

## November 20, 2017

The Keota City Council met on November 20, 2017, in the city hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Anthony Cansler.

Council Members answering roll call were Greiner, Westendorf, K.Conrad, Davis, and Hill. City employees present were Slaubaugh and Hammes. Doug Conrad was absent. Also in attendance were Mike Bender, Dan Flynn, Scott Flynn, Melinda Eakins, Ed Rabor – WEDG, Sarah Grunewaldt – Main Street Washington, Amie Van Patten – *The Keota Eagle*.

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

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

Community Comments: Dan Flynn expressed his appreciation to Matt Greiner and Scott Westendorf for assisting the Museum Board in moving some display cases. Delbert Sypherd is going to try to make cabinets for glass shelves that the museum has that do not fit in the display cases. Mr. Flynn also discussed a text message that was sent out the day of the election stating that he was running as a write-in vote for the election. He stated that this information was false and that he understood that the original text message came from a city employee. Mayor Cansler said that he would look into the matter and that the Council would then discuss it further.

Kevin Slaubaugh presented the Public Works Report. There is a sink hole in the alley way between Ellis Street and Fulton St./Washington Ave. and Keokuk Ave. The collar on the Y broke and it is the City's responsibility to fix it. There was also a water leak on White Street. Tremmel will be in town to fix both problems. Snow fence posts have been put up. It has been too windy to put the actual fencing up yet. Work has been done of the snowplow to make sure it will be up and running this winter. The generator at the sewer project will need a LP Tank. Once it is established on the size needed, Slaubaugh will contact Farmers Coop to have one put in. Motion was made by Westendorf to approve the Public Works Report. Davis seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Officer Conrad was not available, but submitted a written report. There were 12 service calls: assault, three theft, weapons, sex offense, traffic accident, two assist and service, misc. complaint, traffic violation and scam. Motion was made by Conrad to approve the written Police Report that was submitted by Officer Conrad. Westendorf seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Conrad to approve Resolution 2017-37: A Resolution Affirming Support of the Federal Historic Tax Credit Program. Davis seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Sarah Grunewaldt - Main Street Washington, Ed Rabor – Washington Economic Development Group, and Scott Flynn gave a brief overview of the new Community Catalyst Building Remediation Program through the Iowa Economic Development Authority. This program is designed to provide grants to communities for rehabilitation and redevelopment of buildings to stimulate catalytic growth. Improve the appearance of buildings, make use of underutilized properties, while possibly developing new housing units, increasing property values and potential population growth. Mr. Rabor stated that this may be a great opportunity for the town of Keota to try for. Ms. Grunewaldt explained how the City of Washington has used similar grants to update the State Theater in Washington and that the Frontier Restaurant has also recently received similar funding to update their facade and make some interior improvements as well. She said she would be willing to help Keota moving forward with this grant if they choose to try for it. Initial grant deadline is January 29, 2018. Applicants have to then be invited to apply for the actual grant application which is due March 1, 2018.

Motion was made by Greiner to table the Bolander/Smith Building Permit. Davis seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Greiner to approve the Substantial Completion Change Order to December 22, 2017 for the Sewer Project due to a valve order being delayed by the manufacturer. Westendorf seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Greiner to approve Pay Application #6 to Leander Construction for the Sewer Project. Hill seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Conrad to approve Resolution 2017-38: A Resolution Approving Applying for the Walmart Community Grant Program for the Keota Police Department. Hill seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

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

Motion was made by Davis to approve the October financials. Greiner seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Clerks/Council/Mayor Comments: Discussion on properties with clutter in their yards was held. It was deemed that Officer Conrad will stop to talk to the particular residents about their yard and see if a solution can be found to satisfy all parties. Councilman Conrad and Councilman Hill left at 9:03 p.m. City Employee evaluations will be held prior to the December meetings.

Motion was made by Westendorf to adjourn the meeting at 9:33 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, December 4 at 7:00 p.m.

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MAYOR ANTHONY CANSLER

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK TOMISHA HAMMES