

March 2, 2020

The Keota City Council met on March 2, 2020, at the Keota City Hall. The work session was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Anthony Cansler.

Council Members answering roll call were: Curt Burroughs, Keith Conrad, Mike Bender and Rod Hill. Matt Greiner was unable to attend. City employee present was Tomisha Hammes.

Discussion was held on the city attorney's letter regarding the use of Wilson Memorial Library for a purpose other than a library would be permissible. The breakdown of the legislative and executive branches of the City of Keota were discussed. The bicycle ordinance, cotton wood tree ordinance, ATV/UTV ordinance, and golf cart ordinances were all discussed.

Motion was made by Councilman Bender to adjourn the work session at 6:57 p.m. Councilman Burroughs seconded the motion. Motion passed with a majority vote.

The Keota City Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Anthony Cansler.

Council members answering roll call were: Curt Burroughs, Keith Conrad, Mike Bender, and Rod Hill. Matt Greiner arrived at 7:11 p.m. City Employees present were Kevin Slaubaugh, Toni Greiner, and Tomisha Hammes. Also in attendance was Mary Pat Redlinger, Trenton Redlinger, Heath McDonald, Nick Mahan, Dan Flynn and Kathy Davis.

Councilman Burroughs gave the Invocation.

Motion was made by Councilman Conrad to approve the consent agenda including the minutes from the February 20, 2020 meeting and payment of bills. Councilman Burroughs seconded the motion. Motion passed with a majority vote.

**CITY OF KEOTA
MARCH 2, 2020 COUNCIL MEETING
FOR PERIOD FEBRUARY 19 - MARCH 2, 2020**

<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>COMMENT</u>
CONRAD, DOUGLAS L.	\$1,803.00	Payroll
GREINER, ASHLEY	\$25.22	Payroll
GREINER, TONIA	\$769.96	Payroll
HAMMES, TOMISHA	\$1,037.03	Payroll
MILLER, KEVIN	\$1,207.77	Payroll
SLAUBAUGH, KEVIN L.	\$1,458.56	Payroll
EFTPS	\$1,816.52	Employee Withholdings
IPERS	\$2,646.10	Employee Benefits
IOWA DEPT. OF REVENUE	\$3,926.30	Quarterly Sales Tax
IOWA DEPT. OF REVENUE	\$4,834.33	Quarterly WET Tax
IOWA DEPT. OF REVENUE	\$2,200.94	Quarterly Employee Withholdings
CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT	\$73.55	Library - Large Print Books
HARDT'S SAWMILL	\$45.00	Library - Richardson Memorial Book Stand
INFOMAX	\$140.17	Library - Copier Lease
MALLEY HARDWARE	\$38.90	Library - Smoke Detector/Phone
OUR IOWA	\$34.98	Library - Subscription
STATE LIBRARY OF IOWA	\$61.00	Library - E-Book Subscription
WINDSTREAM	\$144.75	Library - Phone/Fax
MALLEY HARDWARE	\$46.98	Police/Parks - Supplies

ALLIANT ENERGY	\$7,212.20	All Dept. Gas/Electric
CARGILL	\$5,003.36	Water - Salt
WINDSTREAM	\$189.27	All Dept. Phone/Fax
IOWA ONE CALL	\$18.00	Sewer - Locates
WASHINGTON CO. CLERK OF COURTS	\$1.50	Legal - Will Review
GALLS	\$87.50	Police - Print Kit
USA BLUE BOOK	\$19.02	Water - Supplies
KEVIN MILLER	\$12.83	Parks - Torx Driver from Mac Tools
IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES	\$400.00	City Hall - Clerks Institute - Summer
DIVISION OF LABOR - ELEVATOR	\$465.00	Library - Elevator Inspection - Annual Inspection
SCHUMACHER ELEVATOR COMPANY	\$465.00	Library - Elevator Inspection - Safety Test
H2I GROUP	\$14,550.00	Ball Association - Bleachers/Scoreboard Grant
STAR EQUIPMENT	\$862.60	Snow Removal - Snow Blade - Skid Loader
ION ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS	\$1,733.20	Water/Sewer - Labs/Samples
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	\$1,001.79	Library - Books/DVDs/Programs
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	\$340.38	Water - IRWA Conference
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	\$405.74	Water/Sewer - Clothing Allowances
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	\$349.84	Police - Conference in Des Moines
MID-AMERICA PUBLISHING CORP.	\$454.16	All Dept - Printing/Publishing
VERIZON	\$40.01	Police - Hot Spot

TOTAL \$55,922.46

Citizens Forum: Kathy Davis stated that the next Keokuk County Endowment Foundation Meeting will be on March 25, 2020. The Grant Award Ceremony will take place in Delta on April 22, 2020. She also stated that the Council needs to hold strong on the pit bull ban ordinance. The ordinance was put into place for a reason and the Council needs to stand behind it.

Public Works Director Kevin Slaubaugh gave his report. The parts are in for the skid loader's snow blade. The newer playground equipment is having some of the bolts rusting, so they are taking piece by piece to Denny Redlinger to have him do welding repairs. Slaubaugh would like to purchase a new Dixie Chopper Lawn Mower as the current one is 15-18 years old. He has the money in savings to pay for the mower. The Council told him to go ahead and purchase the new mower.

