January 2, 2023

The Keota City Council met on January 2, 2023 at Keota City Hall. The regular meeting was call to order at 7:01 p.m. by Mayor Anthony Cansler.

Council members answering roll call were Keith Conrad, Heath McDonald, Mike Bender and Danielle Imhoff. Councilman Matt Greiner was absent. City employees present were Brian Dickerson and Dawn Kurth-Minard. Also in attendance were Dan Flynn, Karen Sypherd, Casey James (News Review), Tonia Greiner, Rich Klein, Ron Northup, Cindy Detweiler, Janie Westendorf, Lori Hammes and Nick Mahan.

2023 Mayoral Appointments:

The mayor announced the 2023 Mayoral Appointments: Mayor Pro-Tem Keith Conrad; Council members: Keith Conrad, Mike Bender, Danielle Imhoff and Heath McDonald; City Employees Doug Conrad-Chief of Police, Kevin Slaubaugh-Public Works Director, Micah Harmsen-Public Works, Brian Dickerson- City Clerk and Dawn Kurth-Minard-Billing Clerk; Library Employees: Toni Greiner-Library Director, Ashley Greiner Librarian, Cheri Altenhofen- Librarian; Library Board members: Janie Westendorf- President, Jim Tinnes- Vice President, Dianna Sheets- Secretary, Margy Brinning- Treasurer, Joy Lyle, Mary Vittetoe, Norma Richardson and Danielle Imhoff; Museum Board members- Karen Sypherd-President, Dan Flynn- Vice President, John Greiner-Treasurer, Jill Baetsle-Secretary, Jeri Klein and Brett Romoser; City Attorneys- Misty /white, Trevanial Temple and Jason Palmer; Emergency Management Committee-Doug Conrad and Keith Conrad; Building Official/Zoning Administrator- Keith Conrad; Board of Adjustment Liaison- Keith Conrad; County Assessor Council- Anthony Cansler Keokuk/Keith Conrad Washington; 911 Board-Ryan Sieren; Library Liaison- Matt Greiner; Museum Liaison- Matt Greiner; Fire Department Liaison- Mike Bender; Ball Association Liaison- Danielle Imhoff; Pool Advocates Liaison-Heath McDonald; Keota Unlimited Liaison-Danielle Imhoff; KCCEF Representative-Heath McDonald; Code Enforcement- Heath McDonald; Official Depository- Libertyville Savings Bank; Depository limit-One Million Dollars; Official Newspaper- The News Review.Councilman Conrad motioned to approve Mayoral Appointments. Councilman Bender seconded the motion. Motion passed by a 4-0 vote. Motion was made by Councilman Conrad to approve the consent agenda including minutes from the December 20, 2022 meeting and bills for payment. Councilman McDonald seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 4-0 vote. Councilman Greiner absent.

CHERYL ALTENHOFEN	\$78.27	PAYROLL
DOUGLAS CONRAD	\$1,997.87	PAYROLL
PAUL DICKERSON	\$1,516.56	PAYROLL
ASHLEY GREINER	\$34.79	PAYROLL
TONIA GREINER	\$1,084.43	PAYROLL
MICAH HARMSEN	\$1,400.30	PAYROLL
DAWN KURTH-MINARD	\$778.99	PAYROLL
KEVIN SLAUBAUGH	\$1,650.66	PAYROLL
CENGAGE LEARNING	\$43.18	LIBRARY/ 2 BOOKS
H&M FARM & HOME SUPPLY	\$125.95	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE
WINDSTREAM	\$421.06	PHONE/ALL DEPT.
FIRST NATIONAL BANK	\$136.98	POSTAGE/WATER/SEWER
DEARBORN LIFE INSURANCE	\$85.41	INSURANCE/ALL DEPT.
CENGAGE LEARNING	\$22.39	LIBRARY/ 1 BOOK
ALLIANT ENERGY	\$4,282.23	GAS/ELECTRC/ALL DEPT.
	\$13,659.07	

Department Reports:

- -Public Works Department No report.
- -Police Department No Report
- -Wilson Memorial Library –Tonia reported that the CD's for the Library are for the new boiler when it needs to be replaced.
- -Keota Historical Museum –Karen Sypherd reported that the museum had an open house on Saturday, December 31, 2022 and Sunday, January 1, 2023. The shelving in the basement still has City records on it that needs to be removed before it can be utilized for the museum.

