

Keota City Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 21, 2025 – 7:00 pm
Minutes

1. Call to Order

The Keota City Council meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Cansler.

Council Members Present: H. McDonald, P. Tinnes, M. Bender, K. Conrad

Council Members Absent: M. Greiner

City Staff Present: Clerk Bruns

Also Present: Casey Jarmes, News Review, Janie Westendorf, Library Board.

2. Consent Agenda

Motion by Bender, second by McDonald to approve the consent agenda including the agenda, minutes from the previous meeting, and bills.

Motion passed unanimously.

(Greiner absent.)

3. Public Forum

No public comments.

4. Department Reports

Public Works: None.

Library: Librarian Greiner was absent. Board member Westendorf reported that the coffee program continues to go well. The library is preparing for their Halloween event on October 30. The quilting group has started meeting again, and completed quilts are donated to various organizations.

5. Resolutions & Ordinances

a. Resolution 2025-66 – Switch Life Insurance Provider

Motion by Conrad, second by Bender to approve Resolution 2025-66 to switch the City's life insurance provider from Dearborn to BEAM – Nationwide with Farm Bureau.

Motion carried.

b. Resolution 2025-67 – Qualified Offer for Ellis Street Property

Correction noted that the property in question is the Ellis Street Property.

Motion by Conrad, second by McDonald to accept the qualified offer and discuss the sale during a Public Hearing on November 3, 2025.

Motion carried.

6. New Business

a. First Reading – Adoption of Sigourney Ordinance

Council Members Conrad and Bender each read portions of the new ordinance aloud for attendees.

Motion by Conrad, second by McDonald to approve the first reading of the Sigourney Ordinance adoption.

Motion carried.

b. 2026 Summer Pool Pass Promotion

Motion by Conrad, second by Bender to approve the 2026 Summer Pool Pass Promotion.

Council Discussion:

- Tinnes: Rates look good; proceed with promotion as a great way to promote the pool.
- McDonald: In favor if it helps promote pool
- Bender: Great idea; would make a nice Christmas gift.
- Conrad: Supports the promotion to help drive pool interest.

Motion carried.

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c. Donations of 2026 Family Pool Pass

Council discussed allowing donation of pool passes for local fundraisers and events.

Council Discussion:

- Bender: Asked if the City is allowed to donate; supportive if permitted.
- Conrad: Confirmed that cities can donate to organizations/events; sees it as good community outreach.
- Tinnes: Supports donations; recommends leaving discretion to the City Clerk on recipients and quantity.
- McDonald: Agreed; supports allowing the Clerk’s discretion on donations.

Council requested the Clerk provide updates at future meetings on the number of passes donated and to whom.

d. Set Public Hearing – Sale of Ellis Street Property

Motion by Bender, second by McDonald to set a Public Hearing for November 3, 2025, to discuss the sale of the Ellis Street property.

Motion carried.

7. Council Comments

- Conrad: Apologized to the community for rescheduling Monday’s meeting to Tuesday, October 21. Explained that multiple ordinance readings are intended to keep the public informed. Recommended future discussion on fines, fees, and door hanger notifications.
- Tinnes: Reported a citizen concern about trick-or-treat safety; confirmed that Micah will place a stop sign for safety. Noted the upcoming election.
- McDonald: Expanded on ordinance adoption—residents have claimed they aren’t receiving mailed violation notices. Suggested door hangers as visible notifications to ensure compliance.
- Bender: Believes the new ordinance will help clean up properties around town. Noted no bids received on the Keokuk Avenue garage and recommends proceeding with demolition.

8. Mayor’s Comments

- In contact with West Des Moines PD and Keokuk County Sheriff’s Office regarding a potential 28E agreement for police coverage.
- Reported that rental property tenants have signed new leases and are current on water bill.
- Will have an update soon regarding litigation attorney options for the City.
- Audit remains in progress and may take additional time.
- Employee evaluations are approaching.
- Budget planning will begin soon.
- Encouraged residents to get out and vote in the upcoming election; noted one more council meeting remains before Election Day.

9. Adjournment

Motion by Conrad, second by Bender to adjourn.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM.

Minutes prepared by:

City Clerk, Hunter Bruns

Approved by Council on: _____

Mayor Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Bills Pd

Entry Description	Payables	Amount
Jonathan Draker		\$200.00
CARGILL, INC		\$6,446.38
U S CELLULAR		\$234.54
BADGER METER		\$60.00
WATER SOLUTIONS UNLIMITED		\$405.75
MID-AMERICA PUBLISHING COF		\$213.25
TRENT GREINER LOGGING		\$800.00
Cloudburst 9		\$975.79
JAMES FAMILY GREENHOUSE		\$4,420.00
WELLMARK		\$2,680.98
MALLEY HARDWARE & VARIETY		\$62.02
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11 Entry(s) 0 \$16,498.71

Payroll

Bruns, Hunter S	1,604.77
Clarke, Kristen	875.55
GREINER, ASHLEY	123.23
Greiner, Bridget M.	232.36
GREINER, TONIA	1,221.54
HARMSSEN, MICAH	1,863.22
Phillips, Myra	85.57
SLAUBAUGH, KEVIN L.	1,870.01
Total	7,876.25