

April 1, 2019

The Keota City Council met on April 1, 2019, at the Keota City Hall. The work session was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Mayor Anthony Cansler.

Council members answering roll call were: Matt Greiner, Scott Westendorf, Keith Conrad, and Mike Bender. Rod Hill was absent. City employee Tomisha Hammes was also present.

The Council reviewed the Employee handbook in regards to full-time employee status, cell phone policy, and service call back time for the police department. No action was taken on any item. A list of questions for the city attorney was made. After the city attorney reviews the questions, the council will have another work session to review the handbook again.

Motion was made by Keith Conrad to adjourn the work session at 6:56 p.m. Scott Westendorf seconded the motion. Motion passed with a majority vote.

The Keota City Council met on April 1, 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, and Mike Bender. Rod Hill was absent. City Employees present were Kevin Slaubaugh, Doug Conrad, and Tomisha Hammes. Also in attendance was Jim Tinnes, Colton Strand, Nicole Strand, Heath McDonald, Mary Pat Redlinger, Jade Redlinger, Andy Conrad, and Jerry Sheetz.

Motion was made by Scott Westendorf to approve the consent items including minutes from the March 18, 2019, meeting and payment of bills. Keith Conrad seconded the motion. Motion passed with a majority vote.

Citizens Forum: Jim Tinnes asked for any updates on the Salvage Ordinance. Mayor Cansler stated that the council is still reviewing it. Andy Conrad stated that the Keota Fun Days celebration will take place on Friday, June 14 and Saturday, June 15 this year. He is looking into having horseback rides during Fun Days this year. There would be a 20 x 40 foot corral that would need to be located on a side street temporarily. He will have more information about it in the next couple of weeks.

Public Works Director Kevin Slaubaugh gave his report. The trees have been taken down at the parks and the areas have been reseeded. The graves at the cemetery that have settled were also filled in and reseeded. Slaubaugh and Scott Flynn had a meeting with Washington County about the Keokuk Washington Road. He is getting an estimate on the cost to only repair the railroad track area instead of the whole stretch of the road through Keota. He will order handicap signs to be put up in the areas that were painted blue last fall. LL Pellings was in town to look over what roads in Keota will need to be done this spring. Motion was made by Matt Greiner to approve the Public Works Report. Mike Bender seconded the motion. Motion passed with a majority vote.

Officer Doug Conrad gave his Police Report. There were no citations written and nineteen service calls/complaints. Two theft, one simple assault, one other criminal violation, two suspicion, one mental, one suicide/statement, three assist and serve, two misc. complaints, two dog/cat/misc. animal, one wildlife, one traffic violation, one domestic abuse, one harassment. Officer Conrad stated that he was at an INOA Conference last week which is a Narcotics Conference. There has been no ruling on the Milam case yet. Mike Bender stated that he has received a couple complaints about kids on golf carts. Motion was made by Scott Westendorf to approve the Police Report. Mike Bender seconded the motion. Motion passed with a majority vote.

Jerry Sheets, from Lyle Insurance, presented the council with the insurance quote for the city's insurance. There will be a decrease this year of about \$2600 for the city to pay.

Discussion was held on having the North Carpenter Street north of Washington Avenue alleyway surveyed. The clerk was asked to contact the city attorney to ask some questions about the fence line before a decision is made to do the survey or not.

Motion was made by Mike Bender to approve the April 13, 2019 Spring City Wide Clean-Up Date. Scott Westendorf seconded the motion. Motion passed with a majority vote.

Motion was made by Keith Conrad to approve the 2019 Spring Newsletter. Mike Bender seconded the motion. Motion passed with a majority vote.

Motion was made by Scott Westendorf to approve the Building Permit for 110 N. McKinley Street. Mike Bender seconded the motion. Motion passed with a majority vote.

Motion was made by Scott Westendorf to table the Building Permit for 506 N. Ellis Street. Mike Bender seconded the motion. Motion passed with a majority vote. Heath McDonald stated that he would be willing to exchange his 506 North Ellis Street property with the city's 508 North Davis Street property to allow him to build his personal shop at the North Davis location. Jim Tinnes stated that he would be in favor of the property exchange to keep the trucks off the road on the way to the school and keep McDonald's vehicles in one location. The Council asked the city clerk to contact the city attorney to see what can be done with the properties.

Daycare Committee – There was a request to have an open meeting to allow people to give their opinions on the Keota Daycare Facility. The Mayor stated to have the Daycare Committee decide when and where to have the meeting and just let the Council know.

Clerk/Council/Mayor Comments: The city clerk commented that the City has been invited to the Keokuk County Community Endowment Foundation Grant Awards Ceremony on April 24. The clerk will be attending the Main Street Iowa Workshop in State Center on April 3. Keota has been asked to be part of Healthy Hometown. The clerk will look into the program a little more and present the information at the next meeting. The clerk was asked to contact the city attorney about the employee handbook, selling city owned properties, and about surveying the alleyway.

Motion was made by Scott Westendorf to adjourn at 8:17 p.m. Mike Bender seconded the motion. Motion passed with a majority vote. The Keota City Council will meet on April 15 at 7:00 p.m.

MAYOR ANTHONY CANSLER

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK TOMISHA HAMMES

*These are not official minutes. These minutes will be approve at the next council meeting. All documents mentioned in these minutes can be viewed during business hours at the Keota City Hall.