

Minutes

KEOTA CITY COUNCIL

225 E. BROADWAY AVE.

April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Pro Tem. Conrad.

Roll call: Mayor Pro Tem. Conrad, Councilmen McDonald, and Burroughs were present. City employees present were Horras and Librarian Greiner. Public present Karen Sypherd, Janie Westendorf, Rich Klein, Daniel and Hannah Burroughs and Casey Jarmes from Sigourney New-Review.

Consent Agenda: A motion was made to approve Consent Agenda by Burroughs, including Agenda, previous meeting minutes from October 16<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting - Budget review and payment of Bills. McDonald 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and Conrad was in favor, and Greiner & Bender were absent.

Bills Paid March 19<sup>th</sup> thru April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024

Checks		Payroll:	
Sun and Fun Motorsports	15,812.00		
CENGAGE LEARNING	156.50		
CENTER POINT LARGE PRINT	202.41		
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	139.92		
INFOMAX OFFICE SYSTEMS	161.80	GFC LEASING-WI	165.03
Mid-America Publishing Corp	54.00	Henderson Plumbing & Htg	73.97
QUILL	85.16	HESLINGA, DIXON & HITE	400.00
WINDSTREAM	147.32	Iowa Assoc of Municipal Utilit	773.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	5,983.06	ION ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS	3,625.00
CARGILL	6,217.82	Jim Tinnes Trucking	1,950.00
DEARBORN LIFE INS COMPANY	62.01	SCOTT WESTENDORF	4,000.00
Delta Industries Inc	921.39	Trent Greiner Logging	1,400.00
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF OMAHA	833.68	WATER SOLUTIONS UNLIMITED	632.53
		<b>43,796.60</b>	<b>6,685.81</b>

Public Forum: Jess Amos shared some items to help with the promotion of Keota. In his research he found that several cities and counties in Iowa had a decrease in population. He recommended advertising or promoting Keota as the center of everywhere (Mt Pleasant, Oskey, Fairfield, Williamsburg, Sigourney, Washington, etc.). He shared that there are several USDA grants that the City could look into for funding things like Solar Power for our buildings, Sewer Plant work, Water issues and improvements, police department support, etc. He also stated that there is an item that are Pods that capture wind energy to help with electrical costs as well.

Rich Klein inquired about the plastic that was being picked up for recycle and stated that he had received a note that Cox would only be picking up clear 1 and 2 recyclables. He wanted to know what other options we have for this and it was stated that he could dispose of the other plastics at the city wide cleanup or consider putting them in with the regular garbage.

Department Reports:

Public Works –Harmsen reported that they had been busy working on normal spraying projects, cleaning up parks and getting ready to mow. Odessa was here last week finishing up small projects at the pool. We did have Ollinger Electric up at city hall doing a few odds and ends for the City. We put away quite a bit of the heavy snow equipment last week and moved out Spring equipment. They were able to run up to Iowa City and get the new Ranger last week. Kevin and Micah got the roof and windshield put on UTV today. We did have a water main break March 23-24<sup>th</sup> going to school. They got it shut down and fixed it Sunday morning when Tremmel got to town.

Library –There have been great donations for the Summer Reading Program coming in, both in monetary donations and prizes. The older Newspapers that are located upstairs are starting to come apart, so Greiner was able to work with Casey Jarmes to find someone to bind and recover the papers for continued use.

Museum- The museum will look to have a work session in the coming weeks to prepare for the items that are to be displayed when basement work is complete at City Hall.

Clerk – Finalizing our Budget and Property Tax Levy work for the Public Hearings and preparing items for submission. Currently we have had multiple issues with reports of 2 pit bull dogs roaming around the city. I have reached out to this owner in the past and continue to receive numerous reports of the banned dogs, being unleashed and roaming the city. Horras is in the process of creating and sending a letter to let about both the banned dog breed and the dogs running at large, that are out of compliance with our Ordinance. The owner will then have a set number of days to remove the dogs from City Limits or the City will be forced to remove and euthanize the dogs.

Resolutions and Ordinances:

Resolution 2024-14 Building Permit for Ron Northup – Motion to approve by Burroughs, 2<sup>nd</sup> by McDonald, Conrad in favor and Greiner & Bender absent.

- Councilman Bender joined the meeting by phone for next resolutions. -

Resolution 2024-15 Building Permit for Heath McDonald – Motion to approve by Burroughs, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bender, Conrad in favor, McDonald abstained and Greiner absent.

Resolution 2024-16 Renewal of Liquor License for the Roost – Motion to approve by Burroughs, 2<sup>nd</sup> by McDonald, Bender in favor, Conrad abstained and Greiner absent.

- Councilman Bender left the meeting. -

Resolution 2024-17 Approval of date for FY25 Budget Hearing – Motion to approve by Burroughs, 2<sup>nd</sup> by McDonald, Conrad in favor and

Greiner & Bender absent.

**New Business: None**

**Mayor Comments:** Mayor Pro Tem. Conrad shared that while we had a shorter meeting tonight, there were several important issues and items discussed in order to be worked timely.

**Adjournment:** Motion made to adjourn meeting by Burroughs, 2<sup>nd</sup> by McDonald, Conrad in favor. Time 7:28pm.

**Next regular meeting, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 7:00 pm.**

Attest:

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Mayor Anthony Cansler

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City Administrator Alycia A Horras