

Minutes

KEOTA CITY COUNCIL

225 E. BROADWAY AVE.

February 18th, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 7:02pm by Mayor Cansler

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

Consent Agenda: Motion to approve Consent Agenda by Conrad, including Agenda, previous meeting minutes from February 3rd Council Meeting - Budget review and payment of Bills. Bender 2nd the motion, McDonald in favor and Burroughs & Greiner absent.

Bills Paid February 4th thru February 18th, 2025

Checks

AREA 15 REGIONAL PLANNING	2/18/2025	\$1,250.00
COX SANITATION & RECYCLING	2/18/2025	\$11,110.00
DELTA INDUSTRIES INC	2/18/2025	\$1,412.47
FARMERS CO-OP ASSN	2/18/2025	\$2,179.30
H & M FARM & HOME SUPPLY	2/18/2025	\$24.40
MID-AMERICA PUBLISHING COR	2/18/2025	\$68.60
UNITED STATES POST OFFICE	2/18/2025	\$220.00
US CELLULAR	2/18/2025	\$120.79
WATER SOLUTIONS UNLIMITED	2/18/2025	\$666.25
WELLMARK	2/18/2025	\$3,535.53
WINDSTREAM	2/18/2025	\$255.57
Total Checks		\$20,842.91

Payroll

Clarke, Kristen	253.16
Fisher, Tabitha C	110.82
GREINER, ASHLEY	180.72
Greiner, Bridget M.	156.63
GREINER, TONIA	1,110.30
HARMSEN, MICAH	1,808.19
Horras, Alycia A	1,922.15
SLAUBAUGH, KEVIN L.	1,789.25

Public Forum: None

Department Reports:

Public Works –Harmsen reported that regular maintenance on snow equipment has been done with the recent snow activity. Reminder to residents that have crawl spaces, that with the subzero temps, to let their water drip at night if pipes are not insulated well. Have had a couple people have issue with frozen water lines with the extreme cold. SEI Drain and excavating was in town to fix a sewer service line at 205 W Broadway, where we found a ground rod from KCTC pedestal had been driven through sewer service line. KCTC has been notified. Still working on getting together more information for possible new shop with numerous different companies. Hope to have that all together before the next meeting. Sewer pipe for 1st stage of sewer project has been ordered from Hickenbottom. That should be delivered in the next 10 days to hopefully start once frost is out. Harmsen will be out of town Feb 19th for the State Wrestling Tournament.

Library – Librarian Greiner shared that Fridays Fun Valentines Party was a huge hit. Still having large groups for coffee on Mondays. Blind date with a book has gone over really well. Princess Party is March 8th, already have 19 signed up. We quilted yesterday morning and sent 5 to the Keota nursing home. The next Library board meeting will be Monday February 24th @ 6 pm.

Clerk – Horras shared that we had one new resident. Training has been going great. We were awarded the Alliant Energy/Trees Forever grant through the One Million Trees planted program. The award is for \$4420.00 to purchase the trees for our horticulture fencing in our park area. Sadie Martin and Nick McGrath will be working with us and coming in the next week to look at the area we are working with and to discuss the appropriate species for planting. Liquor license renewals are coming in and Horras is working on getting these approved. In discussions at our Community Club meeting, we discussed working together with Keota Unlimited, the community Club and the City to partner together for the grand opening of our new businesses. We will start with the reopening of Malley Hardware and Variety and get ready for the opening of the Keota Clinic as well. Horras is looking at the AARP grant to work on funding for a pickleball court potentially for our park area. Horras is working on paperwork to move forward with a special levy on a resident’s property due to lack of payment. Horras will have surgery on March 6th. She will be off March 6th – the 13th, with plans to return on Friday the 14th to complete needed work. City Hall will be open with Kristen working during this time and the posted hours for that time frame will be 10am – 2pm

Resolutions and Ordinances:

Resolution 2025-06 Approval for County Lein on property. Motion to approve made by Bender, 2nd by McDonald, Conrad in favor and Burroughs & Greiner absent.

Resolution 2025-07 Approval for AARP Grant submission. Motion to approve made by Bender, 2nd by Conrad, McDonald in favor and Burroughs & Greiner absent.

Councilman Greiner joined the meet by phone for the next Resolution at 7:34pm.

Resolution 2025-08 Approval of Liquor License for The Roost. Motion to approve made by Bender, 2nd by McDonald, Greiner in favor, Conrad Abstained and Burroughs absent.

New Business

Discussion – Fire Department Agreement – Motion made to table this item to the next meeting and to have Ryan Sieren join the conversation, made by Bender, 2nd by Conrad, McDonald in favor and Burroughs & Greiner absent.

Discussion/Possible Action – Main Street Committee – Working with a Council Member as a liaison to work with a committee to make the business area more user friendly and inviting. Mayor Cansler appointed Councilman Conrad as the liaison and a motion was made by McDonald, 2nd by Bender, Conrad in favor and Burroughs & Greiner absent.

Discussion/Possible Action – Fun Days activities and the use of City Property. The Aquatic Foundation and Museum Boards would like to host the BBQ Cook Off and Pie Baking Contests again. Horras shared that they have requested to use the parking area behind City Hall, the

community room, conference room and street next to City Hall on Friday, June 13th for these activities. Horras asked for a motion to approve this usage. Motion made by Conrad, 2nd by McDonald, Bender in Favor and Burroughs & Greiner absent.

Mayor Comments: Mayor Cansler thanked everyone for all of their hard work.

Adjournment: Motion made to adjourn meeting by Bender, 2nd by Conrad, McDonald in favor and Burroughs & Greiner absent. Time 7:43pm.

Next regular meeting, March 3rd, 2025 at 7:00 pm.

Attest:

Mayor Anthony Cansler

City Administrator Alycia A Horras