

SEPTEMBER 7, 2021

The Keota City Council met on September 7, 2021 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: Rod Hill, Mike Bender, Keith Conrad, Heath McDonald, and Matt Greiner arrived at 7:02 p.m. City Employees present were Kevin Slaubaugh, Tonia Greiner, and Tomisha Hammes. Also in attendance was Rich Klein, Danielle Imhoff, Dan Flynn, Curt Burroughs, Jim Tinnes, Nick Mahan, Shawn Haifley, and Karen Sypherd.

Motion was made by Councilman Conrad to approve the consent agenda including minutes from the August 16, 2021 meeting and payment of bills. Councilman Hill seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

CITY OF KEOTA
SEPTEMBER 7 2021 COUNCIL MEETING
FOR PERIOD AUGUST 17 - SEPTEMBER 7, 2021

<u>PAYEE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>COMMENT</u>
ALTENHOFEN, CHERYL	\$231.52	Payroll
CONRAD, DOUGLAS L.	\$1,907.71	Payroll
GREINER, ASHLEY	\$55.66	Payroll
GREINER, TONIA	\$990.15	Payroll
HAMMES, TOMISHA	\$1,388.05	Payroll
SLAUBAUGH, KEVIN L.	\$1,571.73	Payroll
EFTPS	\$1,826.52	Employee Withholdings
IPERS	\$2,465.84	Employee Benefits
ALL AMERICAN PEST CONTROL	\$30.00	Library - Pest Control
BOVARD STUDIO	\$6,188.00	Museum - Stained Glass Window Final Payment
CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT	\$44.34	Library - 2 Large Print Books
INFOMAX OFFICE SYSTEMS	\$143.59	Library - Copier Lease
SWANK MOVIE LICENSE	\$322.00	Library - Movie License
WINDSTREAM	\$148.33	Library - Phone/Fax
WELLMARK	\$7,339.93	Employee Health Benefits
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	\$137.83	All Dept. Postage
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	\$370.87	Police - Veh. O & M/Ammo
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	\$227.59	Library - Program/Books
WINDSTREAM	\$232.05	All Dept. - Phone/Fax
TREASURER, KEOKUK COUNTY	\$9,184.00	Economic Development - Tax Payments Per Agreements
MALLEY HARDWARE	\$72.28	All Dept. Supplies
KOCH OFFICE GROUP	\$100.77	All Dept. Copier Fees
WATER SOLUTIONS UNLIMITED	\$474.98	Water - Hypochloride
ACTION SERVICES INC	\$210.00	Park - Park/KeWash Trailhead Porta Potties
VERIZON	\$40.01	Police - Hot Spot
ALLIANT ENERGY	\$8,830.05	All Dept. Gas/Electric
COX SANITATION	\$4,480.50	Garbage - Pick Up/Bags
H & M FARM & HOME	\$44.99	Sewer - Supplies
CARGILL	\$5,122.33	Water - Salt
FARMERS COOP ASSOCIATION	\$488.09	All Dept. Veh. O & M
ION ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS	\$3,637.00	Water/Sewer - Contracted Services
TOTAL	\$58,075.19	

Department Reports:

-Public Works Department – There is a proposal from French Reneker and Associates being presented later in the meeting. This is for updating the maps that lists out where all of the City’s water lines are located. The maps have not been updated since the newer lines were put in a quite a few

years ago. This will be a benefit for the new public works employee. The new public works employee is working out really well. There have been quite a few projects done since he has started last week. Ollinger Electric will be looking into replacing the current exterior lighting with LED lighting in the near future. There is a sidewalk that needs to be removed at the corner of Park Avenue and S. Iowa Street. The resident doesn't want to replace the sidewalk due to the neighbors to the north not having a usable sidewalk. The Council would like to take a look at the sidewalk before they make a decision to have the public works department tear it out without the resident replacing the sidewalk at their own expense. The City will be flushing water mains towards the end of September, beginning of October.

