

OCTOBER 3, 2016

The Keota City Council met on October 3, 2016, at city hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Anthony Cansler.

Council members answering roll call were Davis, Hill, Greiner, Westendorf and Conrad. City employees present were Slaubaugh, Conrad and Osweiler. Dan Flynn; Jim Tinnes; Dave Woods; Denny Lyle, Keota Visioning Committee; and Amie Van Patten, *The Keota Eagle*; were also in attendance.

Motion was made by Conrad to approve the agenda, Westendorf seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Conrad, seconded by Hill to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Dave Woods, Revel's Mobile Meatry LLC, explained that he had an issue with a dumpster placed where he had blocked off for his trailer and it prolonged him from opening; which also cost him businesses. He asked the council if there was a way to make that permeant parking for his business or if he may take more harsh actions if anything is ever parked in the blocked off area, again. The council discussed the dumpster issue and how they could make it temporarily reserved parking for him; since his long term goal is to have a fully operational restaurant and only use the trailer for special events. They asked Osweiler to find out what other communities are doing about reserved parking for businesses. Davis asked if he had any set hours of operation since there have been questions about why it is blocked off when he is not operating. He will be open on Monday and Fridays as much as he can be and is working on adding in other days and times pending on how it works with his other obligations. The area is blocked off all the time since there are no set hours and he would like to have access to set up if he decides to set up on short notice. The council told him to proceed as he is currently.

Denny Lyle, Keota Visioning Committee, notified the council that the grading and rock for the trail has been completed. The temporary trail extension is also finished and he would like a letter sent to the WCCB giving them an update and asking for temporary signage be put up to the new entrance. A letter was drafted and reviewed by the council. There was one spelling mistake found, which will be corrected. Motion was made by Davis to approve the drafted letter with the spelling correction, Conrad seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote. Lyle informed the council they received the Trees Forever Grant and are applying for two other grants through different organizations.

Kevin Slaubaugh presented the following report for the public works department. It will cost approximately \$650 more to use C4 when replacing the concrete in front of the fire station. The council agreed to use the faster setting concrete for that part of the project. The concrete replacement project will start in the next two weeks. He will be in contact with the fire department when a date is set. He will not be at the next council meeting due to being at a conference. The pool will be winterized within the next week. Tires for the skid loader will cost about \$840; the council agreed to purchase new tires for the skid loader. They have been hauling out concrete to make room the upcoming project. The fire hydrants in town were painted by the local youth group and Washington County 4H group this past weekend. Conrad inquired about that status of the sidewalk that runs along the north side of 201 East Broadway Avenue. Slaubaugh said they have it dug out and are fixing the wall; once that is done they will repair the sidewalk. Motion was made by Greiner to approve the public works department report, Conrad seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Jim Tinnes read an e-mail that C.Detweiler sent to Dan Flynn concerning Officer Conrad talking to C.Detweiler this past weekend about a previous threat she had received regarding a school board sign in her yard. Officer Conrad told C.Detweiler that M.Galindo had told him that Tinnes had said that Flynn was the one who had made

the threat to her about the sign. Tinnes stated that he is not on either Flynn or Officer Conrad's side, but wants it clarified that neither Galindo nor himself stated that Flynn made that threat to C.Detweiler or informed Officer Conrad of that.

Officer Conrad submitted the following report for the police department. He issued one citation: speed/alternative enforcement. He had twenty-five complaints/service calls: four theft, two controlled substance, two family/children, two assist/service, two attempt to locate, civil dispute, misc. compliant, two animal, livestock, road conditions, two traffic violations, domestic abuse, four harassment. Davis inquired about what the harassment complaints/concerns are. Officer Conrad said they are regarding e-mails a residents is receiving. Greiner asked what the livestock complaint/concern was; Officer Conrad said it is regarding geese and the resident is trying to get them sold. There was a fire at 401 East Keokuk Avenue that Washington County assisted with due to it being a suspected meth lab that caused the fire. He will be running evidence to Des Moines and video to Iowa City this week. Davis asked if Officer Conrad has a response to the e-mail that Tinnes read. Officer Conrad said he is not going to discuss a potential criminal investigation. Motion was made by Davis, seconded by Greiner to approve the police department's report. Motion carried unanimously.

A letter was drafted concerning the suspected meth lab that started the fire at 401 East Keokuk Avenue. The council reviewed the letter and asked Officer Conrad if the wording of the letter fit into information that is being used for the investigation. Officer Conrad did not see anything out of place in the letter. There was one wording change requested by Councilman Conrad. Motion was made by Westendorf to approve the letter with one wording change, Davis seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote. The change will be made and the building official will sign it and have it certified mail with return receipt.

Motion was made by Westendorf to approve certificate of tax levy for KOCOK-042900, Davis seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Westendorf to approve certificate of tax levy for 306 West Broadway Avenue, Davis seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Davis to approve certificate of tax levy for 506 South Hamilton Street, Westendorf seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Westendorf to approve certificate of tax levy for 111 North Green Street, Davis seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Conrad to approve the payment of bills listed below, Westendorf seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Osweiler asked to attend a budget workshop on November 29th in Ottumwa. The council approved her attending. The council ask that all complaints or concern either be submitted in writing with a signed name or be brought in front of the council at a meeting. Any comments or concerns expressed outside of a meeting or in writing with no signature will not be addressed or taken into consideration.

Westendorf ask that a reminder be put in the paper about how burning anything but untreated wood in city limits is against city code. Leaves, brush or other items similar may be taken out to the city compost side for disposal.

A letter will be sent to 205 East Centennial Avenue concerning the height of the weeds growing about the vehicles.

Julie Hill submitted her resignation for mowing the cemetery. The council discuss the cemetery mowing and

notice for bidding at the next council meeting.

Motion was made by Conrad seconded by Hill to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:07 P.M. The next regular scheduled council meeting will be on October 17, 2016, in city hall at 7 p.m.

MAYOR ANTHONY CANSLER

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK NIKI OSWEILER