

JUNE 21, 2021

The Keota City Council met on June 21, 2021, 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, and Heath McDonald. Matt Greiner was unable to attend. City Employees present were Kevin Slaubaugh, Tonia Greiner and Tomisha Hammes. Also in attendance was Rich Klein, Andy Conrad, Casey Peck, Chad McCleary, Nick Mahan, Dan Flynn, and Jerry Melick.

Motion was made by Councilman Bender to go into closed session per request of Jason Palmer, City of Keota attorney, Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(c) Matters currently in litigation. Councilman Conrad seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Bender, Conrad, Hill, McDonald; Nays - None; Abstain – None; Absent - Greiner. Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

Motion was made by Councilman Bender to end closed session. Councilman Conrad seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Bender, Conrad, Hill, McDonald; Nays - None; Abstain – None; Absent - Greiner. Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

Motion was made by Councilman Conrad to approve the consent agenda including minutes from the June 7, 2021 meeting, payment of bills, and May month end financials. Councilman Hill seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

Payment of Bills:

CITY OF KEOTA		
JUNE 21, 2021 COUNCIL MEETING		
FOR PERIOD JUNE 8 - JUNE 21, 2021		
<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>COMMENT</u>
ALTENHOFEN, CHERYL	\$22.07	Payroll
CONRAD, DOUGLAS L.	\$1,858.03	Payroll
GREINER, ASHLEY	\$27.84	Payroll
GREINER, TONIA	\$864.10	Payroll
HAMMES, TOMISHA	\$1,326.85	Payroll
MILLER, KEVIN	\$3,298.22	Payroll/Vacation/Comp Time Payout
SLAUBAUGH, KEVIN L.	\$1,502.70	Payroll
EFTPS	\$2,859.33	Employee Withholdings
B & L CONCRETE	\$10,000.00	KeWash Trailhead - Trail Paving
MENARDS	\$48.97	Compost - Propone Torch
JEFFERY GARMAN	\$1,875.00	Cemetery - Contracted Mowing
SINCLAIR TRACTOR	\$64.89	All Dept. - Skid Loader Parts
COX SANITATION	\$3,309.00	Garbage - Bags/Pick Up
ALL AMERICAN PEST CONTROL	\$65.00	City Hall - Quarterly Pest Control
ION ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS	\$1,950.00	Water/Sewer - June Daily Operations
MID-AMERICA PUBLISHING	\$588.65	All Dept. Publishing
SCHMITTY'S	\$50.00	City Hall - Parade Candy
H & M FARM & HOME	\$136.40	All Dept. Supplies
US POST OFFICE	\$135.72	Water/Sewer - Water Bills
WINDSTREAM	\$232.87	All Dept. Phone/Fax
WELLMARK	\$7,381.49	Employee Benefits
HUBERT GREINER	\$10.69	Refund - Finalized Billing
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$37,585.75</b>	

