

December 18, 2017

The Keota City Council met on December 18, 2017, in the city hall. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Mayor Anthony Cansler.

Council Members answering roll call were Greiner, Westendorf, K.Conrad, Davis, and Hill. City employees present were Slaubaugh, Frederick, and Hammes. Conrad was absent.

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

City Employee Craig Frederick requested that his employee evaluation be done in closed session per Iowa Code 21.5.1.i. Motion was made by Westendorf, seconded by Greiner to go into closed session for Craig Frederick's employee evaluation. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes - Greiner, Westendorf, Conrad, Davis, Hill; Nays - None; Absent - None. Motion passed with a unanimous vote. Meeting went into closed session at 6:31 p.m. Motion was made by Greiner to end the closed session and go back into the regular meeting. Conrad seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes - Greiner, Westendorf, Conrad, Davis, Hill; Nays - None; Absent - None. Motion passed with a unanimous vote. The regular meeting went back into session at 6:36 p.m.

City Employee Kevin Slaubaugh requested that his employee evaluation be done in closed session per Iowa Code 21.5.1.i. Motion was made by Conrad, seconded by Westendorf to go into closed session for Kevin Slaubaugh's employee evaluation. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes - Greiner, Westendorf, Conrad, Davis, Hill; Nays - None; Absent - None. Motion passed with a unanimous vote. Meeting went into closed session at 6:37 p.m. Motion was made by Greiner to end the closed session and go back into the regular meeting. Westendorf seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Ayes - Greiner, Westendorf, Conrad, Davis, Hill; Nays - None; Absent - None. Motion passed with a unanimous vote. The regular meeting went back into session at 6:51 p.m.

Those attending the regular meeting were: Les Osborne, Jared Striegel, Dan Flynn, Heather Brown, Mike Bender and Amie Van Patten, *The Keota Eagle*.

Slaubaugh presented the Public Works Report. Work has been done on the snowplow and they are ready for the snow. Divers are coming the first or second week in January now to fix the aerators in the lagoons. The book drop at the library, on the south wall, will be closed up this spring. There are seven ash trees at the cemetery that are dying. An estimate was received from Frederick Tree Service to drop the trees and grind out the stumps. The council told Slaubaugh to go ahead and have the work completed. Frederick will do the work on his own time and not while he is clocked in for the city. The plan is to start the project in the next week. Davis asked if there are any projects that some high schoolers could help do between February and the end of the school year. Slaubaugh stated he would think about what they could do and get back to her. Motion was made by Westendorf to approve the Public Works Report. Conrad seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

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

Community Comments: Heather Brown asked the Council to extend her 45 days on moving her pit bull out of the city limits because she can't afford to move right now. The Council stated that she has until January 18, 2018 as of right now, but will confer with Officer Conrad on the situation.

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

Motion was made by Greiner to approve Kevin Miller and Jared Striegel for members of the 911 Board replacing Les Osborne. Hill seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

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

Motion was made by Greiner to approve the November Financials. Westendorf seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Clerks/Council/Mayor Comments: Hammes briefly discussed the Paint Iowa Beautiful Grant – it was asked to have an article put in *The Keota Eagle* encouraging business owners to let the Council know if they are interested in the grant. A walk thru of the Wastewater Treatment Project will be done in March 2018. Business District signs were discussed. The Council will look at the Iowa Prison Industries website at the different options available. Conrad requested that Hammes gather the electrical bills from the last couple months to see if there has been a decrease in usage/cost since the LED lights were installed at City Hall and Wilson Memorial Library. The information was presented and there has been significant decreases at both buildings. Davis asked Cansler if any information has come back from the City Attorney regarding the cell phone situation with Officer Conrad. Cansler stated that the attorney has not gotten back to him yet. Mayor Cansler handed out the yearly checks to the City Council members thanking them for their service over the last year. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Motion was made by Hill to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m. Greiner seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

The next regularly schedule Keota City Council Meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 3 at 7:00 p.m. Note the day change due to the City Holiday closures.

MAYOR ANTHONY CANSLER

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK TOMISHA HAMMES