

June 17, 2019

The Keota City Council met on June 17, 2019, at the Keota City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem Keith Conrad.

Council Members answering roll call were: Scott Westendorf, Keith Conrad, Rod Hill, and Mike Bender. Matt Greiner arrived at 7:10 p.m. Mayor Anthony Canlser was unable to attend. City Employees present were Kevin Slaubaugh, Doug Conrad, and Tomisha Hammes. Also in attendance was Sheila Horras, Dan Flynn, Nick Mahan, Heath McDonald, Ryan Fagen, Andy Conrad, and Jim Tinnes.

Motion was made by Rod Hill to approve the consent items including minutes from the June 3, 2019 meetings, May month end financials, and payment of bills. Mike Bender seconded the motion. Motion passed with a majority vote.

Citizens Forum: Sheila Horras wanted to know what was going on with the pool. There needs to be seed money to apply for a Washington County Riverboat Foundation Grant for the pool Sheila stated. She believes that there needs to be a bond issue put on the ballot for the residents to vote on for the new pool. Rod Hill stated that new pool plans have been drawn up and the Pool Committee needs to meet again to review them and move forward with the pool. Nick Mahan wanted an update on the Animal Ordinance regarding dog breeds. The Council stated that Preston Moore, Human Society, will attend the next work session to discuss the Ordinance with the Council. Jim Tinnes asked about updates on the ordinance regarding Salvage Yards. The Iowa DOT has yet to get back to Keith Conrad on their notes on the ordinance. Jim Tinnes also asked about plans for the 506 North Ellis Street property if the City of Keota acquires it. He would like to purchase it and donate the property to the school. The clerk will contact the city attorney and see what the process is to sell city owned land. Andy Conrad thanked everyone for their help at the Keota Fun Days. He also asked the council for permission to leave the Keota sign up on the Broadway Avenue green space. The council stated that it can stay.

Public Works Director Kevin Slaubaugh gave his report. Keota Fun Days went well. Andy Conrad does an outstanding job at putting together and running the Keota Fun Days. A gentleman from Riverside approached Kevin asking for land to build a duplex. The city clerk will find out the steps for the city owned land sale. The water plant is having valve issues. The public works department had to borrow a valve from Sigourney and Kevin is looking into the cost to replace all the valves. A Broadway Avenue resident asked about having a separate mailbox out in front of her house as her mailbox has been gone through and she has been missing mail. The reason the mailboxes were originally grouped on Broadway Avenue was to help with the snow removal in the winter. Motion was made by Mike Bender to approve the Public Works Report. Rod Hill seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Officer Doug Conrad gave his police report. There were no citations and twenty-four service calls/complaints from May 30, 2019 to June 13, 2019. Service calls/complaints – one weapons, two controlled substance, one theft, two other criminal violations, one suicide/statements, four assist and serve, one attempt to locate, four misc. complaints, four dog/cat/misc. animal, one livestock, three traffic violations. Keota Fun Days went well, seemed to be a smaller group of people this year. There were a few fireworks complaints. There are six initial appearances for citations that will take place on Monday, June 24, 2019. Motion was made by Mike Bender to approve the Police Report. Scott Westendorf seconded the motion. Motion passed with unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Mike Bender to change the date of the July 15, 2019 meeting to July 22, 2019 due to the clerk being at clerk's institute in Ames the week of July 15, 2019. Matt Greiner seconded the

motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

The Council reviewed a purchase agreement for the property exchange with Heath McDonald. The city would acquire 506 North Ellis Street in exchange for Health McDonald getting 508 North Davis Street. The final agreement will be approved at the July 1, 2019 meeting.

Motion was made by Mike Bender to approve the purchase agreement for 105 North Davis Street contingent on Libertyville Savings Bank signing a document stating that they will be donating the purchase price, covering the closing costs, and paying for 40% of the demolition costs. Rod Hill seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Discussion was held on the 2017 Municipal Codebook of Ordinances. Rod Hill requested that groups of two councilmen review a chapter at a time of the codebook. If there needs to be changes or updates made to those chapters then it can be discussed by the Council at a work session. He asked the clerk to make hard copies of each chapter and have the council review them.

Motion was made by Matt Greiner to approve Resolution 2019-20: Approving the Tax Abatement Application for 204 E. Broadway Avenue. Scott Westendorf seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Ayes – Greiner, Westendorf, Conrad, Bender, Hill; Nays – None; Absent – None. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Discussion was held on the alleyway north of the corner of Carpenter Street and Washington Avenue. Matt Greiner stated that the point of having the survey done is to see where the alleyway is supposed to be located and make a safe access point for the fire department to get to the west side of the North Davis properties. This would make the location of the salvage yard safer. He also stated that he would like to bring in the fire department to hear their thoughts on the alleyway. Once the pins are set and marked the council can visually see where the pins are and go from there.

Motion was made by Mike Bender to approve the building permit for 204 E. Broadway Avenue. Matt Greiner seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Scott Westendorf to approve the building permit at 112 N. McKinley Street contingent on Keith Conrad's site visit. Keith Conrad seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Pool Committee – Rod Hill asked the city clerk to set up a Pool Committee meeting for Thursday, June 27, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. to review the pool design plans. He also requested that Myers Construction be there as well.

Daycare Committee – Nothing to report at this time.

Clerk/Council/Mayor Comments: No comments.

Motion was made by Scott Westendorf to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m. Rod Hill seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote. The Keota City Council will meet on Monday, July 1, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. with the work session starting at 6:00 p.m.

MAYOR ANTHONY CANSLER

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK TOMISHA HAMMES

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