

**Keota City Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday, January 20, 2026 – 7:00 pm**  
**Minutes**

**1. Call to Order**

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

**Roll Call – Present:**

Mayor Carr; Council Members M. Greiner, H. McDonald, C. Greiner, J. Mather; Clerk Bruns; Assistant Clerk Clarke; Public Works Director Harmsen.

**Public Present:**

Patty Tinnes; Casey Jarmes (The News Review); Janie Westendorf; Brandon and Danielle Imhoff.

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**2. Consent Agenda**

Conrad made a motion to amend the agenda to add **Bridget Greiner payroll** under New Business. Seconded by McDonald. C. Greiner abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Conrad, seconded by McDonald, to approve the **agenda, minutes from the previous meeting, and bills**. Motion carried.

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**3. Department Reports**

**Public Works – Harmsen**

- Tremmel jetted the sewer main at the meat locker on January 15 to clear buildup; line is shared with nearby homes and requires regular maintenance. All is functioning properly.
- Staff has been busy working on the budget and FY 2027 project lists.
- Salt delivery has been received.
- All snow equipment is operating properly.
- Micah will be gone Wednesday, January 21, and Friday, January 23.

**ION – Water Plant:**

- Issues with a pump coupling were repaired.
- Next project will be fixing leaky plumbing.
- Waiting on new motors from Hupp.

**Lagoons:**

- Filters for the blowers have been ordered from Delta.

**Library**

- Coffee and quilting programs continue to be well attended.
  - Fun Fridays are a success.
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**4. Resolutions & Ordinances**

**Resolution No. 2026-3 – Authorizing the Renewal and Reinvestment of a Certificate of Deposit of Public Funds for 30 Months with Libertyville Savings Bank**

Motion by M. Greiner, seconded by McDonald, to approve. Motion carried.

**Resolution No. 2026-4 – Proposing to Dispose of Real Property and Publishing Notice of Public Hearing**

Motion by M. Greiner, seconded by Mather, to approve. Motion carried.

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**5. New Business**

**a. Minimal Property Standards**

Conrad shared that this is a good time to remind the community about city ordinances regarding lawn maintenance, weeds, and trash with spring approaching. Suggestion made to send friendly reminder letters to residents.

Janie Westendorf suggested creating a spring newsletter including upcoming community events to help make the town welcoming for visitors.

Motion by M. Greiner, seconded by Conrad, to send out a spring newsletter. Motion carried.

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**b. Pool Hiring Advertisements for 2026 Season**

Motion by Conrad, seconded by McDonald, to place advertisements to hire Pool Manager, Assistant Manager, Water Aerobics Instructor, Concession Stand Workers, and Lifeguards for the 2026 season. Motion carried.

**c. Set Pool Board Meeting**

Motion by Conrad, seconded by M. Greiner, to set the Pool Board meeting for **Monday, January 26, 2026, at noon**. Motion carried.

**d. Patty Tinnes – Keota School Topic**

Patty Tinnes shared statistics comparing Keota schools to a boarding school and expressed the importance of keeping the school in Keota.

**e. Public Hearing – 506 N. Ellis St.**

Motion by M. Greiner, seconded by McDonald, to set the public hearing for **February 2, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.** Motion carried.

**f. SafeServe Training**

Discussion only regarding sending Kristen to SafeServe training.

**g. Past Due Utility Bill**

Council discussed a past-due utility bill involving a Keota resident and how to handle the situation. Motion by C. Greiner, seconded by Mather, to table the matter. Motion carried.

**h. Bridget Greiner Payroll**

Motion by K. Conrad, seconded by H. McDonald, to approve Bridget Greiner payroll. C. Greiner abstained. Motion carried.

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**6. Council Comments**

- **Chad:** Presented a 28E agreement from the Keokuk County Sheriff's Office.
- **Keith:** Shared that the City is wrapping up the sale of the Ellis Street property and the purchase of the Green Street property.
- **John Mather:** Stated it is a good idea to begin discussions on property standards early.
- **M. Greiner:** No comments.
- **McDonald:** No comments.

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**7. Public Forum**

Casey Jarmes from *The News Review* asked questions regarding the 28E agreement.

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**8. Mayor's Comments**

Mayor Carr stated that a recent school newspaper article has been addressed and does not represent the City Council. He encouraged the public to remain open with the school board and stay informed about what is happening with the school.

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**9. Adjournment**

Motion by Conrad, seconded by McDonald, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at **7:58 p.m.**

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**Mayor Ryan Carr**

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**Hunter Bruns- City Clerk**

**Minutes Prepared by City Clerk Hunter Bruns**

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**Payroll 1/15/26**

Bruns, Hunter S	1,604.77
Clarke, Kristen	917.95
GREINER, ASHLEY	123.23
GREINER, TONIA	1,279.63
HARMSSEN, MICAH	1,863.22
Phillips, Myra	86.34
SLAUBAUGH, KEVIN L.	1,870.01
	8,642.77

Greiner, Bridget 897.62

**Bills Pd**

CARGILL, INC.	01/20/26	\$6,305.57
Cloudburst 9	01/20/26	\$331.93
COX SANITATION & RECYCLING	01/20/26	\$7,883.00
Dakota Supply Group	01/20/26	\$392.00
DELTA INDUSTRIES INC.	01/20/26	\$442.45
FARMERS CO-OP ASSN	01/20/26	\$721.74
GFC LEASING - WI	01/20/26	\$121.35
MID-AMERICA PUBLISHING CORP.	01/20/26	\$337.07
TREASURER STATE OF IOWA	01/20/26	\$9,069.68
UNITED STATES POST OFFICE	01/20/26	\$480.00
WATER SOLUTIONS UNLIMITED	01/20/26	\$729.46
WELLMARK	01/20/26	\$2,660.98
<b>Total Checks</b>		<b>\$29,495.23</b>

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