April 15, 2019

The Keota City Council met on April 15, 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 and Tomisha Hammes. Also in attendance was Chad McCleary – ION Environmental Solutions, Matt Wildman – HR Green, Heath McDonald, Jim Tinnes, Jade Redlinger, Mary Pat Redlinger, and Curt Burroughs.

Motion was made by Keith Conrad to approve the consent items including minutes from the April 1, 2019, meeting and payment of bills. The month end financials for March were removed due to all bank statements not arriving to city hall. Scott Westendorf 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. He also requested that the Good Neighbor Church information be included on the city's website. The clerk stated that if the information is sent, she will make sure it is added to the website.

Public Works Director Kevin Slaubaugh gave his report. Parts have arrived for the handicap signs to be installed. The demolition of the north side 100th block of East Broadway Avenue has started. Slaubaugh commented that he is impressed with the clean up as the wind was blowing all day and Patrick Flynn made sure his crew kept everything cleaned up. Alliant Energy is in town installing new gas lines. That is the reason for all the yard markings throughout town. Slaubaugh is hoping to get the ball fields and park mowed before Easter weekend. 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 was unable to attend, but submitted a written report. There were four citations written and twenty-one service calls/complaints. Citations – two juvenile speed, one juvenile harassment 1st degree, and one dog allowed to run at large. Service Calls/Complaints – two theft, three controlled substance, two family and children, one suicide/statements, four assist and serve, one attempt to locate, four dog/cat/misc. animal, one traffic violation, one parking, one domestic abuse, one harassment. Motion was made by Matt Greiner to approve the written Police Report. Scott Westendorf seconded the motion. Motion passed with a majority vote.

Matt Wildman, HR Green, was at the meeting to present a contract with HR Green and the City of Keota to Update the Chloride Compliance Strategy and get the information sent to the Iowa DNR. Chad McCleary, ION Environmental Solutions, was also present to answer any questions about the recent results of the chloride levels. The levels have decreased and are currently within the required limits set by the DNR. Motion was made by Mike Bender to approve the HR Green contract. Matt Greiner seconded the motion. Motion passed with a majority vote.

Motion was made by Matt Greiner to approve the LL Pelling Proposal for street repairs. Scott Westendorf seconded the motion. Motion passed with a majority vote.

Motion was made by Keith Conrad to approve the food truck permit for Got Dough for a school fundraiser during Keota Fun Days. Mike Bender seconded the motion. Motion passed with a majority vote.

Tomisha Hammes did the first reading of Ordinance 2019-266: Amending the Rates Charged for Sewer Rental as of July 1, 2019.

Motion was made by Mike Bender to set the public hearing for the FY19 Budget Amendment for May 6, 2019 at 7 p.m. Keith Conrad seconded the motion. Motion passed with a majority vote.

Motion was made by Scott Westendorf to approve the Letter of Intent to Apply for Main Street Iowa. Mike Bender seconded the motion. Motion passed with a majority vote.

Motion was made by Keith Conrad to approve the Lagos Acres liquor license. Mike Bender seconded the motion. Motion passed with a majority vote, Councilman Scott Westendorf abstained from the vote.

Motion was made by Scott Westendorf to approve the Keota VFW liquor license. Keith Conrad seconded the motion. Motion passed with a majority vote.

Clerk/Council/Mayor Comments: The city clerk discussed an upcoming Nuisance Abatement Conference in Coralville, Keota becoming a Healthy Hometown, the possibility of revamping the city logo, the Prison Industries Grant to replace signs, and purchasing reusable grocery bags including information about Keota and local businesses to hand out to new residents. There was discussion on 214 N. Hamilton Street property bringing in more junk. The Mayor requested that citations be written to the property owner. Keith Conrad, Heath McDonald, and Kevin Slaubaugh met to discuss putting a culvert put in from 504 to 508 N. Davis Street along the road. The council also gave McDonald permission to haul in brick to the Royer property and the alleyway behind his house to store until needed. There have been some complaints about the Northwest Drainage project and water standing in the alleyway north on Carpenter Street. There was a request to send HR Green a letter stating the complaints that have been made. The clerk will write up a letter and the Mayor will sign it. There have also been a couple complaints about roosters crowing in town.

Motion was made by Keith Conrad to adjourn at 8:41 p.m. Scott Westendorf seconded the motion. Motion passed with a majority vote. The Keota City Council will meet on May 6 at 7:00 p.m. with work session starting at 6:00 p.m.

MAYOR ANTHONY CANSLER
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