

MAY 2, 2022

The Keota City Council met on May 2, 2022 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, Danielle Imhoff, and Heath McDonald. City Employees present were Micah Harmsen, Toni Greiner, and Tomisha Hammes. Also in attendance was Craig Wiggins, Rich Klein, Lori Hammes, Carl Sigler, Judy Sigler, Kathy Ewald, Nick Beinhart, Karen Sypherd, and Dan Flynn.

Motion was made by Councilman Conrad to approve the consent agenda including minutes from the April 18, 2022, meeting and payment of bills. Councilman McDonald seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

**CITY OF KEOTA
MAY 2, 2022 COUNCIL MEETING
FOR PERIOD APRIL 19 - MAY 2, 2022**

<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>COMMENT</u>
CONRAD, DOUGLAS L.	\$1,913.07	Payroll
GREINER, ASHLEY	\$62.63	Payroll
GREINER, TONIA	\$843.25	Payroll
HAMMES, TOMISHA	\$1,393.50	Payroll
HARMSSEN, MICAH	\$1,371.15	Payroll
SLAUBAUGH, KEVIN L.	\$1,581.49	Payroll
EFTPS	\$2,170.74	Employee Withholdings
IPERS	\$3,019.21	Employee Benefits
CENGAGE LEARNING	\$95.16	Library - Books
CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT	\$45.54	Library - Books
INFOMAX OFFICE SYSTEMS	\$147.36	Library - Copier Lease
MID-AMERICA PUBLISHING	\$96.00	Library - Periodicals
QUILL CORP.	\$250.48	Library - Janitorial Supplies
WAUKEE PUBLIC LIBRARY	\$11.65	Library - Program
WINDSTREAM	\$143.43	Library - Phone/Fax
MALLEY HARDWARE	\$21.68	All Dept. Supplies
H & M FARM & HOME STORE	\$59.97	Compost - Gas Cylinder/Propane Torch
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY INC	\$39.00	Water - Web Lid
WATER SOLUTIONS UNLIMITED	\$645.13	Water - Chemicals
MENARDS	\$179.60	Streets - Sealbest Pothole Patch
COX SANITATION	\$4,320.55	Garbage - Pick-Up/Bags
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	\$36.70	Water - Calculator for Class/Oil Filter
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	\$1,028.49	Library - Books/Programs/Supplies
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	\$897.22	Police - Training/Helmet
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	\$1,019.16	All Dept. - Postage/Flags/Training
ALLIANT ENERGY	\$6,613.80	All Dept. Gas/Electric
TOTAL	\$28,005.96	

Department Reports:

-Public Works Department – The public works department would like to purchase a street painter with a 50 foot hose. This could be used to paint lines on the street, paint city buildings and also could be used to paint the pool down the road. The Council stated to purchase the sprayer. New water meters on the way to do a trial run with before starting to install throughout town. Marking water shut offs on rainy days to prepare for when Cloudburst9 comes to town to install the fiber to the home. Snow plow repairs and maintenance being done. The Mayor requested that Slaubaugh and Harmsen start doing daily logs of what they are doing and what time they started and finished those tasks.

-Police Department – A written report was submitted. Reporting period of April 14 through April 29, 2022. There were seventeen (17) service calls/complaints and one (1) citation issued. Service Calls/Complaints: three theft, one vandalism, two controlled substances, three family and children, one assist and serve, one trespass, one misc. investigation, three dog/cat/misc. animal, one livestock, and one harassment. Citation issued: One Speed/Alternative Enforcement.

-Wilson Memorial Library – Good turnout for Coffee on Mondays continues. Summer Reading Program is getting finalized. The Library Accreditation is complete. The library is still a tier 3. There are quite a few shingles falling off the roof of the library. Toni Greiner would be willing to write grants and look into estimates for the project.

-Keota Historical Museum – Some new acquisitions came in. Trying to schedule a board meeting before Memorial Day to prepare for an Open House.

Discussion was held on the City of Keota and Y.M.C.A. Pool Management Agreement. Councilman Conrad stated that Dan Flynn, Karen Sypherd, Nick Beinhart, Councilman Conrad, and Mayor Cansler met before the Council meeting to review an agreement that the Y.M.C.A. has with another city. The group made some notations on the agreement that they would then like to submit to the Y for them to review. Councilman Conrad, Councilman Bender, and Amy Schulte will work out a time to review the agreement within the next week. One of the questions that the City has is in reference to the capital expenditures that the City is required to cover.

Second Reading of Ordinance 2022-293: Sewer Rate Increase. Sewer rates will increase to a base rate of \$65.01 as of July 2022.

