

CITY OF KEOTA COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 21st, 2023

7:00 PM

Council met for Budget review session at 5:00 pm.

Mayor Cansler called work session to order at 6:02 pm. Motion made by Conrad, 2nd by Burroughs. Conrad stated the city needed to address housing /lots for sale in the city and council needs a plan to facilitate that demand. Items mentioned were partnering with town to increase land available for building on, retirement living, incentives to spruce up and renovate properties in town. Was suggested to form committee to investigate further. Motion was made by Greiner, 2nd by McDonald to adjourn work session at 6:54 pm. Passed unanimously.

Council meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Cansler. Answering roll call were council members Conrad, Burroughs, McDonald, and Greiner. Council member Bender was absent. Also present were public works employee Micah Harmsen, city employee Clerk Dawn Minard.

Public present was Cindy Detweiler, Ron Northup, Rich Klein, Nick Mahan, Jim Tinnis, Tonia Greiner, Karen Sypherd, Chad McCreary and Dan Flynn.

Consent Agenda: Motion was made by Burroughs to approve consent agenda, which includes agenda, previous meeting minutes and payment of bills. Greiner 2nd, approved by all.

Bill paid between February 6th thru February 21st 2023

BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD	\$10,020.62
Cloudburst 9	\$402.76
FARMERS CO-OP ASSN	\$642.99
MID-AMERICA PUBLISHING CORP.	\$84.65
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC	\$427.90
SIGOURNEY LUMBER	\$45.40
UNITED STATES POST OFFICE	\$225.00
WINDSTREAM	\$144.38
WMPF GROUP LLC	\$707.18
FIREHOUSE PYROTECHNICS LC	\$15,000.00
SPECTRA BUILD	\$135,160.30
CONRAD, DOUGLAS L.	\$2,010.93
SLAUBAUGH, KEVIN L.	\$1,670.76
GREINER, ASHLEY	\$68.85
GREINER, TONIA	\$949.16
HARMSSEN, MICAH	\$1,409.53
Kurth-Minard, Dawn M	\$1,601.41
Total	\$170,571.82

Citizens Comments: Nick Mahan asked what the if the city had any improvement plans for the city.. He also wanted to know why Citizens comments section had been moved to the beginning of the council meeting. Council member Burroughs stated it would be better to discuss citizen's comments before they were voted on, then to wait till after a vote had passed. Dan Flynn wanted to know why the zoom meetings hadn't been started again. Council stated with the budget demands and the staffing problems we have had over the last 4 months, we hope to get things running again smoothly.

Department Reports:

Public works- Micah Harmsen met with Austin Dill Alliant representative to discuss potential places to install pole and still waiting to hear back on that 3 phase transformer. Also met with Blain from One Design to go over pool and incoming services. The splash pad equipment should be coming in soon and it will be a fairly large amount of equipment, roughly half to ¾ of a semi load. Tremmel Backhoe Services was in town last Friday, worked on getting sewer open at 116 N. Ellis. He got it opened up for the time being, but it will have to be dug up eventually at main to make sure the "y" is okay.

Chad McCreary was here. He stated that still waiting on the solenoid for the softner. He has reached out to a few different suppliers, and the problem is the supplier is back-ordered, so it doesn't matter who else he talks too, we are

waiting on manufacturer. WE have been manually regenerating as often as possible to make sure that we are keeping the water treated as best as possible. Matt Walker from French-Reneker is working on a facility plan for the water treatment system. Gingerich Pump came to look at check valve on Pump 1. It is going to take entering the water tank for the work which will mean that we will either have to run completely on just the tower for 24 hours or boil order the system until bacteria samples come back. McCreary also stated annual water report was submitted to DNR. McCreary also stated the water lines have been fixed in the building at lagoon.

Kevin Slaubaugh is gone at training this week.

Police Report: Officer Conrad submitted report for Feb 1st thru Feb 17th, 2023. There were 17 Complaints and Service Calls and 5 citations issued.

Library Report: Greiner reported that the after school programs were going good. Also, coffee was going fine.

Also Library board meeting will be next Monday. Princess Party is almost ready and full.

Museum Report: Karen Sypherd reported there is nothing new at library.

Ordinances and Resolutions:

Resolution 2023-08 Approving Max Tax Levy. Motion was made by Conrad, 2nd by Burroughs approving the Max Tax Levy for FY23/24 Budget Year. Approved unanimously.

Resolution 2023- 09 Approving Wages Increase of \$5.50/hr for City Employee Dawn Minard. Motion made by Burroughs, 2nd by McDonald. Approved unanimously.

Business:

Item 1: Discuss/possible action on Clerk Interviews: Motion was made by Conrad to proceed with interview process and set dates for interviews for a city clerk. Interview committee will include Mayor, Cansler, Council member Bender, council member McDonald, City Employee Harmsen and Slaubaugh. 2nd by Burroughs. Passed unanimously.

Item 2: Discuss/possible action on Pool Interviews: Motion was made Conrad to proceed with pool applications and approval of interview panels. Applications and information will be on city website and deadlines for submission being March 30th, 2023. 2nd by Burroughs, approved by all.

Mayor, Council, Clerk Comments:

Council member Conrad spoke about the need for housing in town.

Council member Heath McDonald talked about Keota Youth Plus submitting letter for after prom donations.

Council member McDonald talked about Keota Pool Advocates locking in pool prices for single, family, water aerobics and adding to March 6th agenda.

Council member Burroughs stated that regarding city's pit bull ban that breed specific bans were legal if a breed standard is used. City has right and legal authority to do a bred specific ban.

Council member Greiner brought up the fountain that was on the Baseball concession stand and that it was not working at the time of it's removal. The Nephew of the lady who had donated plague and fountain, asked if plague could be put back on if available. There was also some confusion about the small ball diamond and the Keota Ball Association would like to keep it available and would like to clean it up for the season.

It was also discussed about setting up date for Cox sanitation to do spring cleanup, possible 3rd weekend in May. Also, letter to be sent to trailer owner on Ellis St.

Mayor Cansler spoke regarding Nick Mahan questions and that the city was looking into all aspects of improving town. The pool project of course was a major priority, still looking into a possible daycare. Talked about possible cost of fixing problems at water treatment plant. Keeping the city running day to day. Mayor thanked Micah Harmsen and clerk Minard for keeping city running.

Motion was made to adjourn meeting at 7:49 pm by Conrad, 2nd by McDonald, approved unanimously. Next meeting will be March 6th at 7:00 pm with work session-budget review at 6:00 pm.

Mayor: Anthony Cansler

Attest:

Utility Bill Clerk- Dawn Minard

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