

Minutes

KEOTA CITY COUNCIL

225 E. BROADWAY AVE.

December 16th, 2024

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

Roll call: Councilmen McDonald, Conrad and Bender were present. City employees present were Administrator Horras, PW Director Harmsen and Librarian Greiner. Public present Patty Tinnes, and Casey Jarmes from Sigourney New-Review.

Consent Agenda: Motion to amend the agenda to add Resolution 2024-77 and 2024-78, and discussion about the ice storm clean up to the agenda, made by Conrad, 2nd by Bender, McDonald in favor, and Greiner & Burroughs absent. Motion to approve Consent Agenda by Conrad, including Agenda, previous meeting minutes from November 18th Council Meeting - Budget review and payment of Bills. Bender 2nd the motion, McDonald in favor and Greiner & Burroughs absent.

Bills Paid November 3rd thru December 16th, 2024

Checks

382976	ALL AMERICAN PEST CONTROL	\$70.00	ALTENHOFEN, CHERYL	112.95
382977	COX SANITATION & RECYCLING	\$4,637.00	BENDER, MIKE	872.71
382978	DELTA INDUSTRIES INC.	\$1,334.24	BURROUGHS, CURTIS	1,195.93
382979	FARMERS CO-OP ASSN	\$378.17	CANSLER, ANTHONY	404.04
382980	H & M FARM & HOME SUPPLY	\$170.94	CONRAD, KEITH	1,713.09
382981	IOWA ONE CALL	\$18.00	Fisher, Tabitha C	83.11
382982	MALLEY HARDWARE & APPL.	\$468.41	GREINER, ASHLEY	77.45
382983	RIVER PRODUCTS COMPANY	\$172.00	Greiner, Bridget M.	201.38
382984	TREMMELE BACKHOE SERVICE	\$4,797.25	GREINER, MATT	452.51
382985	US CELLULAR	\$118.13	GREINER, TONIA	1,177.80
382986	UNITED STATES POST OFFICE	\$220.00	HARMSEN, MICAH	1,808.19
382987	WATER SOLUTIONS UNLIMITED	\$726.55	Horras, Alycia A	1,922.15
382988	WINDSTREAM	\$249.64	MCDONALD, HEATH	1,228.25
			SLAUBAUGH, KEVIN L.	1,789.25
		13,357.33		13,038.81

Public Forum: Patty Tinnes – 308 N Ellis St stated that she appreciated the offer to open up the Community Room at City Hall during the ice storm to anyone that was unable to stay warm.

Department Reports:

Public Works –Harmsen reported that Tremmel came to town Dec 4th and they fixed the sink hole in Broadway that has gotten substantially worse over the past 2 months. We also did work on the sewer at county line mart and have found that they gave a service leak that will need dug up and fixed this week. While he is in town, I have located 2 other water hut offs that need fixed. We did have some extra hours this past weekend with the ice storm between pushing limbs out of the roadway and throwing salt out. Did get a large percentage of the shop cleaned out and things put away for winter. This has really helped give us some room to general maintenance and have room to work on things. Harmsen will be out of the office Dec 19 and 20 for wisdom teeth extraction.

Library – Librarian Greiner shared that there was a great turn out on the 7th for the Christmas Party. 122 people, with 56 of those being kids participated in the ornament making and cookie decorating. The library will be closed Christmas Eve & Christmas Day, as well as New Years Eve and New Years Day. The next board meeting will be Monday the 23rd at 6pm.

Museum- The museum had a great turn out at Christmas in Keota and the “find a pig” game was a huge success.

Clerk – Horras shared that the SFR was accepted and Complete for FY24. Christmas in Keota on 12/7, was a success. There were approximately 180 riders for the carriage rides, great funds collected for the food pantry, thanks to Tina Schmitt, Standing room only at bingo at the VFW, a great crowd at the Bakery for cookies and hot cocoa, etc. Horras reported that there were 38 GB house kits passed out to participate in the contest and 30 that were brought back in completed. Horras shared that the surveyor is working to finalize paperwork on the area that is being separated off of the small park for development. She also spoke with the realtor to get things going and get a purchase agreement in place for both this property and the Dalton property across from the school. She will begin work on separating the abstract for the parcel that is to be sold. In working with Lyle Insurance and EMC, there the property at 108 W Keokuk St has been added to the Cities policies. We had interviews last Wednesday and will do one final interview tomorrow, with the candidates for the part time City Clerk Assistant position. There have been many pools passes purchased already for next summer and we have brought in over \$2k in revenue. Winter MPI training is in Feb. 5th – 7th and registration opens after the new year. Horras will sign up for the 8 hours she needs during this training time. City Hall will be closed this Thursday as Horras takes a day of vacation. She will also be taking the next 2 Thursday’s off during the Christmas and New Year weeks. City hall will be open on Monday and Friday both of the next 2 weeks for holiday closures. Horras did turn in an application for the Emergency Road Sign package Grant this week.

Resolutions and Ordinances:

Resolution 2024-74 Approval of FY26 wage Kevin Slaubaugh– Motion to approve by Bender, 2nd by McDonald, Conrad in favor and Greiner & Burroughs absent.

Resolution 2024-75 Approval of FY26 wage Micah Harmsen– Motion to approve by Conrad, 2nd by McDonald, Bender in favor and Greiner & Burroughs absent.

Resolution 2024-76 Approval of FY26 wage Alycia Horras– Motion to approve by Bender, 2nd by Conrad, McDonald in favor and Greiner & Burroughs absent.

Resolution 2024-77 Approval of FY26 wage Tonia Greiner, Ashley Greiner, Cheryl Altenhofen– Motion to approve by Conrad, 2nd by Bender, McDonald in favor and Greiner & Burroughs absent.

Resolution 2024-78 Approval of FY26 wage Bridget Greiner– Motion to approve by Conrad, 2nd by Bender, McDonald in favor and Greiner & Burroughs absent.

New Business:

Discussion/Possible Action – Communication for PD items, cases, or any other Keota PD information. Motion to approve the mayoral policy to request written requests for any Police Department information, items, etc. made by Conrad 2nd by McDonald, Bender in favor and Greiner & Burroughs absent.

Discussion/Possible Action – January 20th meeting to move to January 21st due to MLK Day. Motion to approve made by Conrad, 2nd by McDonald, Bender were in favor and Greiner & Burroughs absent.

Discussion/Possible Action – Ice Storm Clean Up. Agreement to ask residents to get their storm debris cleared and cleaned up by the end of the calendar year. To ask them to make every effort to get their items out to the dump, and to offer phone numbers of individuals that can be hired out to help. Then to state that if they absolutely can't get their limbs out to the dump, Harmsen will come along with the grapple on Monday to collect any limbs that are sitting at the edge of the resident's property to haul off for them. He will not come on to the resident's property to get them. Motion made by Conrad, 2nd by McDonald, Bender in favor and Greiner & Burroughs absent.

Mayor Comments: Mayor Cansler expressed his appreciation for a job well done in clearing the streets and getting things cleaned up from the ice storm. He shared that we are 2/3 of the way through our interviews and will have the last one tomorrow to then look at moving forward with getting a PT person in the city hall office. Cansler has been in contact with Casey Hinah about some PT coverage through Keota as well as looking at selling our PD truck to them to utilize. Mayor Cansler then offered a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone.

Adjournment: Motion made to adjourn meeting by Conrad, 2nd by McDonald, Bender in favor and Greiner & Burroughs absent. Time 7:59pm.

Next regular meeting, January 6th, 2025 at 7:00 pm.

Attest:

Mayor Anthony Cansler

City Administrator Alycia A Horras