

**February 19, 2019**

The Keota City Council met on February 19, 2019, at the Keota City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Anthony Cansler.

Council Members answering roll call were: Matt Greiner, Scott Westendorf, Keith Conrad, Rod Hill, and Mike Bender. City Employees present were Kevin Slaubaugh, Doug Conrad, and Tomisha Hammes. Also in attendance was Scott Flynn, Erin McGuire, Jim Tinnes, Joe Baumert, and Nick Mahan.

Motion was made by Matt Greiner to approve the consent items including minutes from the February 4, 2019 meetings, January month end financials, and payment of bills. Scott Westendorf seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Citizens Forum: Scott Flynn stated that he had a conversation with Chris Bowers from Area 15 about a program through the State he would like to apply for. Mr. Bowers felt that there is a conflict of interest having Mr. Flynn as the city attorney and also applying for the program. Mr. Flynn stated that he currently has two items he has been working with the City of Keota on – KeWash Trailhead and Annexation Project. He asked the council if they would like him to finish up one or both projects before resigning as Keota City Attorney. Mayor Cansler asked for him to finish the KeWash Trailhead Project and the City would find a different attorney to take over the Annexation Project. Mr. Flynn stated he will turn in his letter of resignation after completing the KeWash Trailhead Project, which shouldn't take too long to complete. Jim Tinnes asked for updates on the McDonald Boneyard. The council is in the process of reviewing a Salvage Yard Ordinance. Mr. Tinnes was concerned about McDonald storing items behind their business on North Davis Street that they are moving from their Broadway Avenue location. He asked the Council if there would be a timeline of how long the items would be stored. Mayor Cansler stated that he a couple of Councilmen will go down hopefully over the weekend to discuss the matter with Heath McDonald.

Public Works Director Kevin Slaubaugh gave his report. The Snow Budget is going to be depleted and will need amended. Jim Tinnes drove to Camanche, Iowa and also Davenport, Iowa to get salt for the City. The new snow blower attachment is up and running. It allowed the cemetery to be once again opened up. The hope is that the new snow blower will make it more efficient also to clear the intersections. Mike Bender asked Kevin if it would help to have odd/even days of parking on the streets. Slaubaugh stated that the streets themselves wouldn't allow for parking on certain sides of the road. Motion was made by Keith Conrad to approve the Public Works Report. Mike Bender seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Officer Doug Conrad presented the Police Report for February 1 to February 18, 2019. There were six citations issued: three speed/alternative enforcement; one driving under suspension; one underage possession alcohol; one public intoxication. There were twenty-two (22) complaints and/or service calls received: two controlled substance; one family and children; one intoxication; one disorderly conduct; two suspicion; two accident (traffic); three assist and serve; one attempt to locate; two civil disputes; one misc. complaint; two traffic violations; one vehicle (abandoned); one parking; one harassment; one dog/cat/misc. animal. Officer Conrad stated that the Milam case will be going to court on March 4, 2019. The Council stated that they will not be allowing a business at that residence. Officer Conrad asked Keith Conrad to look into what Zoning violations Milam is in if he is in fact running a business from that location. Matt Greiner asked about the status of the old rifle as Conrad purchased a new one. Officer Conrad said he needed to be qualified at the shooting range with the new rifle before he can do anything with the old one. The Council can decide at that time what to do with the old rifle. Motion was made by Scott Westendorf to approve the Police Report. Mike Bender seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Keith Conrad to approve Resolution 2019-4: A Resolution Approving the Application for Ball Association to the Washington County Riverboat Foundation for Phase 2. Matt Greiner seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Ayes – Greiner, Westendorf, Conrad, Bender, Hill; Nays – None; Absent – None. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Clerk/Council/Mayor Comments: The city clerk stated that the City of Keota is now accepting credit card

payments for utility billing online or in office. Residents can go to the city's website at keotaiowa.org and under City Services there is a link to pay utility bills. The Contract has been signed by Area 15 to start the rental inspections. The clerk will talk with them to start setting up the inspections. It was requested by the Daycare Committee to have Community Input time at a meeting or have a special meeting for the public to give comments on their thoughts on a Keota Daycare. The council suggested that the Committee come up with a time or it can be put on the agenda as one of the first items to discuss at an upcoming meeting. The council at a previous budget meeting made the decision to cut the library funding by \$10,000 for the FY20 Budget year. Jesse Aller has requested that the city allow him to apply for a dealer's license at his place of residence. The council felt that since he is outside the city limits they see no issue with it. Mayor Cansler stated that the city hall has a copy of Officer Conrad's tentative schedule. He stated that there are three things that he is asking of Officer Conrad: 1. He needs to let the city clerk or Mayor know of any schedule changes; 2. Contact Sigourney dispatch if called out; 3. Work on using his accumulated call back time. The city can't cut the call back time completely because there is one police officer in Keota. Mayor Cansler also stated that the council needs to stop micromanaging Officer Conrad.

Motion was made by Rod Hill to adjourn at 8:54 p.m. Mike Bender seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote. The Keota City Council will meet on Monday, March 4 at 7:00 p.m.

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MAYOR ANTHONY CANSLER

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK TOMISHA HAMMES

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