

Minutes

KEOTA CITY COUNCIL

225 E. BROADWAY AVE.

January 6th, 2025

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

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

Consent Agenda: Motion to approve Consent Agenda by Conrad, including Agenda, previous meeting minutes from December 16th Council Meeting - Budget review and payment of Bills. McDonald 2nd the motion, Bender & Greiner in favor and Burroughs absent.

Bills Paid December 17th thru January 6th, 2025

Checks

382999	ALLIANT ENERGY	\$7,166.24		
383000	BADGER METER	\$60.00		
383001	BRETT ROMOSER	\$374.79		
383002	DEARBORN LIFE INSURANCE COMPAN	\$62.01		
383003	DELTA INDUSTRIES INC.	\$68.03		
383004	FIRST NATIONAL BANK OMAHA	\$2,261.51		
383005	Garden & Associates, LTD.	\$1,582.16	GREINER, ASHLEY	195.79
383006	GFC LEASING - WI	\$100.91	Greiner, Bridget M.	78.32
383007	IDEAL READY MIX CO., INC.	\$480.00	GREINER, TONIA	1,380.30
383008	ION ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIONS	\$3,997.00	HARMSSEN, MICAH	1,808.19
383009	Karen Sypherd	\$175.00	HORRAS, Aiyela A	1,922.15
383010	KEOTA LAWN & PWR.EQUIP.RPR.	\$260.25	SLAUBAUGH, KEVIN L.	1,789.25
383011	LYLE INSURANCE AGENCY	\$128.00		
383012	MID-AMERICA PUBLISHING CORP.	\$6.81		
383013	WELLMARK	\$3,535.53		7,174.00

Public Forum: None

Department Reports:

Public Works –Harmsen reported that they continued to work on cleaning up the branches from the ice storm. They have worked a total of 6 days on this, with the initial 2 days totaling 34 dump truck loads of limbs to the dump.

Library – Librarian Greiner shared that the library has been a recipient of the Brownstone Book Fund out of New York. They received 100 free children’s books to add to our library with only a handful being books that we already have on hand. The boiler inspection was done at the library and has checked out well. There is a new Fun Friday schedule for January out on Facebook and this program continues to be successful.

Clerk – Horras shared that we were able to sell \$3200.00 in season passes for the pool, as Christmas gifts this year, to get our season started and people seem really excited about the idea of this as a gift to give and receive. She is working on 3 grant submissions for the month of January that are due the 15th and 31st, with 2 more coming up to be due in February. Budget workshops are scheduled for Monday the 13th and 27th. Interviews for the PT City Clerk assistant position have been done and a candidate has been chosen. We will approve and conclude this process at the meeting tonight. Horras will attend through Zoom meeting, MPI training Feb 5th – 7th, with only the 6th being a day to fully close City Hall. The other 2 days it will open by noon. KHS homecoming will be Friday the 24th of January and the city has purchased small basketballs with the city logo to throw out at the game or pep rally. We would like to plan a work session before the meeting on the 21st to discuss items around the work on the house at 108 W Keokuk Ave.

Resolutions and Ordinances:

Resolution 2025-01 Financial Support of Area 15 Regional Planning Commission– Motion to approve by Conrad, 2nd by Bender, McDonald & Greiner in favor and Burroughs absent.

Resolution 2025-02 Approval of Hiring and Wage for PT City Clerk Assistant– Motion to approve by Conrad, 2nd by Greiner, Bender & McDonald in favor and Burroughs absent.

Resolution 2025-03 Tax Abatement for Jackie and John Morgan– Motion to approve by Bender, 2nd by McDonald, Conrad & Greiner in favor and Burroughs absent.

Resolution 2025-04 Approval of Insurance Policy and Proration price for addition of property– Motion to approve by Bender, 2nd by McDonald, Greiner & Conrad in favor and Burroughs absent.

Ordinance 2025-307 Amendment to City of Keota, Iowa 2017 Codebook of Ord. – Regulating Peddlers, Solicitors and Transient Merchants

- a. First Reading of Chapter 8, Section 6 & 7, License Fee & License Issuance and Terms
- b. Potential Waiving of 2nd and 3rd Readings of Chapter 8, Section 6 & 7, License Fee & License Issuance and Terms- Motion to wave made by Greiner, 2nd made by McDonald, Greiner & Conrad in favor, and Burroughs absent.
- c. Potential Approval of Chapter 8, Section 6 & 7, License Fee & License Issuance and Terms – Motion to approve made by Greiner, 2nd by McDonald, Conrad & Bender in favor, and Burroughs absent.

New Business:

Discussion/Possible Action – Information in the Keokuk County Visitor’s Guide – Motion to approve a ½ page ad made by Greiner, 2nd by Conrad, Bender & McDonald in favor and Burroughs absent.

Mayor Comments: Mayor Cansler welcomed Kristen Clarke as a new employee to the City of Keota. He stated that the new snowflake lights downtown look very nice and helps to make the downtown more inviting to guests and residents. Cansler is still working with Keokuk

County Sheriff's office to firm up numbers for part time police coverage for Keota and the potential of selling the PD truck as well to support some of this. Thank you to everyone for their hard work.

Adjournment: Motion made to adjourn meeting by Conrad, 2nd by Bender, McDonald & Greiner in favor and Burroughs absent. Time 7:55pm.

Next regular meeting, January 21st, 2025 at 7:00 pm.

Attest:

Mayor Anthony Cansler

City Administrator Alycia A Horras