

Keota City Council Meeting
Monday, November 3, 2025 – 7:00 pm

Minutes

Public Hearing – Sale of Ellis Street Property to Keota Community School District

Public hearing opened at 7:00 PM. No members of the public were present.

Motion to adjourn the public hearing: **Bender, 2nd McDonald**. Motion carried.

Council Meeting

Council Present: Mayor Cansler, Council Members Greiner, McDonald, Tinnes, Conrad, and Bender.

Staff Present: Clerk Bruns, Assistant Clerk Clarke, Public Works Director Harmsen.

Visitors Present: Casey Jarmes – *News Review*.

1. Consent Agenda

Motion to approve the consent agenda: **Bender, 2nd McDonald**. Motion carried.

2. Public Forum

Casey Jarmes asked if *Council Comments* and *Mayor Comments* could be moved to before the closed session. Council agreed that change can be made.

3. Department Reports

Public Works:

Harmsen reported he has been busy winterizing city properties. The dump remains active and well maintained. A small water service leak on North Ellis Street was repaired on October 24. He plans to use the street sweeper in the coming weeks as leaves continue to fall. Pool World completed the fall winterization of the pool last Friday. Several small digging projects are planned to be completed before cold weather sets in.

Library:

No report.

4. Resolutions & Ordinances

None.

5. New Business

a. Second Reading – Adoption of Sigourney Ordinance

Ordinance read by Bender and Conrad.

Motion to approve the second reading: **Bender, 2nd Greiner**. Motion carried.

b. Approval of October Time Sheets & Comp Time

Motion to approve: **Greiner, 2nd McDonald**. Motion carried.

c. Purchase of Snow Plow

Multiple bids were presented for review. Harmsen noted that the plow purchase would be funded through a combination of the snow savings account, street equipment account, and proceeds from the sale of Kevin's old truck.

Motion by **Conrad** to purchase a *Western Wideout XL* plow and installation for **\$11,059, 2nd Greiner**. Motion carried.

6. Closed Session – Iowa Code 21.5 (Real Estate)

Motion by **Conrad, 2nd McDonald**, to enter closed session at **7:49 PM**. Motion carried.

Closed session began at **8:00 PM**.

Motion by **Conrad, 2nd McDonald**, to begin closed session. Motion carried.

Closed session ended at **8:35 PM**.

Motion by **Conrad, 2nd Bender**, to end closed session. Motion carried.

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7. Council Comments

- **Bender:** No comment.
- **Conrad:** Encouraged everyone to get out and vote; wished best of luck to all candidates.
- **Tinnes:** Urged residents to vote, study candidates, use their best judgment, stay involved, and attend meetings.
- **Greiner:** Wished good luck to all candidates. Reported approximately \$2,000 was raised at the Haunted Trail event hosted by the Keokuk County Childcare Network, noting it was a great event and that kids enjoyed volunteering.
- **McDonald:** Wished good luck to all running candidates.

8. Mayor's Comments

Mayor Cansler encouraged everyone to get out and vote, noting that the council has a lot going on.

9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: **Greiner, 2nd Tinnes**. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at **8:42 PM**.

Minutes prepared by Hunter Bruns- City Clerk

Approved Monday, November 17, 2025

Mayor Cansler

Clerk Hunter Bruns