

March 18, 2019

The Keota City Council met on March 18, 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, Mike Bender and Rod Hill. City Employees present were Kevin Slaubaugh, Doug Conrad, and Tomisha Hammes. Also in attendance was Nick Mahan, Jade Redlinger, Mary Pat Redlinger, Curt Burroughs, Trevanial Temple, Jim Tinnis, Fred Heisdorffer, Jason Milam, Christy Lyons, and Amy Stouric – *The Keota Eagle*.

Motion was made by Keith Conrad to approve the consent items including minutes from the March 4 and March 11, 2019 meetings, payment of bills, and February month end financials. Rod Hill seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Citizens Forum: Jim Tinnis asked for any updates on the Salvage Ordinance. Mayor Cansler stated that the council is still reviewing it. Mike Bender stated that there hasn't been any walk thru done in March due to the weather conditions, but he will start doing them again soon. Nick Mahan stated the due to the library budget cuts, the library had to let go of two employees and that the council should consider that when the council votes on raises. He also commented that the public hearing for the budget could have been better advertised. The Mayor and Council stated that the date and time of the Public Hearing for the Budget was in the newspaper, on the city's website, and posted on the front door of city hall more than 24 hours before the meeting took place.

Public Works Director Kevin Slaubaugh gave his report. There have been seven ash trees cut down at the city park so far. He is hoping to have the rest taken down before Easter. In the 100th Block of East Broadway Avenue, the carwash and one other building have been disconnected from the city services. Scott Flynn and Kevin Slaubaugh will have a meeting with Washington County on March 28 in regards to the cost they want the city to pay for redoing Keokuk Washington Road. The street sweeper is out and he is getting ready to start cleaning the streets. There was a water main repair done behind the Keota Health Care Center. Motion was made by Scott Westendorf to approve the Public Works Report. Mike Bender seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Officer Doug Conrad gave his Police Report. There were six citations issued for speed/alternate enforcement. From March 1 through March 15 there were twenty-five service calls/complaints. Four controlled substance, one other criminal violations, one mental, one suicide/statements, two assist and serve, one attempt to locate, three civil disputes, three misc. investigations, two misc. complaints, one dog/cat/misc. animal, three traffic violations, one parking, one domestic abuse, one harassment. There has been no ruling on the Milam case yet. Matt Greiner and Officer Conrad went down to Milam's property to make a list of items to abate per the judge's request, but there was nothing to list. There have been 105 calls so far this year. Motion was made by Rod Hill to approve the Police Report. Keith Conrad seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Rod Hill to approve Resolution 2019-7: Salary Increase for Certifications in the Public Works Department. This would allow for a salary increase of \$1500 for each certification Kevin Miller receives for the Water and Sewer Departments. Mike Bender seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Mike Bender, Keith Conrad, Matt Greiner, Rod Hill, Scott Westendorf; Nays – None; Absent: None. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Scott Westendorf to approve Resolution 2019-8: Approving the Compensation for Budget Year 2019-2020 for Kevin Slaubaugh at \$50,116.01. Mike Bender seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Mike Bender, Keith Conrad, Rod Hill, Scott Westendorf; Nays – Matt Greiner; Absent: None. Motion passed with a majority vote.

Motion was made by Scott Westendorf to approve Resolution 2019-9: Approving the Compensation for Budget Year 2019-2020 for Doug Conrad at \$56,630.38. Keith Conrad seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Keith Conrad, Rod Hill; Nays – Mike Bender, Matt Greiner, Scott Westendorf; Absent – None. Motion did not pass.

Motion was made by Keith Conrad to approve Resolution 2019-10: Approving Compensation for Library Employees – Tonia Greiner, \$12.00/hour; Ashley Greiner, \$7.25/hour, Esther Burroughs, \$7.25/hour. Rod Hill seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Mike Bender, Keith Conrad, Matt Greiner, Rod Hill, Scott Westendorf; Nays – None; Absent: None. Motion passed with a unanimous vote. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Keith Conrad to table the Spring Newsletter until the next meeting. Mike Bender seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Matt Greiner to table setting the date of the spring city wide clean up due to Cox Sanitation not getting back to the city on a list of dates yet. Mike Bender seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Mike Bender to approve Resolution 2019-11: Approving Trevanial Temple as the Keota City Attorney. Rod Hill seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Mike Bender, Keith Conrad, Matt Greiner, Rod Hill, Scott Westendorf; Nays – None; Absent: None. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Clerk/Council/Mayor Comments: Matt Greiner requested that it be put on the next agenda to talk about having the alley that runs Carpenter Street north to the Keota Cemetery surveyed. Scott Westendorf asked if the Council is now allowing commercial vehicles to be parked on the residential lots. Councilman Conrad stated that McDonald's are making a culvert and needed a place to park until then and that he gave them the permission to park next to the alleyway temporarily. Rod Hill stated that he was disappointed in the vote on Officer Conrad's salary increase. They gave a raise to all, but one employee. He asked the clerk to look into the amount of call back time that Officer Conrad has accumulated and used over the last year. Mayor Cansler also stated that he was disappointed in the vote for Officer Conrad's salary increase, but it is the council's right to vote as they feel they should.

Motion was made by Scott Westendorf to adjourn at 7:37 p.m. Mike Bender seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote. The Keota City Council will meet on April 1 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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