

January 6, 2020

The Keota City Council met on January 6, 2020, at the Keota City Hall. The work session was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Mayor Anthony Cansler.

Council Members answering roll call were: Curt Burroughs, Keith Conrad, Mike Bender, and Rod Hill. Matt Greiner arrived at 6:16 p.m. City employee present was Tomisha Hammes. Also in attendance was Jim Tinnes and Heath McDonald.

The Salvage Yard Ordinance and the Animal Ordinance were both discussed.

Motion was made by Mike Bender to adjourn the work session at 6:59 p.m. Curt Burroughs seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

The Keota City Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Anthony Cansler.

Council members answering roll call were: Matt Greiner, Curt Burroughs, Keith Conrad, Mike Bender, and Rod Hill. City Employees present were Doug Conrad, Kevin Slaubaugh, and Tomisha Hammes. Also in attendance was Heath McDonald, Jim Tinnes, Mary Pat Redlinger, Trenton Redlinger, and Chris Dietrich.

Motion was made by Mike Bender to approve the 2020 Mayoral Appointments: Mayor Pro-Tem Keith Conrad; Council members: Keith Conrad, Matt Greiner, Mike Bender, Rod Hill, and Curt Burroughs; City Employees: Doug Conrad – Chief of Police, Kevin Slaubaugh – Public Works Director, Kevin Miller – Public Works, Tomisha Hammes – City Clerk; Library Employees: Toni Greiner – Library Director, Ashley Greiner – Librarian, Esther Burroughs – Librarian; Library Board members: Nick Mahan – President, Rachel Klein – Vice President, Candy Greiner – Secretary, Linda Allaman – Treasurer, Karen Dickinson, Sandra Stephens, Jacob Moeller, Connie Vincent, Dianne Sheets; Museum Board members – Karen Sypherd – President, Wanda Baumert – Vice President, John Greiner – Treasurer, Jill Baetsle – Secretary, Dan Flynn, Larry Sanders, Open Spot; Board of Adjustments members: Gary Werger, Mike Williams, John Snedigar, Esther Burroughs, Open Spot; Zoning Board members – Duane Sprouse, Bill Miller, Tom Hahn, James Wallington, Open Spot; Daycare Committee members – Keith Conrad, Curt Burroughs, Andy Conrad, Dorinda Schwartz, Tomisha Hammes; Pool Committee – Rod Hill, Mike Bender, Kathy Davis, Linda Werger, Robyn Morgan, Tom Hahn, Andi Klein; City Attorneys – Trevanial Temple, Misty White, Robert Michael; Emergency Management Committee – Doug Conrad and Keith Conrad; Building Official/Zoning Administrator – Keith Conrad, Board of Adjustments Liaison – Keith Conrad, County Assessor Council – Anthony Cansler, 911 Boards – Ryan Sieren and Jared Streigel, Library Liaison – Matt Greiner, Museum Liaison – Matt Greiner, Fire Department Liaison – Rod Hill, Parks and Recreation – Mike Bender, Ball Association Liaison – Mike Bender, Pool Advocates Liaison – Mike Bender, Keota Unlimited Liaison – Mike Bender, Roads and Sidewalks – Rod Hill, Public Safety – Rod Hill, Community Development Committee – Mike Bender, KCCEF Representative – Curt Burroughs, Code Enforcer – Curt Burroughs, Official Depository – Libertyville Savings Bank, Official Newspaper – *The Keota Eagle*.

Motion was made by Curt Burroughs to approve the consent agenda including the minutes from the December 16, 2019 meeting and payment of bills. Keith Conrad seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

CITY OF KEOTA
 JANUARY 6, 2020 COUNCIL MEETING
 FOR PERIOD DECEMBER 17, 2019 - JANUARY 6, 2020

<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>COMMENT</u>
BURROUGHS, ESTHER	\$56.75	Payroll
CONRAD, DOUGLAS L.	\$1,793.78	Payroll
GREINER, ASHLEY	\$85.09	Payroll
GREINER, TONIA	\$861.90	Payroll
HAMMES, TOMISHA	\$1,025.28	Payroll
MILLER, KEVIN	\$1,207.48	Payroll
SLAUBAUGH, KEVIN L.	\$1,446.62	Payroll
EFTPS	\$1,886.88	Employee Withholdings
IPERS	\$2,680.26	Employee Benefits
WINDSTREAM	\$144.97	Library - Phone/Fax
INFOMAX	\$140.17	Library - Copier Lease
CENTERPOINT LARGE PRINT	\$44.34	Library - 2 LG Print Books
QUILL	\$201.59	Library - Janitorial Supplies
UNITED STATES POST OFFICE	\$132.30	Water/Sewer - Monthly Bills
MENARDS	\$112.65	Sewer - Supplies
ALLIANT ENERGY	\$6,443.78	All Dept. - Gas/Electric
STOREY KENWORTHY	\$754.71	Water/Sewer - Bill Forms
USA BLUE BOOK	\$98.80	Water - Supplies
DEARBORN NATIONAL	\$117.00	Employees Life Insurance Benefits
WELLMARK BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD	\$9,864.14	Employees Health Benefits
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	\$203.40	Sewer - Supplies
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	\$500.04	Library - Books/Programs/Supplies
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	\$508.80	Sewer/Water - Stamps/Water Conference
AUDITOR OF STATE	\$7,732.76	2018 Annual Exam
H & M FARM & HOME	\$39.98	Cemetery - Mole Traps
CASH	\$52.18	Petty Cash Drawer
COX SANITATION	\$4,277.25	Garbage Pick Up/Bags/Dumpster
MID AMERICA PUBLISHING CORP	\$322.37	All Dept. - Publishing
MALLEY HARDWARE	\$158.80	All Dept. Supplies
VERIZON WIRELESS	\$40.01	Police - Hot Spot
US CELLULAR	\$280.31	All Dept. Cell Phones
TOTAL	\$43,157.64	

Citizens Forum: No comments.