- Police Department – A written report was submitted. Reporting period of August 13 through August 31, 2021, there were eighteen (18) service calls/complaints and four (4) citations issued. Service Calls/Complaints: one burglary, one theft, two motor vehicle theft, one vandalism, one intoxication, one suspicion, one accident (traffic), two assist and serve, one attempt to locate, one trespass, two misc. complaints, two dog/cat/misc. animal, two domestic abuse. Citations issued: three (3) speed/alternative enforcement, one juvenile unlawful operation of golf cart.
- Wilson Memorial Library – The posts were delivered for the StoryWalk. The Washington County Conservation will get ahold of Toni to see where they want to place them along the KeWash Trail. There will be an early out craft tomorrow – kids can either do them in the library or take home the craft.
- Keota Historical Museum – Planning an Open House on October 9, 2021.

Discussion on Keota Ball Association putting up a fence. Shawn Haifley, representative for the Keota Ball Association, discussed the request for the Association to put up an outfield fence at the little field. Councilman Conrad met with Erin McGuire at the field last week to go over where the fence could be located. The Board of Adjustments will need to meet to review the location of the fence and ask the property owners for permission to put up the fence on the south side of the field. The Keota Ball Association requested to apply for the Keokuk County Endowment Foundation Grant this fall. The Council was in favor of them applying for the grant.

Discussion on Keota becoming a Second Amendment Sanctuary City. Councilman Bender stated that a resident had approached him about Keota becoming a Second Amendment Sanctuary City. He asked Curt Burroughs to come and discuss this further with the Council. Mr. Burroughs presented to the Council information about sanctuary status. He doesn't recommend passing an ordinance, which would then be a City of Keota law, in regards to the Second Amendment Sanctuary City; he instead gave options for Resolutions that the City could look into passing. The clerk reached out to the Iowa League of Cities and the City of Keota attorney about becoming a Second Amendment Sanctuary City. Both parties stated that they didn't think a city resolution making gun laws less restrictive than a federal and/or state law would hold up if challenged. Councilman Greiner and Conrad would like to see if the Keokuk County Board of Supervisors would be open to conversations about Keokuk County become a Second Amendment Sanctuary County. Councilman Greiner went on to say that there also needs to be conversations with the residents of Keota. If the residents don't want to see this go through or want it to go through, then we as elected officials need to listen to the residents.

Discussion on annexation of northeast side of Keota along Keokuk-Washington Road. Councilman Conrad met with City Attorney Temple about this new annexation proposal along Keokuk-Washington Road north of Lagos Acres. The next step would be to have a survey done. The Council requested that the city clerk contact Hart Frederick to have them come down and survey the area.

Motion was made by Councilman Conrad to approve the agreement with French Reneker and Associates to update the City of Keota water main distribution maps, water main interception maps, create GIS system map, and a list of tie in connections. Councilman Greiner seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Motion was made by Councilman Bender to approve the liquor license for Keota Eagle Foods. Councilman McDonald seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Motion was made by Councilman Conrad to approve the building permit for 212 N. Davis Street for a fence. Councilman Greiner seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Motion was made by Councilman Conrad to approve the Wellmark Grant Recipient Information for the grant that the Keota Pool Advocates received. Councilman McDonald seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Motion was made by Councilman Bender to approve Resolution 2021-38: FY21 Street Finance Report. Councilman Conrad seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Bender, Conrad, Hill, Greiner, McDonald; Nays - None; Abstain – None; Absent - None. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Motion was made by Councilman Conrad to approve Resolution 2021-39: Museum Board Members Brett Romoser and Jerilyn Klein. Councilman McDonald seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Ayes – Bender, Conrad, Hill, Greiner, McDonald; Nays - None; Abstain – None; Absent - None. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Motion was made by Councilman Bender to set the date of Halloween Trick or Treat for Friday, October 29, 2021. Business Trick or Treat will be from 3:45-5:00 p.m. and Trick or Treat in the residential areas will be from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Councilman Greiner seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

The city clerk did the first reading of Ordinance 2021-289: Animal Control – Rabies Vaccinations.

