

## **JANUARY 23, 2017**

The Keota City Council met on January 23, 2017, in the city hall for the 2017/2018 expenditure budget meeting. The meeting was called to order at 6:31 P.M. by Mayor Anthony Cansler.

Council Members answering roll call were Westendorf, Hill, Conrad, Greiner and Davis. City employees present were Osweiler and Slaubaugh.

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

Slaubaugh went over the departments that he oversees and explained why he increased a few lines and decreased some. He asked that money be put into the existing saving accounts for equipment and vehicle replacement in the future. Officer Conrad was unable to attend due to illness, but submitted a written budget report for his department. The council discussed his requests along with how they can decrease his telephone expense. They are going to look into disconnecting his landline and having the county dispatch his calls. This idea will be discussed more at the regular council meeting when he is present. His report also entailed what surrounding areas are getting for pay increases and what he would like for an increase based on his experience. He also gave a comparison of the cost of living to health insurance increases from 2008/2009 to present. Osweiler went over the remaining line accounts with the council. The pool budget was left as is until the pool meeting on the 30<sup>th</sup> of January where a deeper discussion will take place about operating it.

The council discussed the 17.27% health insurance increase and how that could be considered part of the employees pay increase. Frederick will be going after his grade 2 sewer license for the new sewer plant, which means he will get a \$1000 pay increase for this certification according to the city handbook. A 1% increase was discussed and agreed upon, but will be approved by resolution when the budget is finalized. A discussion also took place about all the other projects that could be done to benefit the city and how that will affect the different funds. Osweiler will present the budget as a whole at the next council meeting for review.

Osweiler was asked to send a letter to the owner of 510 North Davis about the rubbish/trash that is not being contained and causing a nuisance to neighboring properties.

Motion was made by Davis, seconded by Greiner to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m. The next regular scheduled meeting will be February 6th at 7 p.m. There will be a pool meeting on January 30 at 6:30 p.m. in city hall.

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MAYOR ANTHONY CANSLER

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK NIKI OSWEILER