May Month End Financials

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FUND	BEGINNING BALANCE	RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES	END BALANCE
LIBRARY CD 1	\$39,468.03		\$24.60	\$39,492.63
LIBRARY CD 2	\$31,000.30		\$19.32	\$31,019.62
SEWER CD	\$145,772.49			\$145,772.49
SEWER VEH CD	\$20,604.66			\$20,604.66
WATER CD	\$69,525.34			\$69,525.34
WATER VEH CD	\$424.38		\$1.05	\$425.43
DARE	\$977.62	\$1,660.00		\$2,637.62
POLICE FORFEITURE	\$572.49			\$572.49
GEN FD INV	\$1,449.65		\$0.04	\$1,449.69
GEN FD LIBR INV	\$4,981.47		\$0.13	\$4,981.60
LIB BUILDING	\$1,305.40		\$0.03	\$1,305.43
LIB MEMORIALS	\$306.03			\$306.03
PERPETUAL CARE FUND	\$7,715.63		\$0.20	\$7,715.83
POLICE VEHICLE INV	\$27,165.27		\$1.15	\$27,166.42
PARK & CEM VEH	\$606.43		\$0.02	\$606.45
CITY HALL BLDG RPR	\$19,218.91		\$0.49	\$19,219.40
CIVIL DEFENSE FU	\$3,175.30		\$0.08	\$3,175.38
KEOTA DAYCARE	\$1,190.29		\$0.03	\$1,190.32
WILSON MEMORIAL LIB	\$17,575.76		\$0.45	\$17,576.21
T&A METER INV	\$23,674.33		\$0.60	\$23,674.93
SIDEWALK SAVINGS	\$14,527.98			\$14,527.98
WTR VEH SAVINGS	\$29,314.31			\$29,314.31
WTR TWR MAIN SAVINGS	\$9,646.86			\$9,646.86
SEWER VEH SAVINGS	\$9,122.65			\$9,122.65
SNOW EQUIPMENT SAVINGS	\$5,072.90			\$5,072.90
CHECKING	\$1,216,898.17			\$1,243,390.49
GENERAL		\$67,985.72	\$30,038.21	
GENERAL - LOCAL OPTION		\$7,429.33		
CITY HALL PETTY CASH	\$50.00			\$50.00
CITY HALL CASH DRAWER	\$100.00			\$100.00
DARE			\$800.00	
ROAD USE		\$11,281.33	\$8,235.34	
EMPLOYEE BENEFIT		\$3,078.86	\$1,799.38	
CAPITAL IMPROV RESER		\$3,130.53		
LIBRARY		\$7,935.04	\$3,593.51	
LIBRARY PETTY CASH	\$25.00			\$25.00
LIBRARY MUSEUM		\$5,000.00	\$5,244.00	
WATER		\$22,693.33	\$19,326.01	
CP. WTR. TRTMNT. PLANT				
CP. WTR. TOWER				
CP. WTR. MAIN DAVIS ST				
CP. WTR MAIN BROAD/DAVIS				
UTILITY DEPOSITS		\$200.00	\$110.69	
SEWER		\$18,533.39	\$6,590.62	
SEWER EXT-BROADWAY SEWER PLANT UPGRADE				
TOTAL				\$1,729,668.16

Department Reports:

-Public Works Department – Keota Fun Days went well. Lots of positive responses. Chad McCleary has been a lot of help with the water and sewer operations. Alliant Energy is in town setting poles. Planned on sweeping the streets this week, but they were all cleared off from the rain. He requested that the city clerk be put on the interviewing committee as she will be working with the new person as well. Been hauling rock to fill in the shoulders of the highway on Keokuk Washington Road per Vision Ag's request.

-Police Department – A written report was submitted. Reporting period of June 1 through June 16, 2021, there were thirteen (13) service calls/complaints and three (3) citations issued. Service Calls/Complaints: one theft, one mental, three assist and serve, two misc. complaints, two dog/cat/misc. animal, four traffic violations. Three (3) citations issued: three speed/alternative enforcement.

-Wilson Memorial Library – The library was awarded the \$5000 StoryWalk Grant from the American Rescue Plan Act through the State Library of Iowa. The grant money doesn't cover all the expenses, so they will potentially apply for the Alliant Energy grant to cover the rest of the expense. Mary Statler's estate donated a great deal of books and they have been taken to a book seller. The library would like to use some of those funds to do a memorial StoryWalk for Mary Statler. Insect Zoo on June 15 and there was about 40 people attended, so a great turnout.

-Keota Historical Museum – There were 76 registered guests during the Fun Days Open House. The Wednesday after Fun Days there were 10-15 Red Hat Ladies that came to tour the museum. Then today the Bell family came to walk thru the museum. The stained glass window should be here the first week in July. After it is installed the Museum Board will have another Open House. The Board is still receiving weekly donations.

Casey Peck, Jerry Melick and Andy Conrad from KCTC – Cloudburst9: There is now funds available for broadband fiber optics installation. KCTC and Cloudburst9 are interested in seeking these grant funds and are asking the City of Keota approval to provide fiber optic within the City. Fiber to the home eliminates the drop distance to the house that wireless can cause and is a more reliable service. They would like to team up with the City to apply for the grants that are offered for the broadband services. Telephone, internet, and television would be provided. They are asking for a letter of support from the City Council stating that the City of Keota supports fiber to the home and their endeavors to provide that service to our residents. Applications are due in July, the grants are awarded in September. The resolution and letter of support will be put on the agenda for the next council meeting.

