

Keota City Council Meeting
Wednesday, February 18, 2026 – 7:00 pm
Minutes

1. Call to Order

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

2. Roll Call

Council Present:

- Mayor Carr
- M. Greiner
- C. Greiner
- H. McDonald
- J. Mather
- K. Conrad (*via phone until 7:07 p.m.*)

Staff Present:

- Clerk Bruns
- Assistant Clerk Clarke
- Librarian Greiner

Public Present:

Patty Tinnis, Jamie Waterhouse, Jaclyn Greiner, Katie Phillips (Sigourney News Review), Brandon Imhoff, Danielle Imhoff, Brian Murphy, Diana Mather, Janie Westendorf, Lori Hammes.

3. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Agenda

Motion by C. Greiner, second by Mather to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

b. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

Motion by McDonald, second by C. Greiner to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion carried.

c. Approval of Bills

Motion by C. Greiner, second by McDonald to approve the bills. Motion carried.

4. Department Reports

a. Public Works Report

Micah Harmsen reported the following:

- On Saturday, February 14, the City experienced a water main break. The repair was completed by 3:00 p.m. without shutting water off to any residents. The leak was located on East Washington Ave.
- Kevin has been cleaning up the dump site over the past week, sorting and removing ash and dirt from burnable materials.
- Public Works has been cleaning up the concrete waste pile at the sewer plant and hauling it to the dump site outside of town.
- Part of the suspended ceiling in the downstairs meeting room at City Hall has given way. Repairs will be made and updates will be provided over the next couple of weeks.
- Micah will be out of town February 19, 20, and 23.
- Micah met with Jamie Waterhouse at the North Green Street property to review a possible demolition quote (included in the packet).
- Micah also met with Taghon Tree Service to review trees in the right-of-way at the Green Street property (quote included in the packet).

b. Library Report

Librarian Greiner shared:

- Bridget did a great job covering the library while Toni was out.
- June is filled with plans and programming.
- Fun Fridays continue to have strong attendance.
- Coffee and Quilting continue to do well.

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- A Princess Party is scheduled for Saturday, March 14.
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5. Resolutions & Ordinances

Resolution 2026-10 – Appointment of Keota Community Club as Organizer of Keota Fun Days

Motion by M. Greiner, second by McDonald to approve Resolution 2026-10.

All ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution 2026-11 – Engagement Agreement Between the City of Keota and Attorney Caleb Detweiler (Brenneman, Detweiler, and Goertz, LLP)

Motion by Conrad, second by McDonald to approve Resolution 2026-11.

Motion carried.

Resolution 2026-12 – Taghon Tree Care Quote – Tree Removal

Motion by M. Greiner, second by C. Greiner to approve Resolution 2026-12.

Motion carried.

Resolution 2026-13 – Jamie Waterhouse Quote – Demolition of 302 N Green St

Motion by C. Greiner, second by Mather to approve Resolution 2026-13.

Motion carried.

6. New Business

a. Discussion/Possible Approval – 108 W Keokuk Ave: Accept Bid or Continue with Demolition

Motion by M. Greiner, second by McDonald to continue with demolition as planned.

Roll Call Vote:

- C. Greiner – Nay
- K. Conrad – Aye
- J. Mather – Nay
- M. Greiner – Aye
- H. McDonald – Aye

Mayor Carr vetoed the decision, stating he needs more time to think about the matter. The issue will be revisited in two weeks.

b. Discussion/Possible Approval – Bridget Greiner Payroll

Motion by M. Greiner, second by Mather to approve payroll.

All ayes.

C. Greiner abstained.

c. Discussion/Possible Approval – Ad in Keokuk County Visitor Guide

Motion by M. Greiner, second by McDonald to purchase the Premium Full Page ad for \$1,250.

Motion carried.

7. Council Comments

- McDonald: None
 - M. Greiner: Thanked Jaclyn Greiner for placing the bid for the W Keokuk Ave property, noting it is an unfortunate situation. Stated Keota is at a point where there is opportunity for more homes and a need to promote the school.
 - Mather: Thanked Jaclyn Greiner for caring about the community and placing the bid. Also thanked Jamie Waterhouse for all he does for the community.
 - C. Greiner: None
 - Conrad: Provided an update from a Washington County meeting. Shared he has a meeting the following day at 11:00 a.m. with a community member regarding trails. Stated he was glad the Mayor vetoed the decision regarding the W Keokuk Ave property.
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8. Public Forum

- Diana Mather: Shared that when she moved to Keota in 1991 there was nowhere to rent. Suggested creating a welcome basket/goodie bag for new residents with information on local businesses.
- Brian Murphy: Stated Keota needs to be neighborly again. Encouraged residents to help those who are unable to shovel snow or mow lawns. Shared that neighbors used to welcome one another, and he has moved several times without getting to know neighbors. Encouraged the community to work together.
- Patty Tinnes: Shared that the W Keokuk Ave house situation is difficult and either way someone will be unhappy. Stated the City is already out money on the house and believes the City needs to do something to attract people to Keota and welcome new residents.

9. Mayor Comments

Mayor Carr stated the W Keokuk Ave situation is unfortunate and apologized that it has happened in this manner. He noted there are two options and that this is an opportunity to do something for the town. He shared the decision is difficult but respects both parties. He stated he vetoed the decision to allow more time to consider the situation. He thanked Jamie Waterhouse and his family for everything they have done for the community and thanked Jaclyn Greiner for caring about the community.

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Conrad, second by McDonald.
Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Hunter Bruns – City Clerk
Passed and Approved Monday, March 2, 2026

Mayor Ryan Carr

City Clerk Hunter Bruns