Public Works Director Kevin Slaubaugh gave his report. Recently there have been a couple stop signs knocked down and they have been getting them replaced as soon as they can. They are working on mulching leaves and cleaning up brush at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Motion was made by Mike Bender to approve the Public Works Report. Matt Greiner seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Officer Doug Conrad gave his Police Report. There was recently a burglary in town that caused some damage to the property. Report period is for December 11 through December 31, 2019: There were seventeen service calls/complaints and no citations issued. One burglary, three theft, one simple assault, two vandalism, two family and children, one trespass, one suicide/statements, two assist and serve, one attempt to locate, one dog/cat/misc. animal, two harassment. Motion was made by Keith Conrad to approve the Police Report. Mike Bender seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Discussion was held on the Salvage Yard Ordinance. Councilman Burroughs stated that this is an unanimous decision on behalf of the Council – when we go through the Salvage Yard Ordinance the expectations are unreasonable to the point that we are unable to move forward with the Salvage Yard Ordinance because it will not only affect the McDonald Boneyard, but other businesses in town as well. The Keota City Council is a legislative branch of the local government, we do not touch the judicial branch, we don't touch the executive branch either. If the community has a complaint about a resident of the community it needs to be applicable to the Council's branch of the government. Otherwise we are going to direct you to the branch it needs to go to. The legislative branch is responsible for making laws, repealing laws, and the Council holds the purse strings. If a resident has a complaint, the city council is the first place that they typically go. The residents are able to come to the Council to make the complaint, but if it doesn't apply to the Council, then the Council will direct you as to where you need to take the complaint. The Council's job is to do the will of the majority as long as it does not violate the will of the minority. If you want stricter rules passed on businesses, Ordinances, or other areas, then the person requesting the change needs to have a majority approval. If there is not a majority approval, then the Council will not look into the change, barring it is not in regards to a safety issue. The Council cannot be making changes based off what a couple of people want, if you don't have a majority, then we will not look into it. I think that we need to make a clear change moving forward on how we handle complaints, and I am happy that there is a consensus within the Council to do so. We want to take care of the issues of the community, but our first job is the will of the majority. Every citizen holds equal power, whoever holds the majority holds the power.

Discussion was held on the Animal Ordinance. After considerable discussion during the work session and the regular meeting, the Council decided to leave the Animal Ordinance as it is currently stated and not make any additional changes at this time. The Council then requested that the city clerk send a letter to the property owner at 207 N. Ellis Street requesting that any animals in violation of the Animal Ordinance are to be removed from the Keota city limits within sixty (60) days.

The Mayor stated that two bids were turned in for the 2020 Keota Cemetery Mowing season. The bids were opened, reviewed, and thoroughly discussed by the Council. Motion was made by Rod Hill to approve the bid presented by Jeff Garman. Curt Burroughs seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Ayes – Burroughs, Conrad, Hill; Nays – Bender; Abstain – Greiner; Absent – None. Motion passed with a majority vote.

Motion was made by Mike Bender to approve Resolution 2020-01: Purchase Agreement for 105 N. Davis Street to Miss Emma LLC. Curt Burroughs seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Ayes – Burroughs, Conrad, Bender, Hill; Nays – None; Abstain – Greiner; Absent – None. Motion passed with a majority vote.

Motion was made by Keith Conrad to set the FY21 Budget for Expenditures meeting for Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at Keota City Hall. Curt Burroughs seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Motion was made by Keith Conrad to approve the liquor license for County Line Mart LLC. Mike Bender seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Clerk/Council/Mayor Comments: The clerk stated that the auditors were in office this week to perform the annual exam. The rental inspections for fifteen rental properties will be done by Area XV Multi-County Housing Agency on Wednesday, January 8, 2020. Curt Burroughs requested that the following be put on the agenda for the January 20, 2020 meeting: City authorization for Misty White,

city attorney, to review road ownership of Carpenter Street and ordinance revisions. Keith Conrad stated that there are some current openings on Boards within the City and if anyone is interested in volunteering to be on said Boards to contact any City Councilman or the city clerk. He also requested that Library Report be put on the agenda to give the Library and it's Board the opportunity to come to meetings to keep the public and Council informed on the happenings at the library. Matt Greiner stated that there have been some questions about what is happening with a potential daycare at the library building. The City will be required to have an architect draw up plans of a daycare layout and present those to the State Fire Marshal. The State Fire Marshal will then review the plans and let the City of Keota know if it would even be a feasible option as a daycare. Rod Hill stated that he toured the current bank location and encouraged other Councilmen to walk thru the bank to get an idea of the space and what they would like to do with the space, He would like to see the Council decide on what changes would need to be made and apply for a grant to help with the expense. The clerk recommended that if the Museum was going to be in the basement of the bank building that the City and the Museum work together to write a grant to install an elevator. Hill also requested that the February 3 meeting be changed to February 4 due to the Iowa Caucus on February 3. The change will be put on the agenda for the next meeting to approve.

Motion was made by Rod Hill to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m. Curt Burroughs seconded the motion. Motion passed with a unanimous. The Keota City Council will meet on Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. for their expenditures meeting and on Monday, January 20, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. with review of the FY21 Revenues followed by the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m.

MAYOR ANTHONY CANSLER

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK TOMISHA HAMMES

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