

**June 3, 2019**

The Keota City Council met on June 3, 2019, at the Keota City Hall. The work session was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Anthony Cansler.

Council Members answering roll call were: Scott Westendorf, Keith Conrad, Rod Hill, and Mike Bender arrived at 6:10 p.m. Matt Greiner was absent. City Employee present was Tomisha Hammes.

The Animal Control Ordinance was reviewed and discuss with emphasis on the banned breed section and the vicious dog section. Private wells in town and the noise ordinance were also discussed. Keith Conrad stated that he has sent the Junk Ordinance to the Iowa DOT and has not heard back from them yet.

Motion was made by Keith Conrad to adjourn the work session at 6:58 p.m. Mike Bender seconded the motion. Motion passed with a majority vote.

Motion was made by Mike Bender to open the Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. Rod Hill seconded the motion. Motion passed with a majority vote.

Keith Conrad explained that the properties involved in the possible exchange would be the city owned property of 508 N. Davis Street to Heath McDonald for the McDonald owned property at 506 N. Ellis Street to the City of Keota. Jim Tinnes asked the Council if there would be any stipulations in the agreement for expansion. Keith Conrad stated that there would be stipulations addressed in the purchase agreement. Heath McDonald commented that he would use the property to build a shop for his personal use only. Kathy Davis stated that you can't build a shop on a property without a house and that it cannot be more than 15 feet tall. Keith Conrad and Mike Bender reviewed the Zoning Ordinance book. They stated that according to the Zoning Ordinance you are able to have an accessory structure such as a private garage as long as it satisfies the regulations for exterior walls. They went on to state that the Ordinance states no building shall exceed 2 ½ stories or 35 feet in height. Nick Mahan asked if there were any plans for the 506 N. Ellis Street property if the city were to get it. The Council stated that they would be open to any offers for it.

Motion was made by Keith Conrad to close the Public Hearing at 7:11 p.m. Mike Bender seconded the motion. Motion passed with a majority vote.

Mayor Cansler then opened the regular meeting at 7:11 p.m.

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. Kevin Slaubaugh was out on a service call for the city. Also in attendance was Denny Baumert, Kathy Davis, Heath McDonald, Jim Tinnes, Nick Mahan, and Amy Stouric – *The Keota Eagle*.

Motion was made by Scott Westendorf to approve the consent items including minutes from the May 20, 2019 meeting and payment of bills. Mike Bender seconded the motion. Motion passed with a majority vote.

Citizens Forum: Jim Tinnes asked the Council if the surveyors had finished surveying the alleyway north of Carpenter Street. The Mayor stated that they have received a rough outline of the possible lines, but they needed to talk to Hart Frederick before getting the final pins set. He also asked for any updates on the Junk Ordinance. Keith Conrad stated that he has sent the Ordinance to the Iowa DOT

for review and hasn't heard back from them yet. Kathy Davis asked the Council what they are going to do about the cats and dogs running at large in Keota. It was stated that this item was discussed during the work session and Officer Conrad also stated that numerous tickets have been written to residents for their dogs running at large. Officer Conrad also stated that he would drop off a live trap for the cats if she would like him to. He then stated that the issue he is having with the dogs running at large is that people will call and tell him about it, but unless he sees the dog running at large or the person reporting the dog is willing to testify in court it is hard to write the dog owner a ticket. Denny Baumert commented that he has cotton wood trees in his neighborhood and they are not allowed in the city limits. Nick Mahan asked if the Council was going to keep the ban on dog breeds. The Council said they are reviewing it during the work sessions. He also asked if there was going to be any improvements to the park by the library. The Council said they are still looking into funding options.

Motion was made by Mike Bender to table the Public Works Report due to Kevin Slaubaugh being unable to attend. Scott Westendorf seconded the motion. Motion passed with a majority vote.

Officer Doug Conrad gave his police report. There were eight citations and twenty-five service calls/complaints. Citations – two speed/alternative enforcement, one keeping a vicious dog, two allowing a dog to run at large, one keeping a bothersome fowl, and two storing junk vehicle. Service calls/complaints – three theft, two controlled substance, two family and children, two other criminal violations, one suspicion, one accident (traffic), four assist and serve, two misc. complaints, four dog/cat/misc. animal, two livestock, one parking, one harassment. Officer Conrad stated that the DARE Adventureland trip went great as did the DARE 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation. Motion was made by Scott Westendorf to approve the Police Report. Mike Bender seconded the motion. Motion passed with a majority vote.

Motion was made by Mike Bender to approve the Cigarette and Tobacco Permit for the Roost Tavern. Scott Westendorf seconded the motion. Motion passed with a majority vote.

Motion was made by Keith Conrad to approve the Cigarette and Tobacco Permit for Keota Eagle Foods. Mike Bender seconded the motion. Motion passed with a majority vote.

Motion was made by Mike Bender to approve the Cigarette and Tobacco Permit for County Line Mart LLC. Scott Westendorf seconded the motion. Motion passed with a majority vote.

Motion was made by Keith Conrad to approve Resolution 2019-18: Approving Wilson Memorial Library Board Member Dianna Sheets. Rod Hill seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Ayes – Westendorf, Conrad, Bender, Hill; Nays – None; Absent – Greiner. Motion passed with a majority vote.

Motion was made by Mike Bender to approve Resolution 2019-19: Approving FY19 Budgeted Fund Transfers for Library, Water Vehicle, Sewer Vehicle, and Police Vehicle. Scott Westendorf seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Ayes – Westendorf, Conrad, Bender, Hill; Nays – None; Absent – Greiner. Motion passed with a majority vote.

Motion was made by Scott Westendorf to purchase the property at 105 North Davis Street with Libertyville Savings Bank donating the funds for purchase, closing cost and 40% of demolition costs to the City of Keota. Mike Bender seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Ayes – Westendorf, Conrad, Bender, Hill; Nays – None; Absent – Greiner. Motion passed with a majority vote.

Motion was made by Scott Westendorf to decertify the mowing assessments for 405 S. Iowa Street. Mike Bender seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 3-1 vote.

Motion was made by Scott Westendorf to approve the building permit for 602 Park Avenue. Mike Bender seconded the motion. Motion passed with a majority vote.

Motion was made by Keith Conrad to approve the building permit for 114 N. Carpenter Street. Scott Westendorf seconded the motion. Motion passed with a majority vote.

Clerk/Council/Mayor Comments: The city clerk stated that Area XV Multi-County Housing Agency will be doing rental inspections on June 18 and 21 and also on July 2 and 3. They plan on doing about eight per day. Mike Bender wanted it noted that residents are not to mow grass clippings into the streets as it makes it dangerous for motorists and also plugs up the drains. Mayor Cansler stated that he and the council give permission for the VFW Memorial Program to light fireworks on Saturday, June 15 for their program as previously voted on at a May meeting. He also commented that he is looking forward to a great 2019 Keota Fun Days celebration.

Motion was made by Mike Bender to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m. Scott Westendorf seconded the motion. Motion passed with a majority vote. The Keota City Council will meet on Monday, June 17, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

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MAYOR ANTHONY CANSLER

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK TOMISHA HAMMES

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