Officer Doug Conrad was unable to attend the meeting. The Council reviewed his written Police Report. Report period is for February 16 to February 28, 2020: There were fourteen (14) service calls/complaints and three citations issued. Service Calls/Complaints: One theft, one controlled substance, one trespass, two mental, five assist and serve, one fire, one death and bodies found, one wildlife, and one domestic abuse. Citation: two speed/alternative enforcement and one driving barred/assist Keokuk County. Motion was made by Councilman Conrad to approve the written Police Report. Councilman Burroughs seconded the motion. Motion passed with a majority vote.

The Library Report was given by Library Board President Nick Mahan. Mahan stated that on Wednesday, February 26 they had their virtual reality presentation and had six kids attend. They will have another VR presentation in the future. The Princess Party is March 14 and there are only three spots left. The next Library Board meeting will be on Monday, March 23 where the Board will be discussing fundraising ideas.

The Council discussed the letter they received from Husch Blackwell in regards to the potential lawsuit against the City of Keota in regards to their pit bull ban. Councilman Burroughs and the city clerk met with city attorney Misty White in Sigourney on Thursday, February 27 to discuss the letter and her

recommendations. Ms. White recommended that the City of Keota proceed with the deadline that was given to the resident in regards to her two dogs. Have Officer Conrad write a citation for each dog starting on March 10, 2020 as the deadline for the dogs to be removed is March 9, 2020. Mayor Cansler stated that he will request that Officer Conrad write Municipal Infractions for each dog. The civil penalty for the first offense is up to \$750.00 and he will lower that to \$250.00 per dog. Second offense is up to \$875.00 and he will lower that to \$300.00. Third offense is up to \$1000.00 and he will lower that to \$300.00. Council was in favor of moving forward with the Mayor's decision on the citations. Councilman Burroughs stated that the Animal Ordinance that was written by the Humane Society for the Council to review took away all power from the Council. He is disappointed to see that when the Council decided to not go with the Humane Society's ordinance, the result was that this individual decided to sue the City of Keota.

Motion was made by Councilman Burroughs to approve Resolution 2020-16: Walmart Local Community Grant for the Pool Advocates. Councilman Bender seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Ayes – Greiner, Burroughs, Conrad, Bender, Hill; Nays – None; Abstain – None Absent – None. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

The Traffic Code Ordinance in regards to the Bicycle Regulations was discussed. According to the ordinance as it stands now, there are many restrictions that the Council would like to have removed. Examples include: no bicycle shall carry more than one person, while riding a bicycle you are not allowed to carry a package which prevents a person from having their hands on the handle bars, people are not allowed to have trail-a-bikes or child pull behind, and a signal device is required for all bicycles. A new ordinance will be presented to the council for review at the next city council meeting.

The Nuisance Ordinance in regards to the cotton-bearing cottonwood trees and all other cotton-bearing popular trees in the city. Councilman Burroughs stated that the DNR is encouraging people to plant cottonwood trees as they are native trees. He stated that the female cottonwood trees are the ones that produce the 'fluff' and would like to see the ordinance changed with this nuisance taken out. A new ordinance will be presented to the council at the next council meeting.

The Traffic Code Ordinance in regards to the All-Terrain Vehicles and Golf Carts was reviewed. Currently ATVs, UTVs, and golf carts are illegal to drive on city streets. ATVs are legal on streets that have not had the snow plowed from them. The Council is discussing permitting the ATVs, UTVs, and golf carts. A new ordinance will be presented to the council at the next council meeting.

Councilman Burroughs stated that according to the City of Keota Code of Ordinances, there is no requirement that the department heads need to attend every meeting or that their reports are required to be approved at the meetings. The annual Police Report is to be done by the Chief of Police and presented to the Council at the end of December.

The Daycare Committee met on Wednesday, February 18 and February 26, 2020. Tammy Wetjen-Kesterson from Early Childhood Iowa attended the February 26 meeting to let the Committee know about her services and what services are available to the City. She will be putting together a Market Survey to present to the Daycare Committee on March 11 and she will also attend the Council Meeting on March 16 to further discuss the services and Market Survey to the Council. There will be a walk-through of Wilson Memorial Library with Dan Levi, from Levi Architecture, on March 25.

Clerk/Council/Mayor Comments: The city clerk stated that the tentative date for closing with the bank gift to the city will be on June 30, 2020. She asked the council if there were recommendations on who to get bids from for the minor work that needs to be done before moving city hall. The Council stated

they didn't have a preference, just to make sure it was local. Councilman Greiner stated that he helped at the Keota Pool Advocates Breakfast and that they had a great turnout. He went on to say that there are a lot of people in this town that take pride in their community by being a part of the boards, committees and organizations. Councilman Conrad stated that the Daycare Meetings have been going really good and getting a lot of good information. He also said that for those that don't get the local newspaper all the minutes and city information can be found at the city's website – www.keotaiowa.org. Councilman Hill stated that the DARE kids all made thank you cards for Mayor Cansler for his recent donation through the Riverside Casino. Mayor Cansler thanked everyone for the work that they have put into their different committees and organizations.

Motion was made by Councilman Conrad to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m. Councilman Bender seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

The Keota City Council Meeting will be on Monday, March 16, 2020 starting at 7:00 p.m.

MAYOR ANTHONY CANSLER

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK TOMISHA HAMMES

*These are not official minutes. These minutes will be approve at the next council meeting. All documents mentioned in these minutes can be viewed during business hours at the Keota City Hall.