

Minutes
KEOTA CITY COUNCIL
225 E. BROADWAY AVE.
July 24th, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Cansler.

Amend Agenda – Motion made by City Clerk Horras, with the addition of Resolution 2023-68. Motion to approve was made by Conrad, 2nd by Burroughs and all in favor.

Roll call: Mayor Cansler, Councilmen Bender, Conrad, Burroughs, Greiner and McDonald were present. City employees present were City Clerk Horras, Public Works-Harmsen, and Librarian Greiner. Public present at the meeting Karen Sypherd, Cindy Detweiler, Ron Northup, Nick Mahan, Devin Krenz from ION Solutions, and Casey James from Sigourney New-Review.

Consent Agenda: Motion was made by Burroughs to approve Consent Agenda, including Agenda, previous meeting minutes from July 3rd Council Meeting - Budget review and payment of Bills. Conrad 2nd the motion and All in favor.

Bills Paid June 19th June 30th, 2023

Checks

ALL AM. TERMITE & PEST CONT.	7/15/2023	\$1.05	VERIZON	7/15/2023	\$40.01	CANSLER, ANTHONY	437.50
ALLIANT ENERGY	7/15/2023	\$5,064.77	VISION AG	7/15/2023	\$498.55	Conger, Grace R.	75.00
ALYCIA HORRAS	7/15/2023	\$358.84	VITTETOE, INC	7/15/2023	\$67.88	CONRAD, DOUGLAS L.	2,695.83
CASH	7/15/2023	\$23.38	NOLAN BURKE	7/15/2023	\$320.00	GREINER, AGHLEY	88.00
COUNTY LINE MART	7/15/2023	\$365.83	ALYCIA HORRAS	7/24/2023	\$470.04	GREINER, TONIA	1,301.50
COX SANITATION	7/15/2023	\$3,412.80	GFC LEASING - WI	7/24/2023	\$100.91	HARMSEN, MICAH	2,233.33
FARMERS CO-OP ASSN.	7/15/2023	\$751.18	IOWA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEAL	7/24/2023	\$70.00	HORRAS, Alycia A.	1,875.00
FRENCH-RENEKER-ASSC.	7/15/2023	\$2,250.00	IOWA DEPT OF NATURAL RESOURCE	7/24/2023	\$210.00	Kurth-Minard, Dawn M	892.40
IA DEPT OF NAT. RESOURCES	7/15/2023	\$98.70	MENARDS	7/24/2023	\$55.26	Lye, Olivia S.	25.00
ION ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS	7/15/2023	\$3,882.89	MID-AMERICA PUBLISHING CORP.	7/24/2023	\$149.88	Morris, Jake R.	157.50
QUILL	7/15/2023	\$103.84	MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC.	7/24/2023	\$1,418.88	Purkeypile, Addison G.	157.50
REDLINGER REPAIR	7/15/2023	\$290.85	QUILL	7/24/2023	\$312.71	Stern, Gavin	150.00
SCOTT WESTENDORF	7/15/2023	\$3,833.33	SCOTT WESTENDORF	7/24/2023	\$3,833.34	SLAUBAUGH, KEVIN L.	2,487.50
SPECTRA BUILD	7/15/2023	\$372,933.83	TYLER BOUSLOG	7/24/2023	\$100.00	Sprouse, Caden G.	172.25
U S CELLULAR	7/15/2023	\$181.05	WELLMARK	7/24/2023	\$4,807.09		
UNITED STATES POST OFFICE	7/15/2023	\$190.00	WINDSTREAM	7/24/2023	\$258.82		
US FIRST	7/15/2023	\$77.14					

Public Forum: Nick Mahan – Thanked the City for the new swings in the park across from the Library. Stated that it was the first time in a long time that there were more than 2 swings available for the kids.

Department Reports:

Public Works – Harmsen reported that he spoke with Blaine this week, from Spectra Build, and Alliant will be here to run electric and gas to the pool. Tremmel will be coming to town tomorrow to work on water and sewer hook up on new house on N. Fulton St. Harmsen has received a few complaints regarding a few yards falling behind on yard work again. There have been quite a few locates the past couple weeks with numerous projects going on around town. Harmsen will be gone August 2nd – 4th.

