

Minutes

KEOTA CITY COUNCIL

225 E. BROADWAY AVE.

June 17th, 2025

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

Roll call: Councilmen Bender, Conrad, Greiner, and McDonald were present. City employees present were PW Director Harmsen, Assistant Clerk Clarke, and Librarian Greiner. Public present were Casey Jarmes from Sigourney News-Review, Nicole Strand, Patty Tinnes, Linda Werger, Chad Greiner, and Janie Westendorf.

Consent Agenda: Motion to amend agenda to include one week of paid vacation on Resolution 2025-41 made by Bender, 2nd by Greiner, McDonald in favor, Conrad opposed. Motion to amend Consent Agenda to exclude Ava Greiner, Marlee Greiner, and Mia Conrad from payroll to be voted on separately made by Conrad, 2nd by Bender, Greiner and McDonald in favor. Motion to approve items a and b made by Conrad, 2nd by Bender, Greiner and McDonald in favor. Motion to approve Mia Conrad's pay schedule made by McDonald, 2nd by Bender, Greiner in favor, Conrad abstained. Motion to approve Ava Greiner and Marlee Greiner's pay schedule made by Conrad, 2nd by Bender, McDonald in favor, Greiner abstained. Motion to approve amended Consent Agenda by Greiner, including agenda, previous meeting minutes from June 2nd Council Meeting - budget review and payment of bills, 2nd by McDonald, Bender and Conrad in favor.

Bills Paid June 3rd – June 17th, 2025

Bills

ACCESS ELEVATOR & LIFTS, IN	6/12/2025	\$375 00
ALL AMERICAN PEST CONTROL	6/12/2025	\$70.00
ALLIANT ENERGY	6/12/2025	\$4,527 20
AREA 15 REGIONAL PLANNING	6/12/2025	\$484.38
B & L CONCRETE INC.	6/12/2025	\$3,261 25
BANYON DATA SYSTEMS, INC	6/12/2025	\$2,764.00
COUNTY LINE MART, LLC	6/12/2025	\$6.71
COX SANITATION & RECYCLING	6/12/2025	\$2,525.00
DIAMOND VOGEL	6/12/2025	\$97.50
FARMERS CO-OP ASSN	6/12/2025	\$1,058 80
H & M FARM & HOME SUPPLY	6/12/2025	\$228.44
ION ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIO	6/12/2025	\$3,822.50
IOWA ONE CALL	6/12/2025	\$37 80
KEOTA LAWN & PWR.EQUIP RP	6/12/2025	\$23.00
LIBERTYVILLE SAVINGS BANK	6/12/2025	\$10,500.00
MID-AMERICA PUBLISHING COR	6/12/2025	\$617 83
Odessa Mechanical Contracting	6/12/2025	\$510 50
Plumb Supply Company	6/12/2025	\$160 82
QUILL CORPORATION	6/12/2025	\$87.89
R & S Plumbing	6/12/2025	\$118 38
RIVER PRODUCTS COMPANY	6/12/2025	\$156 41
SIGOURNEY LUMBER	6/12/2025	\$45 24
SINCLAIR TRACTOR - SIGOURN	6/12/2025	\$77 02
SINCLAIR TRACTOR	6/12/2025	\$531 93
STATE HYGIENIC LAB	6/12/2025	\$14 50
TOWN & COUNTRY WHOLESAL	6/12/2025	\$459 86
UNITED STATES POST OFFICE	6/12/2025	\$294.00
US CELLULAR	6/12/2025	\$106 83
US FIRST	6/12/2025	\$74 01
VISION AG	6/12/2025	\$353 80
YOTTYS INC	6/12/2025	\$100 00
Total Checks		\$33,490 60

Payroll

Aller, Jessalyn J	9 23
ALTENHOFEN, CHERYL	26.89
Cave, Hadley M	0 00
Chalupa, Elizabeth M	71 58
Clarke, Kristen	1,057 25
Conger, Emily R	40.63
Conrad, Mia A	96 74
Dalton, Lamaya	62.34
Detweiler, Lexus	16.62
Dodd, Drew L	25.85
Galindo, Allie M	40 63
Galindo, Aubrey	182.40
Gearhart, Brylee R.	286.49
Gearhart, Ty J	11 09
Grandstaff, Hunter A	53 56
GREINER, ASHLEY	137.70
Greiner, Ava K.	568.94
Greiner, Bridget M.	100 69
Greiner, Emma E	144 07
Greiner, Jack L	493.60
Greiner, Marlee F.	103.89
GREINER, TONIA	1,147 01
HARMSSEN, MICAH	1,811 66
Heisdorffer, Halle A	11 09
Horras, Atycia A	693.96
Libe, Jacob A	139 21
Lyle, Elyse M.	126 99
Lyle, Olivia S.	132 06
Peterson, Maddox J	20 32
Sieren, Gavin	126 99
SLAUBAUGH, KEVIN L.	1,818 45
Sprouse, Tucker B	378 72
Swanson, Alaina	63 49
Wulff, Avalyn M	63 49

