

November 6, 2017

The Keota City Council met on November 6, 2017, in the city hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:01 P.M. by Mayor Anthony Cansler.

Council Members answering roll call were Greiner, Westendorf, K.Conrad, and Davis. Hill was absent. City employee present was Hammes. Also in attendance were Blair Gretter – Moxie Solar and Melinda Eakins.

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

Motion was made by Conrad to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Greiner seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Community Comments: Melinda Eakins told the Council that she was looking into a grant called The Coca-Cola Company/Keep America Beautiful Public Space Recycling Bin Grant. This project is to expand access to recycling in public spaces. The bins would be placed at the trailhead, park, ballfield, and possibly the pool.

Motion was made by Greiner to table the Public Works Report due to Slaubaugh being absent. Davis seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Westendorf to table the Police Report due to Officer Conrad being absent. Davis seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Blair Gretter, Moxie Solar, gave a presentation to the City Council on going with solar energy. After reviewing the electricity used by the city departments, Mr. Gretter was able to outline regular usage verses solar usage and the savings the city would have. There would be no upfront costs for the panels, installation or maintenance to the city. The Council asked Blair to come back for another meeting to give more detailed information on what the actual savings would be and what the monthly cost to the city would look like.

Tomisha gave the First Reading of Ordinance Amendment 260:

Ordinance No. 260

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF KEOTA, IOWA, 2006, BY AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO THE REGULATING PEDDLERS, SOLICITORS AND TRANSIENT MERCHANTS.

BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Keota, Iowa:

SECTION 1. Title III, Chapter 8, Section 2 of the Keota Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

3-8-2 EXEMPTIONS

The provisions of this Chapter shall not apply to nonprofit civic, charitable, religious, or educational groups engaged in retail sale for the purpose of fundraising.

1. Additions: The Keota Community Club Sponsored Garage Sales that take place twice a year, in the spring and in the fall, shall fall under the category of exemption;
 - a. Garage Sales will not take up more than 50% of the sidewalk from the front of the building to the street and stay within their property boundaries.
 - b. Garage Sales will not be allowed on street parking areas.

SECTION 2. REPEALER. That all other ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. That if any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The City Council of the City of Keota, Iowa, hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance, and each section, subsection, clause or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses and phrases be declared unconstitutional.

SECTION 4. WHEN EFFECTIVE. This Ordinance shall be in effect from and after its final passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

Passed by the Council the 6th day of November, 2017, and approved the 6th day of November 2017.

ANTHONY CANSLER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

TOMISHA HAMMES, CITY CLERK

Motion was made by Conrad to waive the 2nd and 3rd Reading of Ordinance Amendment 260. Greiner seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Westendorf to approve Ordinance Amendment 260. Conrad seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Davis to approve the Annual Finance Report. Conrad seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Conrad to approve the Winter Newsletter once Mayor Cansler gives his quote. Greiner seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

The Council reviewed the Preliminary Opinion Title which is part of the annexation process. No decisions were needed by the Council in regards to this item.

Motion was made by Westendorf to approve the 2017 Christmas and 2018 New Year's City Department holiday closures as follows: All City Departments will be closed on Monday, December 25; Tuesday, December 26; Monday, January 1; Tuesday, January 2 for the Christmas and New Year's holidays. Davis seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Discussion was held on rental inspections. Conrad offered to start getting the City current on the rental inspections, but after much discussion on the matter, it was decided that the City would look into other options. The City will look into getting a new person or business from out of town to come in to do the rental inspections in Keota.

Motion was made by Davis to approve the payment of bills. Conrad seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Clerks/Council/Mayor Comments: The City Clerk will be gone for budget training and a SRF Loan Workshop on Wednesday, November 15 and Thursday, November 16. Evaluation sheets were handed out to the council and mayor. Evaluations for city employees will be before the December meetings. The Mowing Contract for the City of Keota will be advertised in the newspaper to bidders wanting to mow the cemetery in the Summer of 2018.

Motion was made by Greiner to adjourn the meeting at 9:42 p.m. Davis seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

The next regularly schedule Keota City Council Meeting will take place on Monday, November 20 at 7:00 p.m.

MAYOR ANTHONY CANSLER

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK TOMISHA HAMMES