

JULY 6, 2021

The Keota City Council met on July 6, 2021 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: Keith Conrad, Rod Hill, and Heath McDonald. Mike Bender arrived at 6:04 p.m. and Matt Greiner arrived at 6:27 p.m. City employee present was Tomisha Hammes.

Discussion was held on wages for potential new public works department employee.

No decisions were made on any items discussed during work session.

Motion was made by Councilman Bender to adjourn work session at 6:51 p.m. Councilman Hill seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 5-0 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: Mike Bender, Keith Conrad, Rod Hill, Matt Greiner, and Heath McDonald. City Employee present was Tomisha Hammes. Also in attendance was Rich Klein, Danielle Imhoff, Dan Flynn, Karen Sypherd, Chad McCleary – Ion Environmental Solutions, and Amy Schulte – CEO, YMCA of Washington County.

Motion was made by Councilman Conrad to approve the consent agenda including minutes from the June 21, 2021 meeting and payment of bills. Councilman McDonald seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

CITY OF KEOTA
JULY 6, 2021 COUNCIL MEETING
FOR PERIOD JUNE 22 - JULY 6, 2021

<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>COMMENT</u>
CONRAD, DOUGLAS L.	\$1,858.03	Payroll
GREINER, ASHLEY	\$27.84	Payroll
GREINER, TONIA	\$901.90	Payroll
HAMMES, TOMISHA	\$1,326.85	Payroll
SLAUBAUGH, KEVIN L.	\$1,502.70	Payroll
EFTPS	\$1,656.82	Employee Withholdings
IPERS	\$3,079.68	Employee Benefits
IOWA DEPT. OF REVENUE	\$2,142.00	2nd Quarter Withholding Tax
IOWA DEPT. OF REVENUE	\$4,064.00	2nd Quarter Water Service Excise Tax
IOWA DEPT. OF REVENUE	\$4,395.00	2nd Quarter Sales Tax
KAREN SYPHERD	\$31.79	Museum - Supplies
ALL AMERICAN PEST CONTROL	\$30.00	Library - Pest Control
CENGAGE LEARNING	\$43.54	Library - Books
CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT	\$44.34	Library - 2 LG Print Books
INFOMAX OFFICE SYSTEMS INC	\$165.31	Library - Copier Lease
IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY	\$282.08	Library - Programs
QUILL CORP	\$40.74	Library - Supplies
WINDSTREAM	\$146.35	Library - Phone/Fax
TREMMEL BACK HOE SERVICE	\$1,570.00	City Hall - Flag Pole Installation
IOWA LEAGUE OF CITIES	\$871.00	All Dept. - Membership Dues
DEARBORN GROUP	\$117.00	Employee Benefits - Life Insurance
LL PELLING CO	\$50,264.55	Streets - Resurfacing
MIKE'S PARTS & SERVICE	\$5,000.00	Snow Removal - Snow Plow Blade
KEOTA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT	\$14,728.17	Fire Protection - Yearly Cost

Councilman Hill seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Bender, Conrad, Hill, Greiner, McDonald; Nays - None; Abstain – None; Absent - None. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Keota Pool Advocates Discussion – Councilman Bender asked the Advocates if they have received estimates on a pool design. They stated that they have had estimates from Myers Construction and have been in contact with Spectra Build and Crain Construction. Councilman Conrad requested that the clerk reach out to the City’s engineer to see if they have worked on pools previously and see what information he could give the city. The Council encouraged the Keota Pool Advocates to look into any contractors that build pools and open up those channels of communication. There was a request from the Advocates that the Council agrees to do a bridge loan in order to move forward with the project if the grant they applied for pays out half of the funds now and half of the funds next year. The Council stated that if they receive the grant and the money is broken up in two years then yes, they would do a bridge loan until the funds are released from the grant. Amy Schulte, CEO – YMCA of Washington County, discussed how the Y runs the Kalona Pool as that would be a similar in size comparison to Keota. She will send the Y’s actuals from 2019 and the estimated budget for 2021 for running that pool. She recommended reaching out to the City of Kalona to request the same financials from the City so the Council can review those as well. The Council directed the clerk to request that information.

Citizen Comments: No comments.

Clerk/Council/Mayor Comments: The clerk stated that James Waterhouse Construction submitted an estimate on the tear down of the house at 306 W. Broadway Avenue. The Council directed the clerk to let Waterhouse know to go ahead with the tear down. Councilman Bender stated that he talked to Officer Conrad prior to July 4 about the fireworks ordinance and how he would handle situations. He went on to say that other than some complaints on social media he felt that it went well for the first year of allowing fireworks. Councilman Conrad stated that he felt that the fireworks went over well. He also stated that there were three meetings held last year to discuss the fireworks at the same time of the burning ordinance and the rooster ordinance. People only showed up to talk about the burning ordinance not about either of the other two ordinances that were on the table around the same time. Mayor Cansler stated that moving forward with “Why Not Keota?” he would like the Council to start brainstorming ideas of ways to bring people to Keota.

Motion was made by Councilman Conrad to adjourn at 8:33 p.m. Councilman Bender seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote. The City Council will next meet on Monday, July 19, 2021, 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.