

May 20, 2019

The Keota City Council met on May 20, 2019, at the Keota City Hall. The work session was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Mayor Anthony Cansler.

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

The rough copy of the new Junk, Salvage, Scrap Processing, and Storage Yards Ordinance was reviewed and discussed. Notes were made on some possible additions and changes. It was requested to have the city attorney, Iowa DOT, and a local business owner look over the ordinance and give their feedback as well. The rough copy of the new 'noise' ordinance was reviewed with some changes made. The council will review the ordinance once the changes are made before having the first reading done.

Motion was made by Keith Conrad to adjourn the work session at 6:55 p.m. Rod Hill seconded the motion. Motion passed with a majority vote.

Mayor Cansler then opened the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Council Members answering roll call were: Scott Westendorf, Keith Conrad, Rod Hill, and Mike Bender. Matt Greiner arrived at 7:02 p.m. City Employees present were Kevin Slaubaugh, Doug Conrad, and Tomisha Hammes. Also in attendance was Laci Droll, Marcie Droll, Mike Kerr, Randy Tarrence, Nick Mahan, Steve Klein, Jim Tinnes Curt Burroughs, Mary Pat Redlinger, Jade Redlinger, Haley Jinrich – HR Green, Preston Moore – the Human Society.

Motion was made by Scott Westendorf to approve the consent items including minutes from the May 6, 2019 and May 9, 2019, meetings, April month end report, and payment of bills. Keith Conrad seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Citizens Forum: Laci Droll asked about any updates to the animal control ordinance. The Mayor stated that the Council is still reviewing the possibility of changing the ordinance. Preston Moore stated that he is willing to help write the new ordinance for the City of Keota. Steve Klein commented that his dog was attacked at the beginning of April. He does not want to be critical of the ordinance, but feels that any dog that has attacked another dog shouldn't be around a park area. There were comments that he was going to sue or wanted the dog to be put to sleep – he wanted to say unequivocally that that is untrue and that they would never threaten sue or demand that the dog be put down. He thanks the city for whatever the council decides to do and he would expect that if there is an ordinance in place that the rules be followed. Jim Tinnes asked if there were any updates on the Junk Ordinance. The Council reviewed the ordinance during work session and will send it to the Iowa DOT for review. Nick Mahan stated that the library had to let go of two employees due to budget cuts not performance.

Public Works Director Kevin Slaubaugh gave his report. LL Pellings was in town to resurface the roads. The intersection of Washington Avenue and Carpenter Street was fixed and the bill will be sent to Delong because it was part of the Northwest Drainage Project. There are numerous locates coming into the City for Alliant Energy to redo gas lines in town. Slaubaugh called and talked to the DNR about a private wells within the city limits. The DNR said that unless there is a specific ordinance against it, then the private residents can have them. The Ball Association asked about installing a security light on the west side of the concession stand at the ball park. The council said they would pay for it. Motion was made by Matt Greiner to approve the Public Works Report. Mike Bender seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Officer Doug Conrad gave his police report. Three citations were issued: one failure to obey stop sign/alternative enforcement; assault causing bodily injury, dog at large. Twenty-eight service calls and complaints: one theft, one simple assault, one controlled substance, two other criminal violations, one suspicion, one accident (traffic), five assist and service, two attempt to locate, three dog/cat/misc. animal, one livestock, two wildlife, three traffic violations, one parking, two domestic abuse, two harassment. Motion was made by Rod Hill to approve the Police Report. Mike Bender seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Haley Jinrich, HR Green, presented the Council with the Chloride Strategy that will be sent to the Iowa DNR.

Tomisha Hammes did the third reading of Ordinance 2019-266: Amending the Sewer Rates as of July 1, 2019. Motion was made by Matt Greiner to approve Ordinance 2019-266: Amending the Sewer Rates as of July 1, 2019 -Title VI, Chapter 9, Section 2 of the Keota Municipal Code, 2017, is hereby repealed and the following adopted in lieu thereof:

6-9-2: Rental Rate: Each Customer shall pay a sewer rental based on water used each month:

1. For the first 2,000 gallons of water used, sewer rent shall be \$36.24 (Minimum Charge).
2. For the next 3,000 gallons of water used, sewer rent shall be charged at \$5 per 1,000 gallons.

Scott Westendorf seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Matt Greiner, Scott Westendorf, Keith Conrad, Mike Bender, Rod Hill; Nays – None; Absent – None. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Discussion was held on private wells in the city limits of Keota. The council requested that the resident asking about the private well attend a meeting to explain the reasons why they are wanting a private well.

Discussion was held on the security lights at the ball fields. The request is a security light on the west side of the concession stand to make it safer for those carrying out the money bag after the games. The council said they would pay for the lights.

Discussion was held on removing the city mowing assessments on the 405 South Iowa Street property. The council stated that they will further discuss and make a decision once they know the total of assessments.

Motion was made by Matt Greiner to approve Resolution 2019-16: WCRF Mini Grant for Wilson Memorial Library. Rod Hill seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Matt Greiner, Scott Westendorf, Keith Conrad, Mike Bender, Rod Hill; Nays – None; Absent – None. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Keith Conrad to approve Resolution 2019-17: Institute of Museum and Library Services – Wilson Memorial Library Technology Grant. Matt Greiner seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Matt Greiner, Scott Westendorf, Keith Conrad, Mike Bender, Rod Hill; Nays – None; Absent – None. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Clerk/Council/Mayor Comments: The city clerk stated that she attended her first Area XV Multi-County Housing Agency Meeting last week. She also attended the Nuisance Abatement Conference in Coralville last week. Procedures of how to handle nuisance abatement were outlined and the first steps were to photograph nuisance properties which the clerk and the public works director did before the meeting to present to the council. Informal letters will be sent out requesting that issues be taken care of in a timely manner. The yearly insurance audit will take place on Wednesday, May 29. There was a SRF Loan Audit with Area 15 on Tuesday, May 7, 2019 to review all the payments for the Waste Water Treatment Project. Everything was in order for the SRF Loan audit for the City of Keota, but they will need to review the employee payments done by the contractor. Hart Frederick will be in town this week to survey the alleyway north of Carpenter Street to find and place pins.

Motion was made by Rod Hill to adjourn at 7:58 p.m. Mike Bender seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote. The Keota City Council will meet on June 3, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. with work session starting at 6:00 p.m.

MAYOR ANTHONY CANSLER

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK TOMISHA HAMMES

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