

Objection Hearing
September 3, 2020

The Objection Hearing was called to order by Mayor Anthony Cansler at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 3, 2020 in the Keota City Hall at 225 E. Broadway Avenue.

Objection Hearing Panel Members in attendance were Mayor Anthony Cansler, Councilman Mike Bender, and Keota City Clerk Tomisha Hammes. Also in attendance was Nick Mahan, Christie Iosbacker, Jim Tinnes, Danielle Imhoff, Brandon Imhoff, Kathy Davis, and Curtis Burroughs.

The Mayor went through the letters that were turned into the City. Nick Mahan, petitioner, has requested to have the petition rescinded. The Mayor went through and read the names and letters from an additional 18 residents that objected to the special election requesting to be removed from the petition. The Mayor then went on to read 24 letters of objection that were turned into the City Clerk from residents not on the petition, but had objections to the City holding a special election.

There were no comments from objectors during the hearing.

Nick Mahan, petitioner, read parts of the letter that he had turned into the city clerk to rescind his petition. His reason for rescinding the petition was due to how the Council meeting was held on September 2, 2020.

There were no rebuttals from the objectors.

Discussion was held by the Panel on the petition and objections. The required number of signatures for the petition was 45, when first turned in the petition held 61 signatures. There were 19 objections submitted requesting there not be a special election and removing their names from the petition. That brought the signatures down to 42, which is under the required number making it an invalid petition.

Motion made by Tomisha Hammes to find that the petition is invalid. Mike Bender seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Ayes – Mike Bender, Anthony Cansler, Tomisha Hammes, Nays - None; Absent - None; Abstain – None.

Motion was made by Tomisha Hammes to adjourn at 8:04 p.m. Mike Bender seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 3-0 vote.

MAYOR ANTHONY CANSLER

COUNCILMAN MIKE BENDER

CITY CLERK TOMISHA HAMMES