Motion was made by Councilman Conrad to approve Resolution 2022-20: Sale of One Cemetery Lot to Troy Cheney. Councilman Bender seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Ayes – Bender, Conrad, Imhoff, McDonald; Nays - None; Absent - Greiner; Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

Motion was made by Councilman Conrad to approve Resolution 2022-21: Set Public Hearing for Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Amendments for May 16 at 7:00 p.m. Councilman McDonald seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Ayes – Bender, Conrad, Imhoff, McDonald; Nays - None; Absent - Greiner; Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

Motion was made by Councilman Bender to approve the Banyon Proposal for Software Transition to New Water Meters. Councilwoman Imhoff seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

Motion was made by Councilman Conrad to approve the building permit for 110 W. Broadway Avenue for a patio. Councilman McDonald seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

Motion was made by Councilman Conrad to approve the building permit for Cloudburst9 to pour concrete for new building. Councilman Bender seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

Citizen Comments: Craig Wiggins presented maps to the Keota City Council in reference to the property that has been recently leased to Cloudburst9. He wanted to know why the Council didn't offer the ground to residents of the community to purchase. Carl Sigler stated that he submitted a letter to the Council in regards to the smoke that was in town three days after the vote to allow open burning in town. He stated that there were violations with the fire and he wanted to know who is going to be enforcing the ordinance. He also commented that there are people that are mowing and blowing grass into the streets which can then clog the drains. Councilman Bender stated that he would be happy to take a phone call if there are issues with the open burning ordinance. He went on to say that it is a State Law that you are not allowed to blow grass into the streets. He will talk to Officer Conrad in regards to both the open burning and the grass in the streets. Judy Sigler presented a verbal letter to the Council in regards to the open burning ordinance. It discussed the fire that happened following the approval of the open burning ordinance and the violations that occurred during the burn. Lori Hammes, Keota Community Club, there will be a tractor show/parade on June 12, 2022. She requested permission to close Broadway Avenue from Ellis Street to Fulton Street for the event from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This is a Sesquicentennial Fund Raiser. The Community Club would like to put up a tent in the parking lot to the north of city hall on the city's property for this year's Keota Fun Days. The tents would have to be grounded, so holes would have to be punched through the black top. She is asking the Council for permission to do this. The Keota Community Club also requested to close Fulton Street from Keokuk Avenue to the alley

behind the Roost for the Keota Fun Days celebration for different events. The Council stated they give their approval to all the Keota Fun Days requests presented.

Clerk/Council/Mayor Comments:

The city clerk presented the April employee time sheets. There were 24 letters sent out per the Council request in regards to nuisances in town. She also presented a list of letters that were sent in 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022. She received notice from Action Services that they had sold out to a different company and can no longer service the Keota area for porta potties. The clerk was directed to reach out to ESI to see if they could deliver porta potties to the KeWash Trailhead, Wilson Park and for the Keota Fun Days. She stated that Lindsay Henderson, Iowa State University, is finalizing the Rural Housing Assessment Project. Once that is finalized the Council will need to make decisions on what action items they would like to spend the grant money on. The clerk presented options such as a dog park or community garden long term, with the short term allocating money towards consultant fees on such projects as a senior housing survey to work towards senior living housing options.

Councilman McDonald stated that he is concerned with people still leaving items at the curb for the clean-up. The public works employees are planning on going around to see who has items at the curb and attaching the flyer about the clean-up on their front door.

Councilwoman Imhoff wanted to briefly address the burn ordinance. When she approved the ordinance on the trial basis, it was to see how it would go for a while and educating the public on what the ordinance states. She didn't pass it on a trial to see how many complaints would come in and change it due to that.

Councilman Conrad stated that there will need to be a Zoning Meeting set up in the near future. He and the Mayor have looked into recycling electronics such as old computers and monitors. They will continue to look into finding a way to get rid of these items.

Councilman Bender stated that he appreciated the residents coming to the meeting, texting him, and discussing their concerns with the open burning ordinance. He reiterated that the City of Keota does not allow trash burning. There seems to be a lot of kids running around town and climbing on public and private properties including onto roofs. This is a dangerous situation for everyone. Officer Conrad has spoken to the juveniles involved.

Mayor Cansler stated that he and Officer Conrad have been discussing a curfew for juveniles to help control these situations with the kids. He thanked those that attended the meeting to make their concerns heard.

Motion was made by Councilman Conrad to adjourn at 8:18 p.m. Councilwoman Imhoff seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 4-0 vote. The City Council will next meet on Monday, May 16, 2022 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.