

September 2, 2020

The Keota City Council met on September 2, 2020, 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: Mike Bender, Keith Conrad, Rod Hill, Heath McDonald, and Matt Greiner arrived at 7:19 p.m. City Employees present were Kevin Slaubaugh, Toni Greiner, and Tomisha Hammes. Also in attendance was Rich Klein, Nick Mahan, Jim Tinnes, Danielle Imhoff, Kathy Davis, Karen Sypherd, Trenton Redlinger, Mary Pat Redlinger, and Dan Flynn.

Motion was made by Councilman Bender to approve the consent agenda including minutes from the August 17 and 19, 2020 meetings and payment of bills. Councilman Conrad seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

**CITY OF KEOTA
SEPTEMBER 2, 2020 COUNCIL MEETING
FOR PERIOD AUGUST 18 - SEPTEMBER 2, 2020**

<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>COMMENT</u>
ALTENHOFEN, CHERYL	\$69.36	Payroll
CONRAD, DOUGLAS L.	\$1,851.08	Payroll
GREINER, ASHLEY	\$55.66	Payroll
GREINER, TONIA	\$901.21	Payroll
HAMMES, TOMISHA	\$1,330.46	Payroll
MILLER, KEVIN	\$1,207.77	Payroll
SLAUBAUGH, KEVIN L.	\$1,496.86	Payroll
EFTPS	\$2,025.64	Employee Withholdings
IPERS	\$2,859.52	Employee Benefits
WINDSTREAM	\$145.26	Library - Phone/Fax/Internet
INFOMAX	\$140.17	Library - Copier Lease
CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT	\$44.34	Library - 2 Lg Print Books
CENGAGE LEARNING	\$88.88	Library - Books
ALL AMERICAN PEST CONTROL	\$30.00	Library - Pest Control
OVERDRIVE	\$419.62	Library - Bridges E-Books Content Fee
QUILL CORP.	\$89.51	Library - Supplies/Janitorial
STATE LIBRARY OF IOWA	\$62.00	Library - Bridges Platform Fee
SWANK MOVIE LICENSE	\$322.00	Library - Copyright License
WOODWARD PUBLIC LIBRARY	\$10.00	Library - Book
KOCH OFFICE GROUP	\$138.04	CH - Copier
DIGITAL – ALLY	\$205.00	Police - Chest Camera
CARGILL	\$5,074.60	Water - KD CRSE Bulk
BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD	\$9,079.55	Employee Benefits
WINDSTREAM	\$238.71	All Dept. Phone/Fax
ION ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS	\$1,935.80	Water/Sewer - Operations/Labs
KEILA ROSS	\$100.60	Finalized Bill - Refund
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY INC.	\$282.05	Sewer - Curb Box/Repair Clamp
TREMMELE BACKHOE SERVICE	\$1,035.00	Water - Main Leak(s) Carpenter Street
TREASURER, KEOKUK COUNTY	\$708.00	Economic Development - 105 N. Davis Street/506 N. Ellis St. Final
COX SANITATION	\$5,068.00	Garbage Pick Up/Garbage Bags
ALLIANT ENERGY	\$7,689.52	All Dept. Gas/Electric
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	\$571.21	Library - Books/DVDs/Programs
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	\$711.50	CH - Keokuk County Endowment Grant Tech
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	\$161.90	Police - Veh O & M
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	\$497.15	Water - Iowa Rural Water Conference Hotel/Training
MALLEY HARDWARE	\$105.28	CH/Library/Water - Supplies

VISION AG	\$109.81	Streets - Liberty Bulk
WATER SOLUTIONS UNLIMITED	\$249.98	Water - Hypochlorite
VERIZON WIRELESS	\$40.01	Police - Hot Spot
ACTION SERVICES	\$105.00	Park - Porta Potty
RAY-MAN	\$255.88	CH - Metal Pieces for Front Desk
FARMERS COOP ASSN.	\$349.65	All Dept. - Veh.O & M
WHITE LAW OFFICE	\$1,303.90	Legal - Misc. Charges April to August

