

Minutes

KEOTA CITY COUNCIL

225 E. BROADWAY AVE.

July 3, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Mayor Cansler.

Amend Agenda – Motion made by City Clerk Horras, with the addition of a Discussion/Possible Action item for New Business. Motion to approve was made by Conrad, 2nd by Burroughs and all in favor.

Roll call: Mayor Cansler, Councilmen Conrad, Burroughs and McDonald were present. City employees present were City Clerk Horras, Public Works-Harmsen, Police Chief Conrad, and Librarian Greiner. Public present at the meeting Karen Sypherd, Janie Westendorf, and Casey Jarmes from Sigourney New-Review.

Consent Agenda: Motion was made by Conrad to approve Consent Agenda, including Agenda, previous meeting minutes from May 15th Council Meeting - Budget review and payment of Bills. Burroughs 2nd the motion. McDonald was in favor and Griner & Bender were absent.

Bills Paid June 19th June 30th, 2023

Checks

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Public Forum: Janie W. asked the question of times for fireworks around the 4th of July. It was stated that they are allowed from 7/1 – 7/7 and until 7pm. There was also some discussion about kids knocking on doors and running off. It was asked who to call for that and Doug stated that they could call him or the County for a response when needed.

Department Reports:

Public Works – Harmsen reported that the lifeguards have gotten the Water Plant painted along with washing windows at City Hall and the Library. Flushing Fire Hydrants went well this week. All are in working order and Harmsen started a list of a few that may need replaced in the years to come. It was also reported that there were very few complaints from the public when flushing and there will be another flush late October or early November. It was noticed that there is a low spot on the West side of the pool site. This was brought to light with the recent rain and the pumping out of the deep end of the pool to get ready for finishing work in the pool. Harmsen will work with Blaine on possibly more fill dirt to resolve this issue or just look to put in a storm drain in the future. Harmsen is planning to utilize the lifeguards for the remainder of this week and then it will be on an as need basis until the pool opens. Harmsen will be out of town July 12, 14, 17, 19, 21 for County Fairs.

Police Report- Police Chief Conrad reported 2 Citations and 20 Complaints.

Library – Tuesday hours at the Library will now be 10am-5pm. Summer Reading Programs have ended, but everyone still keep track of their minutes and sign up for prizes until the end of July. Little Friends of the Library program is Saturday, July 8th at 10M. Kids movie Thursday July 27th at 1pm. Total traffic in the library is up 640 people from FY22 to FY23!

Museum – Sypherd reported that there has been 2 out of state groups come through the Museum with ties to Keota. From Chicago, IL and Massachusetts.

Pool – Work continues to be done to finish off things in the pool house. The gutter is set to be delivered this week and work will begin to get that installed following. We are looking to still be on track for a mid-August opening date.

Clerk – Horras shared that there have been 4 new residents to come in. She was painting with the pool staff throughout the pool house to finish off trim work. Horras is working with the vendors for the final pool structures to get those in route to Keota. There will be Clerk training in Ames 7/17 – 7/20 and she will be out of town. City Hall hours for that week will be 10am – 3pm, with Utility Clerk Minard covering those.

Resolutions and Ordinances:

- Resolution 2023-62 Approval of Building Permit for Joe Sieren- Motion by Conrad, 2nd by Burroughs, McDonald in favor, with Greiner & Bender Absent.
Resolution 2023-63 Approval of Building Permit for Tim McDowell- Motion by Conrad, 2nd by Burroughs, McDonald in favor, with Greiner & Bender Absent.
Resolution 2023-64 Approval of parking on going for JCMR Driver - Motion by Burroughs, 2nd by McDonald, Conrad in favor, with Greiner & Bender Absent.
Resolution 2023-65 Approval of Application for Library Board- K Clarke – Motion by Burroughs, 2nd by Conrad, McDonald in favor, with Greiner & Bender Absent.

New Business:

Discussion/Possible Actoin – Moving the next Council meeting from 7/17 to 7/24/23, due to multiple members being out of town. Motion to approve was made by Burroughs, 2nd by McDonald, Conrad was in favor, with Greiner & Bender Absent.

Discussion/Possible Action – Approval of all payroll for the month of July: Motion made by Burroughs, 2nd by McDonald, Conrad was in favor, with Greiner & Bender Absent.

Discussion/Possible Action – Pool Opening time frame to extend past standard Summer Season, due to late opening. A motion was asked for by Clerk Horras for the Council to approve the City Clerk to look into opportunities, staffing and feasibility for continuing to operate the pool for a minimum of 3 to 4 weeks after opening and looking at weekends and potentially a day or so during the week, contingent on staffing, once school is back in session. Motion made by Brroughs, 2nd by McDonald, Conrad in favor, with Greiner & Bender absent.

Discussion/Possible Action – Approval of June 1st – June 15th Comp time for City employees: Motion by Burroughs, 2nd by McDonald, Conrad in favor, with Greiner & Bender absent.

Closed Session – Project/Structure Discussion – Meeting called to order at 7:38pm and motion to close the session was made by Burroughs, 2nd by McDonald with Conrad and Greiner (by phone) in favor. Session was closed at 8:14pm.

Mayor Comments: Mayor Cansler was absent from the previous meeting, and wanted to express his thanks for all the hard work that has gone into cleaning up the town. He stated that the work that has gone into getting ready for our 150th Celebration and the outcome of that work is outstanding.

Adjournment: Motion made to adjourn meeting by Conrad, 2nd by Burroughs, approved by McDonald, with Bender & Greiner absent. Time 8:26pm.

Next regular meeting, July 24th, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

Attest:

Mayor Anthony Cansler

City Clerk Alycia A Horras