

Minutes
KEOTA CITY COUNCIL
225 E. BROADWAY AVE.
July 22nd, 2024

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Mayor Cansler

Roll call: Mayor Cansler, Councilmen Conrad, McDonald, Bender, Greiner and Burroughs were present. City employees present were Horras, Harmsen and Librarian Greiner. Public present Janie Westendorf, Linda Werger and Casey Jarmes from Sigourney New-Review.

Consent Agenda: Motion to approve Consent Agenda by Burroughs, including Agenda, previous meeting minutes from July 1st Council Meeting - Budget review and payment of Bills. Conrad 2nd the motion and all in favor.

Bills Paid July 2nd thru July 22nd, 2024

Checks		Payroll:	
Wellmark	\$3535.53	Horras, Alycia	\$1915.68
Water Solutions	\$785.97	Harmsen, Micah	\$1857.79
Windstream	\$249.09	Slaubaugh, Kevin	\$1783.79
Lyle Insurance	\$1731.00	Greiner, Tonia	\$1268.99
Malley's	\$167.07	Greiner, Ashley	\$86.08
Redlinger Repair	\$466.40	Sprouse, Caden	\$775.74
Atwood Electric	\$1862.55	Morris, Jake	\$422.50
Cox Recycle	\$5432.70	Purkeypile, Addy	\$468.67
Carrico Aquatic	\$2031.40	Sieren, Gavin	\$406.34
H&M Farm	\$144.95	Conger, Grace	\$300.14
US Cellular	\$144.65	Lyle, Olivia	\$577.19
Farmers Coop	\$622.90	McCoid, Calli	\$275.20
US First	\$75.56	Swanson, Alainna	\$96.97
Badger Meter	\$60.00	Callahan, Ellie	\$210.55
Ion Environmental	\$3625.00	Detweiler, Lexus	\$131.14
Town & Country	\$668.69	Galindo, Aubrey	\$92.35
State Hygienic Lab	\$14.50	Cave, Carmelita	\$110.82
Area 15 Planning	\$475.41	Lyle, Elyse	\$57.26
McKim Tractor	\$16,450.00	Sprouse, Tucker	\$591.04
LL Pelling Co	\$57292.80	Redlinger, Jaylah	\$438.66
Post Office	\$200.00	Gearhart, Brylee	\$69.26
Scott Westendorf	\$8000.00	Gibson, Julie	\$632.65
MidAmerican	\$225.85	Greiner, Bridget	\$120.27
<u>Utility Deposit Refunds</u>			
Jeff Smothers	\$76.51		
Sheila VanGerpen	\$200.00		
9- 1 Year <u>Non Delinquent</u>	\$900.00		
	\$105,438.53		\$14,327.36

Public Forum: Linda Werger shared that she has a concern about there not being a stop sign at the corners of N Baker and N McKinley St. and the corner of N Adams St and Keokuk St. People are not stopping in the other direction and this really should be a 4 way stop to ensure safety. There have been several instances where cars, golf carts and kids on bikes have come close to being hit. She also shared that there are several people within the water aerobics group that have an interest in the pool being open through the end of September. She asked if it would be considered.

Department Reports:

Public Works –Harmsen reported that we did lose a couple of big trees from the right of way on Washington St on 7/16. Trent Greiner cleaned them up the next morning. Everything is running smooth down at the pool. Little maintenance things still popping up. Big Thanks to Kevin and Julie for keeping a watch on the pool site while he was gone through fair week. We did get the parking lot site sprayed and started laying the matting down to rock that. Tremmel should be onsite this week to work on Carpenter St water project and also to put new water and sewer service to the new construction on Washington St. Alliant has disconnected gas service at the Kerr property. As soon as the electric service has been dis-connected we will give Waterhouse the go ahead to start tearing down. Lots of spraying, mowing and weed eating still going on with the moisture we have had.

Library –Friday the 12th was the first open Friday and Bridget said it was a good start. Saturday is the Superhero Party. Toni will be on vacation during the state fair. Jainie also shared a Thank You to the Council and City for the work on the budget to increase their funds and allow the re-opening on Fridays.

Museum- Board meeting was last week.

Clerk – Horras shared that there were 5 parties and a Free Swim over the last 2 weeks at the pool. The free swim had approx. 150 attendees. The reduced hours at the pool and CH for county fair week seemed to work ok for everyone and the staff was happy with the turnout at the pool during that time. We currently have 18 more pool parties booked through Sept 1st, which is a great success. Our first Movie in the Park will be this Friday and will be “Wonka”. We will show 2 movies at the pool location following on Aug 1st and Aug 4th.

Linda will be out of state with the CYM group starting this weekend, so Horras will teach Water Aerobics in the evenings on the 29th – 31st. It was asked by a resident if this was part of her job and Horras wanted to share that, Yes, this is part of her job. We have 30 ladies that purchased season passes specifically to join water aerobics and there is anywhere from 21 – 29 attendees each day between the 2 classes. With these numbers and income from this amenity, it is the cities responsibility to ensure that the classes are honored. In turn, if our volunteer resident is unable to be at the class, Horras will step in to ensure we are meeting those needs. The pool will be utilized for strength training a few mornings next week for our KHS Volleyball team. Horras met with 3 members of the IEDA last Thursday to do a walk through at Fiddle Dee Dee and to discuss the grant that was entered for the Hulse Bldg. The walk through was successful and there was a lot good conversation about our downtown area and even other opportunities for grants to be applied for.

Resolutions and Ordinances:

Resolution 2024-50 Approval of Building Permit for Bob Schwartz– Motion to approve by Conrad, 2nd by McDonald, and All in favor.

New Business:

Discussion/Possible Action- Emergency Management Rep for Keota –Motion to table this for the next meeting, made by Burroughs, 2nd by Bender, and All in favor.

Discussion/Possible Action Pool closing for end of 2024 season – Motion to authorize City Admin and Pool Board to make a decision on the closing date, with staff and weather permitting, made by Burroughs, 2nd by Bender and All in favor.

Discussion/Possible Approval Payroll for Reese and Brynn Conrad - Motion to approve made by Bender, 2nd by Greiner, McDonald & Burroughs in favor, and Conrad Abstain.

Discussion/Possible Approval Payroll for Ava and Marlee Greiner - Motion to approve made by Burroughs, 2nd by Conrad, McDonald & Bender in favor, Greiner abstain.

Discussion/Possible Action Part time Clerk help for City Hall – Motion to authorize City Admin, Public Works Director and the Hiring Committee to set the wage and post for PT clerk help, made by Burroughs, 2nd by Bender, All in favor.

Mayor Comments: Mayor Cansler thanked the Council, City employees for all that they do to keep things running and in order.

Adjournment: Motion made to adjourn meeting by Conrad, 2nd Bender, and All in favor. Time 8:10pm.

Next regular meeting, August 5th, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

Attest:

Mayor Anthony Cansler

City Administrator Alycia A Horras