Chad McCleary, Ion Environmental Solutions – There have been a few repairs, but otherwise everything is working well so far at the water and sewer plants. McCleary presents a proposal that would be an automatically renewing contract. This proposal would have the public works employee maintain the meters and do shut offs. Main breaks will still be contracted out as they do now. Flushing water mains will be handled by the city. Day to day operations will be handled by Ion along with the testing and permits. The Council will review the proposal and make a decision at the next council meeting. Chloride Compliance letter was sent by Matt Wildman, HR Green, to the Iowa DNR. Wildman also wanted the City to know that HR Green is no longer under contract with the City of Keota. McCleary is going to try a couple of different things to see if he can get the chlorides lowered without having to look into a different more costly option. Motion was made by Councilman Bender to table the proposal from Ion Environmental Solution for further discussion at the next meeting. Councilman Conrad seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

Motion was made by Councilman Bender to approve the Tobacco Permit for Keota Eagle Foods. Councilman McDonald seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

Motion was made by Councilman Conrad to approve Resolution 2021-31: FY21 Budgeted Transfers. Councilman Bender seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Bender, Conrad, Hill, McDonald; Nays - None; Abstain – None; Absent - Greiner. Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

Motion was made by Councilman Conrad to approve Resolution 2021-32: Alliant Energy Grant for Wilson Memorial Library Story Walk. Councilman Bender seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Bender, Conrad, Hill, McDonald; Nays - None; Abstain – None; Absent - Greiner. Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

Motion was made by Councilman Bender to approve applying for the Rural Housing Assessment Grant Program. Councilman Conrad seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

Motion was made by Councilman Bender to approve changing the date of the first meeting in July to Tuesday, July 6 at 7:00 p.m. due to Monday, July 5 being observed as a holiday since July 4, 2021 lands on a Sunday. Councilman McDonald seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

Motion was made by Councilman Conrad to approve the building permit for 212 N. Davis Street - fence. Councilman McDonald seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

Motion was made by Councilman Conrad to approve the building permit for 309 N. Ellis Street - fence. Councilman McDonald seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

Motion was made by Councilman Conrad to approve the building permit for 411 E. Keokuk Avenue - fence. Councilman McDonald seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

Citizen Comments: Nick Mahan – it would be great to get the fiber optic internet in Keota. Dan Flynn – wanted to thank Councilman Bender, Councilman Conrad, and Mayor Cansler for participating in the dunk tank. There were approximately 280 people that participated in throwing balls at the dunk tank.

Clerk/Council/Mayor Comments: The city clerk stated that the Downtown Walk Around on June 15 with Jim Thompson, Iowa Economic Development, and Joe Jennison, Main Street Iowa – Mt. Vernon and Lisbon went very well. They had a lot of positive things to say about Keota. They will submit a full review assessment in the next four weeks. Councilman Bender stated that B & L Concrete started working on the paving part of the KeWash Trail. He went on to say that he would like the Council to look into paving the shoulders on the Keokuk Washington Road within the city limits. He would like the Council to think about doing this in the next couple of years. Councilman Bender would like to revisit the discussion of having a time clock for employees to clock in and out each day. Councilman Conrad stated that Patrick Eldridge has been doing a great job of promoting the City of Keota on Facebook. Councilman Hill stated that the fiber optics internet and the Rural Housing Assessment Grant sound like great ideas moving forward. He would like to look at if the City needs a full-time person or would a part-time person cover enough of what needs to be done. Councilman McDonald stated that with a new hire if we don't have to pay extra money to have them get certified then we can filter that money back into the City. Mayor Cansler stated that now that the City knows what Ion Environmental Solutions would charge for daily operations, we need to reevaluate if we are going to move forward with a full-time or a part-time worker and figure out what that will look like.

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Motion was made by Councilman Bender to adjourn at 8:49 p.m. Councilman McDonald seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 4-0 vote. The City Council will next meet on Tuesday, July 6, 2021, starting at 7:00 p.m.

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MAYOR ANTHONY CANSLER

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK TOMISHA HAMMES

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