

Minutes
KEOTA CITY COUNCIL
225 E. BROADWAY AVE.
August 5th, 2024

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Cansler

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

Consent Agenda: Motion to Amend the agenda made by Burroughs, 2nd by McDonald, Conrad & bender in favor, and Greiner absent. Motion to approve Consent Agena by Burroughs, including Agenda, previous meeting minutes from July 22nd Council Meeting - Budget review and payment of Bills. Bender 2nd the motion, Conrad & McDonald in favor and Greiner absent.

Bills Paid July 23rd thru August 5th, 2024

Checks

ALLIANT ENERGY	8/5/2024	\$6,748.71
ASHLEY GREINER	8/5/2024	\$215.00
ATWOOD ELEC.	8/5/2024	\$330.00
CASH	8/5/2024	\$100.00
COX SANITATION & RECYCLING	8/5/2024	\$3,351.00
FARMERS CO-OP ASSN	8/5/2024	\$764.62
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OMAHA	8/5/2024	\$1,922.71
GFC LEASING - WI	8/5/2024	\$100.91
HESLINGA LAW FIRM	8/5/2024	\$100.00
ION ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIO	8/5/2024	\$3,647.00
MAHASKA	8/5/2024	\$273.42
MALLEY HARDWARE & APPL	8/5/2024	\$57.04
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC	8/5/2024	\$5,764.19
QUILL CORPORATION	8/5/2024	\$91.12
STATE HYGIENIC LAB	8/5/2024	\$14.50
TOWN & COUNTRY WHOLESAL	8/5/2024	\$660.20
TREMEL BACKHOE SERMCE	8/5/2024	\$12,100.00
TRENT GREINER LOGGING	8/5/2024	\$1,100.00
US CELLULAR	8/5/2024	\$144.73
US FIRST	8/5/2024	\$76.00
VITTETOE, INC	8/5/2024	\$6.50
WASH. COUNTY CLERK OF COU	8/5/2024	\$95.00
Total Checks		\$37,662.65

Payroll:

SLAUBAUGH, KEVIN L	\$4,695.14	Greiner, Bridget M.	\$158.63
GREINER, ASHLEY	\$86.06	Dalton, Lamaya	\$121.91
GREINER, TONIA	\$2,593.64	Callahan, Etie	\$265.96
ALTENHOFEN, CHERYL	\$150.60	Galindo, Aubrey	\$162.54
HARMSEN, MICAH	\$5,562.71	Lyle, Elyse M.	\$90.50
Horras, Alycia A	\$5,416.27	Conrad, Brynn M.	\$149.61
Purkepile, Addison G.	\$295.68	Conrad, Reese R.	\$470.98
Greiner, Ava K.	\$238.04	Sprouse, Tucker B.	\$517.16
Sprouse, Caden G.	\$966.48	Gearhart, Brylee R.	\$242.42
Sieren, Gavin	\$458.33	Gibson, Julie A.	\$735.35
Conger, Grace R.	\$209.22	Cave, Camelia	\$36.94
Morris, Jake R.	\$439.80	Greiner, Marlee F.	\$110.82
Lyle, Olivia S.	\$320.38	Redlinger, Jaylah M.	\$327.84
McCoid, Cali	\$198.24	Detweiler, Lexus	\$121.91
Swanson, Alaina	\$290.90		

Public Forum: Nick Mahan discussed the minimal work that has been done to update the small park on the North side of Keota. He stated that he asked about getting an updated trash can with a lid so that kids could not dump and spread the trash in the park and that it took 9 months to get one. Mahan questioned the grant that had been applied for, for 25,000.00 to allow for a potential RV park near Wilson Park and haw that would benefit the community vs. items like a pickleball court or dog park being put in at the North Park.

Rich Klein asked where we were at with the water upgrade and possibly going to rural water. Harmsen responded that we are at a stand still with that project right now and waiting on additional testing and information before moving in any direction.

Department Reports:

Public Works –Harmsen reported that Tremmel has been in town working on water main project. We have one block of the 6” main laid. We will start laying the other block this week. We also capped the water and sewer at the Kerr property and Waterhouse was in last week and finished up their work late last week. We will get that lot seeded down yet this week. The parking lot project for the pool is done and Kevin did a lot of that work to get it done so quickly. Kevin ahs been keeping up with the mowing and dump. We did have a mid year inspection at the pool last week. Everything came back good and they praised us on testing and charting maintenance. Odessa was here last week to finish up some of their GFCI Protection work. The fixtures that they had ordered were not correct and they will be on site with the new ones when it arrives.