The city clerk did the first reading of Ordinance 2021-290: Golf Carts – registration requirement removed and age changed to 16 years old to drive golf carts if not going to and from the golf course.

The city clerk did the first reading of Ordinance 2021-291: ATV/UTVs – registration requirement removed.

The city clerk did the first reading of Ordinance 2021-292: Nuisances – Grass Height – height not to exceed 6 inches.

Citizen Comments: Karen Sypherd wanted to thank Councilman Bender for assisting the Keota Pool Advocates by helping them move some items recently. Dan Flynn stated that the Keota Pool Advocates will be having a Keota Pool Advocates Breakfast at the KC Hall in Harper on Saturday, September 12 from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. He also stated that on September 22, 2021, the Keota Pool Advocates will be giving a presentation to the Keokuk County Community Endowment Foundation Grant committee at the Sigourney Public Library. They will have their garage sale during the Rural Road Trip at Jim Tinnes' shop on Broadway Avenue September 24-26. There will be a tip night at the Pizza Ranch in Sigourney coming up as well. Nick Mahan said that a couple of years ago he asked about improvements to the small park across the street from the library. Councilman Conrad stated that once the pool location is established, we can look at the improvements at the park.

Clerk/Council/Mayor Comments: The city clerk presented a possible option for City of Keota Public Works shirts. The Council said to go ahead and order 5 shirts each for the public works department. Welcome to Keota cards were signed by the Council and Mayor to be sent to the two new homeowners in Keota. The last day to file papers to run for Mayor and/or Council is Thursday, September 16, 2021 by 5:00 p.m. The Keota City Hall will be open until 5:00 p.m. that day to accept papers. The Community Room is reserved for quite a few events in the month of September. If anyone

wants to use the Community Room contact city hall to find out when it is open to use. The clerk stated that she was recently appointed by Governor Kim Reynolds as a member of the Empower Rural Iowa Initiative. Councilman McDonald stated that he got his fence up. He got all the loose animals caught that were around the 202 S. Davis Street house; there is a plan to demo this house by the end of September. As for the Second Amendment Sanctuary City he would like to see what the community has to say on it and move forward from there. Councilman Greiner stated that he had family from out of town visit recently and they stated how neat it was that a small town like Keota has a trail that glows. If you haven't seen it at night, it is worth going out to look at the KeWash Trailhead. He requested that a thank you be sent to Denny Lyle. Councilman Hill thanked Curt Burroughs for coming and presenting to the Council. He reminded the Council to stop by and take a look at the sidewalk along S. Iowa Street. Councilman Conrad stated that we need to get a Zoning Meeting set up and then also a Board of Adjustments meeting. There is a section of mailboxes at the corner of Washington Avenue and Iowa Street that are leaning really bad and reflects poorly for the City of Keota. The Council requested a letter be sent to the United States Post Office that the mailboxes need to be fixed. He went on to say that the city clerk has a puppy in the office, so stop by and see the new addition. Councilman Bender thanked Curt Burroughs for doing the research he did on the Second Amendment Sanctuary City information he presented. Mayor Cansler stated that the City of Keota has steadily been making improvements. This is due to the hard work and effort that everyone has been putting in. He went on to say thank you to all the organizations, individuals, and volunteers for all the work they have been doing; it doesn't go unnoticed.

Motion was made by Councilman Conrad to adjourn at 9:01 p.m. Councilman Bender seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 5-0 vote. The City Council will next meet on Monday, September 20, 2021, starting at 7:00 p.m.

MAYOR ANTHONY CANSLER

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK TOMISHA HAMMES

These are not official minutes. These minutes will be approved at the next council meeting.