Police Report- Police Chief Conrad was unable to attend the meeting and Mayor Cansler shared that Conrad has officially turned in his resignation as Keota Police Chief with a final worked date of July 30th. He will be starting a new position with the Washington County Sheriff's department on July 31st and we wish him all the best.

Library – Greiner reported that for the 2 to 5 year old program there was 28 kids in attendance and she has confirmed that Miss Iowa will be here for the Princess Party in March 2024 at the library. Greiner will be out August 7th – 19th.

Museum – Sypherd reported that there was a tour last Friday with a family of about 10 people. Most from our of town and there have been some nice donations and artifacts donated to the Museum.

Pool – Gutter work is being wrapped up and the pool liner crew is to arrive by end of week to get started on that work. We are looking to still be on track for a mid-August opening date.

Clerk – Horras shared that there have been 2 new residents to come in. Computer Install/Upgrade on Tuesday the 25th and reopen of City Hall by 11am on the 26th. During training in Ames, approx.. 80% of each classroom it was stated that their cities were using the gWorks program and there were many good comments and references. There were professionals from towns of less than 200 and up to 50K in the training. August 1st – 3rd, Horras will be attending the IEDA Downtown Conference in Sioux City. During these dates, City Hall hours will be 10am – 3pm, with Utility Clerk Minard covering those.

Resolutions and Ordinances:

Resolution 2023-66 Approval of Building Permit for Chris Hunziker- Motion by Conrad, 2nd by McDonald, and All in favor.

Resolution 2023-67 Approval of Building Permit for Rod Hill- Motion by Conrad, 2nd by McDonald, and All in favor

Resolution 2023-68 Approval of Building Permit for Jesse Aller - Motion by Conrad, 2nd by Burroughs, and All in favor

New Business:

Discussion/Possible Actoin – Decision on which new meter to go with to replace the broken one in the Water Plant. Conrad asked if the meters were operated off of flow and Devin stated that they were. With that answer, Conrad suggested that we go with the slightly higher priced Mach 10 unit for longevity and performance. Bender was in agreement with this decision as it was the recommendation per the ION representatives. Burroughs asked if Micah had any performance or preference knowledge with both options and Harmsen also spoke highly of the Mach 10 option. Greiner asked if the warranty was better on one vs the other and it sounds as if they are pretty comparable. McDonald was in favor of the Mach 10 option as well. Motion to approve moving forward with the Mach 10 Meter, was made by Conrad, 2nd by Bender, and All were in favor.

Closed Session – Possible Real Estate Aquisition – Meeting called to order at 7:29pm and motion to close the session was made by Burroughs, 2nd by Conrad with All in favor. Session was closed at 7:50pm.

Closed Session – City Department Discussion – Meeting called to order at 7:52pm and motion to close the session was made by Conrad, 2nd by Burroughs, with All in favor. Session was closed at 8:39pm.

Open meeting was called back to order at 8:42pm by Mayor Cansler.

Mayor Comments: Cansler reiterated Chief Conrad's resignation as of July 31st from the City of Keota. He stated that the Safety Committee is looking at both Washington County and Keokuk County as coverage options for Keota. They are discussing price, coverage amount and any other details. At this time

we will look at all options and begin working through things like the files, evidence (that would go to Keokuk County Sheriff's office to house), equipment, etc. Then Mayor may call District 13 if needed for additional coverage from the IA State Troopers, but he highly encourages all residents pay attention and use your judgment of when to call 911 or one of the County Sheriff's departments. It is going to take longer for a response time and that is just where we are at, but Keokuk County Sheriff is our coverage and will be utilized when it is needed. Thank you to all the work that has been done on this situation from the Council Members and City employees.

Adjournment: Motion made to adjourn meeting by Conrad, 2nd by Bender, with All in favor. Time 8:45pm.

Next regular meeting, August 7th, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

Attest:

Mayor Anthony Cansler

City Clerk Alycia A Horras