

JANUARY 30, 2017

The Keota City Council met on January 30, 2017, in the city hall for the pool meeting. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Mayor Anthony Cansler.

Council Members answering roll call were Westendorf, Hill, Conrad and Davis. Councilmember Greiner was unable to attend. City employees present were Slaubaugh and Osweiler. Officer Conrad was at training. Amie Van Patten, *The Keota Eagle*; Angie Carr, Barb Anderegg, Dawn Anderegg, Linda Werger, Karen Sypherd, Eloise Sieren, Tom Hahn, Vicki Fagen, Robyn Morgan, Dan Flynn, Candy Greiner, LuAnn Cave, Andy Conrad & Marilyn Sieren were also in attendance.

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

Mayor Cansler opened the floor up for discussion with those in attendance to hear what their input on the operation of the pool. The questions proposed to the council/mayor were: how much does a pool on liner cost, can the pool be opened without the liner, are there other issues than just the liner, can a material similar to dura-last work as a solution on the rough surface, what would a new pool cost and how could a new pool be funded. The council/mayor and Slaubaugh answered the questions: a new pool liner is a little over a \$100,000 and getting a company interested in doing the work has not been easy; the pool can be run without a liner but the concern is someone hurting themselves on the rough surface; there are other issues with the pool: leaking water in an out, a couple jets are broke, skimmers don't operate correctly and the controller needs new probes; the liner is a similar material to what dura-last is but using it in its place is unknown; a new pool is roughly around \$500,000-\$600,000 pending the design and mechanicals needed; and a new pool can funded by the a debt service levy or grants. The question that proposed back to those in attendance is would it be acceptable to close the baby pool but keep the larger pool open for this season. The overall agreement was it would not be ideal but if they knew the option of having a new pool was to come than it would be acceptable. The thought behind closing the baby pool is to save money for the operation since it needs a new controller and is hard to regulate with chemical. Everyone in attendance expressed how much of an asset this pool is to the community. Slaubaugh and Osweiler will start working on getting design options and prices for a new pool; along with getting this measure on the ballot for this November's vote. Ideas were also given on ways to cut expenses with the amount of guards on duty at a time and increasing membership fees along other fees.

The council went over the prices from last year and went through and increased all the membership fees, but all memberships will include access to lap swim and aerobics along with regular operating hours. The rental rate, per session water aerobics and free sponsor swim day fees increased, too. Osweiler will look at the budget and make the proper adjustments with the increase in fees and decrease of expenses due to the baby pool not opening this year. Slaubaugh and Osweiler will also look at the general fund to make the proper cuts in order to make the budget balance.

Slaubaugh had Ollinger Electric go through the library, city hall and fire station to give a price on what it would cost to switch all the lights over to LED. He also showed how long it would take for the city to make their money back on this project and rebate Alliant would give the city. The council agreed to put this project in the budget to be completed in 2017/2018.

Hill went over the fire departments plans to update some of their equipment and how it will benefit the area they serve.

Motion was made by Hill, seconded by Westendorf to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m. The next regular scheduled meeting will be February 6th at 7 p.m.

MAYOR ANTHONY CANSLER

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK NIKI OSWEILER