

March 4, 2019

The Keota City Council met on March 4, 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. Mike Bender was absent. City Employees present were Kevin Slaubaugh, Doug Conrad, and Tomisha Hammes. Also in attendance was Dan Flynn, Jim Tinnes, Jason Milam, Kathy Davis, Jade Redlinger, Mary Pat Redlinger, and Nick Mahan.

Motion was made by Rod Hill to approve the consent items including minutes from the February 19, 2019 meetings and payment of bills. Scott Westendorf seconded the motion. Motion passed with a majority vote.

Citizens Forum: Mayor Tony Cansler stated that it is the responsibility of the Mayor and Council to listen to the complaints whether they want to hear them or not. He then apologized for the comment that was made by him at the previous council meeting on Monday, February 19, 2019. He said it was wrong and he apologizes for it. Jim Tinnes asked if there were any updates on the McDonald Boneyard. Mayor Cansler stated that the council is reviewing the ordinance for the Salvage Yard. Kathy Davis presented the Council with invitations to the Keokuk County Community Foundation's Endowment Promotion Event on Thursday, March 28 at Wooden Wheel Vineyards starting at 5:30 p.m. Nick Mahan commented that the library is having to cut the library budget and when the Council is reviewing salaries this year to know that two positions had to be cut at the library due to the budget cuts. Jason Milam stated that he has had to clean out the city drain at his property again due to snow and ice. He also stated that he went to court today. The judge is wanting an itemize list of what is on the property, so Officer Conrad is to meet with Mr. Milam to make a list.

Public Works Director Kevin Slaubaugh gave his report. Two blocks of West Washington Avenue recently had to be blocked off due to about a foot of ice on the road. Slaubaugh thanked Councilman Westendorf for bringing in a tractor to help clean off the road and get it back open. In all of his years working for the city Slaubaugh stated he has never seen the road in such a condition. Three water leaks have been found and fixed. They are still trying to locate another one. The trees at the park will hopefully be dropped in the next couple of weeks. The salt and sand is down to about 65% after two loads that were delivered in the last month. Motion was made by Scott Westendorf to approve the Public Works Report. Keith Conrad seconded the motion. Motion passed with a majority vote.

Officer Doug Conrad presented the Police Report for February 19 to February 28, 2019. There were no citations issued and nine (9) service calls/complaints. One theft, one controlled substance, one assist and serve, one attempt to locate, one dog/cat/misc. animal, one domestic abuse, one harassment, two scams. The Milam case went to court today. He will meet with Milam to make an itemized list of what needs to be removed from the property. Officer Conrad also requested a councilman go with him to make the list. Councilman Greiner or Westendorf will meet at Milam's with Officer Conrad. Motion was made by Rod Hill to approve the Police Report. Keith Conrad seconded the motion. Motion passed with a majority vote.

Mayor Cansler opened the one cemetery mowing bid that the city received. Scott Westendorf made a motion to approve the 2019 Cemetery Mowing Bid by Jeff Garman. Rod Hill seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Westendorf, Conrad, Hill; Nays – None; Abstain – Greiner; Absent – Bender. Motion passed with a majority vote.

Motion was made by Keith Conrad to approve the Re-Zoning of 604 East Centennial Avenue from Residential to Commercial. Matt Greiner seconded the motion. Motion passed with a majority vote.

Motion was made by Matt Greiner to approve Resolution 2019-5: A Resolution Approving the Submission of a Workforce Housing Loan Application to the Iowa Finance Authority – SDF Properties, LLC. Scott Westendorf seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Ayes – Greiner, Westendorf, Conrad, Hill; Nays – None; Absent – Bender. Motion passed with a majority vote.

Motion was made by Keith Conrad to approve the building permit for 426 E. Broadway Avenue. Matt Greiner

seconded the motion. Motion passed with a majority vote.

Motion was made by Matt Greiner to approve the building permit for 604 E. Centennial Avenue. Scott Westendorf seconded the motion. Motion passed with a majority vote.

Clerk/Council/Mayor Comments: The city clerk presented upcoming events that she wanted to know if the council would like to attend or would like her to attend. They included the Iowa Rural Development Summit in Grinnell, Southeast Housing Conference in Fairfield, and Main Street Iowa Workshop in State Center. Matt Greiner stated that he and the city clerk attended a meeting with Lt. Gov. Adam Gregg when he came to visit with Scott Flynn about his Ramsey Building Project. When the Lt. Governor was in Keota, he discussed the programs that the clerk just brought up, so they are worth looking into. Greiner also brought up having the alley behind McDonald Boneyard surveyed to see who owns what in that area. He stated that more discussion needs to be had on the alleyway. Greiner also talked with Keota Fire Chief Chris Heisdorffer about having the alleyway accessible to the fire department in case of a future fire. That would allow the trucks to have access to the west side of McDonald's property instead of dragging hoses. Keith Conrad stated that he has two interested parties in purchasing the city property at 201 S. Davis Street. There would need to be seal bids for the property and the city council will need to decide the stipulations for those submitting bids to purchase the property. Conrad also stated that during Citizen Forum that the Council/Mayor should allow the citizens to talk with no input from the Council or Mayor. Conrad also requested that the council have a work session before the next council meeting to discuss and review the Employee Handbook, specifically employee status, cell phone usage, and comp time/call back time. The Mayor stated that there will be a work session for the council at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 18, 2019 before the regularly scheduled meeting.

Motion was made by Keith Conrad to adjourn at 8:11 p.m. Scott Westendorf seconded the motion. Motion passed with a majority vote. The Keota City Council will meet on Monday, March 18 at 7:00 p.m. with a work session beginning at 6:00 p.m.

MAYOR ANTHONY CANSLER

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK TOMISHA HAMMES

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