting a banquet on Thursday, March 28 and was wondering who from the council would like to attend. The council suggested getting six (6) tickets for various Keota organizations. Jason Milam was present to ask if his property looked okay per the citation he was issued. Officer Conrad stated he would like to see the trailer moved that is located on the property.

Public Works Director Kevin Slaubaugh gave his report. Davis Street was cleaned and two (2) loads were taken to the landfill from the street cleaning. There is about 25% of salt and sand left. There is a water leak that he is working with Tremmel to find. Waggoner Solutions has finished up at the sewer plant. They will return in the spring to do clean up and repair the roads by the sewer plant. Motion was made by Matt Greiner to approve the public works report. Mike Bender seconded the motion. Motion passed with a majority vote.

Officer Doug Conrad gave his police report. December 14 through December 31 he had twenty-four (24) service calls/complaints and one citation for Storing Junk/Junk Vehicles – Municipal Infraction. Three theft, one motor vehicle theft, two simple assaults, one sex offense, one other criminal violation, one suspicion, one assist and serve, seven civil disputes, one misc. investigation, one misc. complaint, one dog/cat/misc. animal, one parking, two domestic abuse, and one harassment. January 1 through January 15 he had twenty-five service calls/complaints. One motor vehicle theft, one simple assault, one vandalism, two weapons, two controlled substances, two other criminal violations, one suspicion, one mental, one assist and service, four civil disputes, one lost and found, two dog/cat/misc. animal, two wildlife, two traffic violations, one domestic abuse, one harassment. He also issued four (4) citations: Juvenile – Careless Driving/Alternative Enforcement, Speed/Alternative Enforcement, Two (2) Juvenile Simple Assaults. Officer Conrad also presented a police report for January 1 through December 31, 2018. He had 510 service calls/complaints and 86 citations issued/arrests made – ranging from Traffic Citations to Federal Drug and Weapons Charges. Officer Conrad discussed a Pre-Trial Conference that he had upcoming with a citation that was made for Storing Junk/Junk Vehicles – Municipal Infractions. He asked the council if they would like him to petition an order to dismiss the pre-trial conference. The council was in agreement that they would like move forward with the citation and the pre-trial conference. Motion was made by Matt Greiner to approve the Police Report. Mike Bender seconded the motion. Motion passed with a majority vote.

Clerk/Council/Mayor Comments: The church bells at the Catholic Church were discussed due to a complaint that they ring late into the night. Kathy Davis commented that she would talk to Father Charles to see if he would be willing to change the hours that the bells rang. There was discussion on the possibility of cleaning out the city alleyway from behind the McDonald Boneyard to the cemetery. This would allow more space for the McDonald Boneyard behind their actual property. The Council discussed the amount of call back time that was being accrued by Officer Conrad. The possibility of a new cell phone number and installing the phone back at the police station was discussed. Mayor Cansler stated that he would talk to Keokuk County Sheriff's Department on a minimum contract to be present in Keota when Officer Conrad is off duty. The council wanted to reiterate that if there is an emergency for the police or for QRS that residents need to be calling 9-1-1 and not individual's cell

phone numbers for assistance.

Motion was made by Mike Bender to adjourn at 9:19 p.m. Scott Westendorf seconded the motion. Motion passed with a majority vote. The Keota City Council will meet on Monday, January 28, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. for a budget meeting. The regularly scheduled meeting will take place on Monday, February 4 at 7:00 p.m.

MAYOR ANTHONY CANSLER

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK TOMISHA HAMMES

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