TOTAL \$49,165.48

Department Reports:

-Public Works Department – Slaubaugh called and talked to Alex Schwenke, Alliant Energy, about the trees on west end of town between Washington Avenue and Keokuk Avenue on 330th Avenue. Alliant Energy will come through and trim up the trees, but with the derecho it will take some time for them to get here to do the work. Generator at the new building will work – it currently runs the front doors and old teller booths. He is going to have Ollinger Electric come in to switch it over to work the doors and the clerk’s office and cemetery office. There are switches for a portable generator. He contacted Atwood Electric to get an estimate on a new generator and was told it would cost \$40,000. He then called Larry Smith, Keokuk County Emergency Management, to see if there would be grants available. Smith said he would check on grants for generators in emergency shelters.. Slaubaugh stated he will sweep the streets once we get more rain.

-Police Department – A written report was submitted. Reporting period of August 14 through August 31, 2020, there were sixteen (16) service calls/complaints and eight (8) citation issued. Service Calls/Complaints: one theft, two simple assault, one sex offenses, one controlled substances, one suicide/statements, one accident (traffic), four assist and serve, one death and bodies found, two misc. complaints, one dog/cat/misc. animal, one harassment. Citation: six (6) speed/alternative enforcement, one failure to provide proof of financial liability, one operating a non-registered vehicle.

-Wilson Memorial Library – Library Board minutes were provided.

-Keota Historical Museum – In the process of talking to a mover to move the cabinet from the Dumont Museum in Sigourney to Keota and they will also ask the movers to move the cabinets from the basement of the library to the new building.

A ballot was done by the Council to appoint a Councilman to the Objection Hearing Panel. Ballots were turned into the Mayor and he read them out loud. They went as follows: Mike Bender, Mike Bender, Keith Conrad. Mike Bender accepted the appointment.

Motion was made by Councilman Bender to set the Objection Hearing for Thursday, September 3, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. Councilman Conrad seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 4-0 vote. The city clerk then posted the agenda at 7:13 p.m. within the 24-hour posting requirement

The city clerk did the first reading of Ordinance 2020-286: Fireworks.

Motion was made by Councilman to approve the tax abatement application for 407 S. Iowa Street. Councilman Bender seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

The Council reviewed the Keota Fire Department 28-E Agreement. Matt Greiner arrived during discussion. The city clerk was given a couple amendments to the contract to make before the next council meeting.

The Council discussed the date of Halloween. Halloween Trick or Treat will be on Saturday, October 31, 2020 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. for the City of Keota for those wishing to participate.

Citizen Comments: Danielle Imhoff, Jim Tinnes, Nick Mahan, Rich Klein, and Kathy Davis gave their comments/statements/questions on the process of appointing the Council position, the petition, and the objection process.

Clerk/Council/Mayor Comments: Councilman Bender stated that he had an enclosed trailer for the Museum Board to use if they want to move their items. The trees at the southwest corner of Jefferson Street and Keokuk Avenue are blocking the view of traffic. Councilman Bender, Councilman Conrad, Councilman Hill, and Councilman Greiner gave their statements and comments on the Council vacancy appointment, petition, and objection hearing process. Mayor Cansler stated that the objection hearing will be on Thursday, September 3, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. in the chambers – the Mayor, Councilman Mike Bender, and city clerk Tomisha Hammes will be on the Panel for the Objection Hearing. The letters of consideration are public record, so those that would like to see the decision making process can view those at any time. This process has been followed under the guidance of the Keota City Attorney, the legal department at the Secretary of State Office, Keokuk County Auditor's office, and resource information provided from these organizations.

Motion was made by Councilman Conrad to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Councilman Bender seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote. The City Council will next meet on Monday, September 21, 2020, starting at 7:00 p.m.

MAYOR ANTHONY CANSLER

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK TOMISHA HAMMES

These are not official minutes. These minutes will be approved at the next council meeting.