Library – Janie reported that the gutter work at the library was finished last week. Coffee hour continues to go very well. The Superhero party was last week and 8 kids and 9 adults attended the event. They will have a table set up to visit with families at back to school night.

Museum- Last week a former local family donated 3 original matted and framed Singmaster horse prints for the museaum. Two of them have the horses names and one does not. The artist was Lou Burk who did most of the Singmaster prints and is a wonderful addition to the museum. Officers were voted on: Pres-Brett Romoser, VP-Karen Sypherd, Sec-Jill Baetsle, Tres-John Greiner.

Clerk – Horras shared that we have 3 new residential accounts this week. The first 3 movies have gone well. The movie at the park was good with about 30 people in attendance. The movies at the pool were both very good with approx. 45 and 73 attending the 2 movies. The next movie is scheduled to be at the park again on 8/24 at 8:30 and will be the movie “IF”. We had a pool inspection last week that went very well and they were very impressed with our performance and ability to hit the ground running with our first season. The property on Broadway is down and is looking good. Thank you to Kevin and Micah for getting the new pool parking lot completed so quickly. There have been several compliments on the lot and it has already started to get use. There has been a 10% increase in sign ups for the auto payment system with Horras urging customers to utilize this function and working with habitually late payees to consider this option. Horras also shared some information on the REAP grant and what she would like to propose applying for with that grant.

Resolutions and Ordinances:

Resolution 2024-51 Approval of Submission for the 2024 REAP grant– This would be to further our recreation park area with the addition of an RV parking area located at the Green St property, closing off the E Park Ave location between the ball field and Wilson park, 2 new 3 way water fountains for the RV park area and the Wilson Park area, and horticulture “fencing” to separate the housing behind the small ball field and the Green St property. Motion to approve by Conrad, 2nd by Bender, Burroughs & McDonald in favor and Greiner absent.

New Business:

Discussion/Possible Action- Emergency Management Rep for Keota –Jorie Altenhofen shared some info on the quarterly meetings that are held for the Keo Cty Emergency Management. Mayor Cansler & Councilman Conrad will attend these meetings to represent Keota.

Discussion/Possible Action – Stop Signs added in town – Motion was made to authorize the Safety Committee to discuss and place signs in the effected areas made by Burroughs, 2nd by McDonald, Conrad & Bender in favor and Greiner absent.

Discussion/Possible Action- Approval for some memory/clean up work on the 2nd pc and laptop at CH – Motion to authorize City Admin to move forward with scheduling some work on the 2nd PC in the office and to bring a quote back to the council to replace the current CH laptop to the next meeting, made by Burroughs, 2nd by McDonald, Conrad & Bender in favor and Greiner was absent.

Discussion/Possible Approval – Approval of funds for pool staff party to celebrate our first season open – Motion to approve a pool party/rental and a budget of up to \$300.00 made by Conrad, 2nd by McDonald, Bender & Burroughs in favor and Greiner absent.

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

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

Discussion/Possible Approval Benefit time for City Employees – Motion to approve May, June and July city employee benefit time, made by Conrad, 2nd by Burroughs, Bender & McDonald in favor and Greiner absent.

Motion to move to closed session by Conrad, 2nd by Bender, McDonald and Burroughs in favor and Greiner absent.

Closed Session: Iowa Code 21.5, Sub Section J – Possible Acquisition of Real Estate – Session called to order by Mayor Cansler at 8:24pm. Council meeting back to order at 9:07 by Mayor Cansler.

Mayor Comments: Councilmen Bender and McDonald, Administrator Horras and I met to discuss the part time clerk position for City Hall. This posting will go out in the newspaper on 8/7/24. Mayor Cansler is going to work with Bender and Horras to get some more information on requirements for part time PD coverage of Keota so that we can continue to look at options in this area. Thank you to all departments for their hard work.

Adjournment: Motion made to adjourn meeting by Burroughs, 2nd Conrad, McDonald & Bender in favor and Greiner absent. Time 9:11pm.
Next regular meeting, August 19th, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

Attest:

Mayor Anthony Cansler

City Administrator Alycia A Horras