Motion was made by Councilman Conrad to approve Resolution 2023-01 letter to Keota Unlimited requesting funds of \$119,525.88 to pay Spectra Builders. Councilman Bender seconded the motion. Roll Call vote – Ayes from Conrad, Bender, Imhoff and McDonald. Absent – Greiner. Nays – none. Motion passed with 4-0 vote.

Motion was made by Councilman Conrad to approve and lock in the price increase from L.L. Pelling. Councilman Bender seconded the motion. Roll Call vote

- Ayes from Conrad, Bender, Imhoff, and McDonald. Nays –none. Absent Greiner. Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

Motion was made by Councilman Conrad to move the January 16th, 2023 council meeting to January 17, 2023. Councilwoman Imhoff seconded the motion. Roll call vote –Ayes – Conrad, Bender, Imhoff and McDonald. Nays – none. Absent Greiner. Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

Motion was made by Councilman Conrad to approve budget meetings for a January 9th Expenditure meeting, January 17th Revenue meeting and a special meeting on January 23rd for Tax Levy if needed. All meetings to be held at 6 pm. Councilman Bender seconded the motion. Roll call vote –Ayes –Conrad, Bender, Imhoff, and McDonald. Absent – Greiner. Nays –none. Motion passed with 4-0 vote.

Council had discussion on using Johnson County Refuse versus Cox Sanitation. They are requesting a tonnage report from the Spring and Fall cleanup as well as an address count for the city. Johnson County proposed the possibility of doing a once a month bulky item pickup per household to eliminate the spring and fall pickup. In the past, it has shown to be beneficial to the city. Ron Northup asked if they would pick up more than one bulky item per household. A sticker would have to be purchased for anything above the one bulky item a month. Councilman Bender stated he would like to do what is best for the city. Councilman Conrad stated he would like to know what the garbage trucks weigh so that the streets are not damaged. It was requested to get Larry from Cox Sanitation in to one of the next meetings to discuss some issues the citizens are experiencing. Councilwoman Imhoff will work with Alex Sales from Johnson County Refuse and give him the numbers they are requesting and get more information on the terms of a potential contract.

Motion was made by Councilman Conrad to approve Resolution 2023-02 for the Enhance Iowa CAT Grant (Community Attraction and Tourism) with a deadline of January 15, 2023. Councilman Bender seconded the motion. Roll call vote –Ayes – Conrad, Bender, Imhoff, and McDonald. Absent – Greiner. Nays –none. Motion passed with 4-0 vote.

Clerk/Council/Mayor Comments:

Mayor: The Mayor asked that the agenda be sent out to council on Thursday before a meeting so that if there are any corrections to be made, it can be corrected and send back to council before being posted on Friday. Mayor Cansler talked about getting employee evaluations completed as soon as possible.

Citizen Comments: No Comments

Council Comments: Councilman Bender thanked Micah and Kevin for their hard work on the snow removal with the past storm. He also stated that if changes are made with the sanitation company, the council is working to do what is in the best interest of the citizens of the community.

Clerk: No Comments

Motion was made by Councilman Conrad to adjourn at 8:04 p.m. Councilman Bender seconded the motion. Motion passed with a 4-0 vote. The City Council will meet again on January 9, 2023 @ 6:00pm workshop, January 17th @6:00pm workshop and Council meeting @7:00pm and January 23rd @6:00 pm workshop.

MAYOR ANTHONY CANSLER	
ATTEST:	

CITY CLERK BRIAN DICKERSON

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