

Keota City Council Meeting

May 4, 2026 – 7:00 pm

Minutes

1. Call to Order

Mayor Carr called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call

- Mayor Carr – Present
- M. Greiner – Absent
- H. McDonald – Present
- C. Greiner – Present
- K. Conrad – Present
- J. Mather – Present

Staff Present:

Assistant Clerk Clarke, Public Works Director Harmsen, Librarian Greiner

Public Present:

Bruce Hardt, John Hardt, Jess Amos, Laurie Amos

2. Consent Agenda

(Routine items approved in one motion unless a Council Member requests separate consideration.)

a. Approval of Agenda

Motion by C Greiner, seconded by McDonald.

b. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

Motion by Conrad, seconded by Mather.

c. Approval of Bills

Motion by Conrad, seconded by Mather.

3. Department Reports

Public Works

Public Works Director Harmsen shared that the city's portion of the W Broadway sewer extension project was completed on Friday.

Pool World was here to clean the pool on 4/29. Filling of the pool began Thursday and was completed Monday. Harmsen stated he fired up the main pump Monday afternoon and everything is working as it should.

Both properties at 108 W Keokuk and 302 N Green have been demolished and holes filled in. Seeding has been completed at 108 W Keokuk and will be completed at 302 N Green when it dries out.

Harmsen met with Waterhouse last week to look at 506 S Fulton. Waterhouse sent a competitive bid to City Hall if we wish to go the demolition route.

Andy Romoser tore the two landings off of the library last Friday.

Routine mowing, weed eating, and spraying continue. The dump remains busy.

Harmsen reminded everyone that there is a pool board meeting at noon on Wednesday, May 6th and a Welcome Back Pool Night on Wednesday, May 13th at 6 pm.

Library

Librarian Greiner reported that the programs are going good with great attendance. Library staff are finalizing the Summer Reading Program details. Bridget (and kids) changed the Story Walk out Monday evening.

4. Resolutions & Ordinances

Resolution 2026-33 – Clerk & Asst Clerk Attend IMFOA Municipal Clerk Institute – June 2026

Motion by Mather, seconded by McDonald to approve.

Resolution 2026-34 – Liquor License for El Gringo Loco

Motion by Conrad, seconded by Mather to approve.

Resolution 2026-32 – Approval of FY27 Budget

Motion by Conrad, seconded by Mather to approve.

5. New Business

a. Discussion / Possible Action – Bridget Greiner Payroll

Motion by Mather, seconded by Conrad

C. Greiner abstained.

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b. Discussion / Possible Action – “Ten Essentials for Small Town Downtown”

Conrad gave some details about the presentation. Council members discussed the possibility of one council member being a representative for the group. Asst Clerk Clarke shared that both she and Clerk Bruns plan to attend.

c. Discussion / Possible Action – April Time Sheets and Comp Time

Motion to approve time sheets and comp time made by Conrad with a note of comp time payouts being approved by the council moving forward, seconded by McDonald.

d. Discussion / Possible Action – City of Keota Pool Cover

Public Works Director Harmsen shared a quote with the council, stating that the company is a year out. Brought up as an idea to save on heating costs, council will do more research and continue to discuss.

e. Discussion / Possible Action – Trees in the Right of Way (City Ordinance 6-15-7)

After discussion, the council suggested discussing the matter further in a work session.

f. Discussion / Possible Action – Posting New Grass & Weed Ordinance

Motion by Conrad to approve posting new grass and weed ordinance, pending setting new rates for cleaning up properties, seconded by McDonald.

g. Discussion / Possible Action – Rates for Mowing Yards & Cleaning Properties

Motion by McDonald to set the rates at \$40/hr for clearing weeds, \$150/hr for tree trimming, \$50 for mowing right of way only, and \$200 for mowing entire yard, seconded by Conrad.

6. Council Comments

C. Greiner commented that it is awesome that the pool is filled. Mather mentioned that the merry-go-round at the park needs some attention. McDonald reiterated the importance of posting a notice of rates along with the ordinance for maintaining properties. Conrad asked if it would be possible for council members to get a digital copy of the agenda before it gets posted.

7. Public Forum

Jess Amos asked for clarification as far as easements and tree trimming. Amos also asked about planting rye grass on his garden as a cover crop during the winter. Conrad stated that homeowners are also responsible for maintaining the portion of their lawn from the outer edge of the street to the outer edge of the sidewalk and trimming trees to a height of 15 feet over streets and 8 feet over sidewalks. Conrad also addressed the rye grass question, stating that there is nothing stopping residents from using rye grass as a cover crop.

8. Mayor’s Comments

Mayor Carr shared details about the upcoming annual pie contest during Fun Days, June 12th and 13th. He also congratulated the boys Keota golf team on their recent successes.

9. Adjournment

Motion by Mather, seconded by Conrad to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at: 8:01 p.m.

Mayor Ryan Carr

Attest

Asst City Clerk Kristen Clarke