Public Forum: Linda Werger asked Councilman Bender for clarification on his reason for voting no to approve the hiring and wage of a Water Aerobics Instructor. Councilman Bender explained that the Council had come to a consensus that they would only consider hiring someone for the position if they were lifeguard certified. Werger stated that she understood and shared that 25 out of her regular 28 water aerobics participants have pool passes and would not if it weren't for water aerobics being offered. Werger also stated that some are choosing not to come due to the large number of participants and asked the Council to consider adding a couple morning sessions to alleviate some of that.

Department Reports:

Public Works – PW Director Micah Harmsen stated that playground mulch was delivered for the park last Thursday and they were able to get it in place that day. Fun Days went well. Harmsen expressed his appreciation for everyone in the community that stepped up to help make the event a success. The dump remains busy. Harmsen stated they are having some issues with people bringing building materials and trash out there so he would like the Council to advise on how to handle that. The RV Park is coming along nicely. All of the utilities have been run and now they will start working on the gravel approaches and final grading and seeding. Micah will be out of the office June 19th-20th.

Library – Librarian Greiner shared that they are halfway through the Summer Reading Program and have had good attendance so far. Keokuk County Extension Office will be at the library on Wednesday of this week followed by a Power Up Mentally Program on Friday. The lineup for next week includes a visit from the Science Heroes on Tuesday, a baseball escape room with some really awesome prizes, and the grand finale of the SRP with a reading grand slam and movie day on Friday, June 27th. Bridget Greiner represented the library with a float in the Fun Days Parade and got 2nd place in the Organizations category. Bridget held the first Books & Babies program and hopes to try it again. Saturday, June 21st at 10:00 am the library will have an informational meeting about starting a book club. The elevator was inspected on June 12th. The next board meeting will be June 23rd at 6:00.

Library Board President Janie Westendorf spoke on the importance of the services that the library provides. While helping out with a program at the library this week, she witnessed two patrons come in to use the computer and printer. They were helped by Librarian Greiner and mentioned not having access to a computer at home and expressed their gratitude for the library having that service available to the public.

Resolutions and Ordinances:

Resolution 2025-40 Approval for Proposed FY July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026 Budget Hearing Date. Motion to approve made by Bender, 2nd by Greiner, Conrad and McDonald in favor.

Resolution 2025-41 Approval of Hiring and Wage for City Clerk. Motion to approve with the amendment of adding one week of paid vacation made by Bender, 2nd by Greiner, McDonald in favor, Conrad opposed.

New Business

Discussion/Possible Action – Mayor appoints Patty Tinnes to fill the vacant Council seat. Motion to accept Patty Tinnes as next Councilmember made by Bender, 2nd by McDonald, Conrad and Greiner in favor.

Discussion/Possible Action – After discussing the possibility of amending Sections 3.4 and 4.2 of the Employee Handbook, the Mayor decided to table the discussion until the next meeting so he can confer with the League of Cities.

Discussion/Possible Action – Motion to approve donating a 2026 family pool pass for the Fire Department Raffle was made by Conrad, 2nd by Bender, Greiner and McDonald in favor.

Mayor Comments: Mayor Cansler stated that while it has been a hectic few weeks, he wanted to thank Asst City Clerk Clarke for stepping up and PW Director Harmsen for all of his help in the office and getting everything set up for Fun Days. The pool being open during Fun Days was a big hit. A lot of credit goes to the entire community. Mayor Cansler also thanked the Council for their efforts. Due to issues with building material and trash being left at the dump, the dump will be locked.

Adjournment: Motion made to adjourn meeting by Bender, 2nd by McDonald, Conrad and Greiner in favor. Time: 7:47 pm.

Next regular meeting, July 7th, 2025 at 7:00 pm.

Attest:

Mayor Anthony Cansler

Assistant City Clerk, Kristen Clarke