

Minutes

KEOTA CITY COUNCIL

225 E. BROADWAY AVE.

April 7th, 2025

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

Roll call: Councilmen McDonald, Greiner, Conrad, Burroughs and Bender were present. City employees present were Administrator Horras, PW Director Harmsen, Clerk assistant Clarke and Librarian Greiner. Public present was Rich Klein, Chad Greiner, Joel Ackerman, Patty Tinnis, Joe Sieren, Janie Westendorf, and Casey Jarmes from Sigourney New-Review.

Consent Agenda: Motion to Amend the agenda to add Resolution 2025-20 made by Conrad, 2nd by McDonald and all were in favor. Motion to approve Consent Agenda by Burroughs, including Agenda, previous meeting minutes from March 3rd Council Meeting - Budget review and payment of Bills. Greiner 2nd the motion, all were in favor.

Bills Paid March 18th thru April 7th,2025

| Checks | | | Payroll | | |
|----------------------------|-----------|------------|----------------------------|----------|------------|
| ALLIANT ENERGY | 3/31/2025 | \$1,880.61 | | | |
| ALYCIA HORRAS | 3/31/2025 | \$100.00 | | | |
| BRETT ROMOSER | 3/31/2025 | \$286.09 | | | |
| CARGILL, INC | 3/31/2025 | \$6,369.64 | | | |
| DEARBORN LIFE INSURANCE C | 3/31/2025 | \$62.01 | | | |
| FIRST NATIONAL BANK OMAHA | 3/31/2025 | \$1,478.81 | | | |
| GFC LEASING - WI | 3/31/2025 | \$100.91 | | | |
| Good Neighbor Fellowship | 3/31/2025 | \$100.00 | ALLIANT ENERGY | 4/7/2025 | \$4,572.03 |
| GRAINGER | 3/31/2025 | \$605.85 | BADGER METER | 4/7/2025 | \$60.00 |
| HICKENBOTTOM, INC | 3/31/2025 | \$1,161.72 | Chnstopher Greiner | 4/7/2025 | \$200.00 |
| JACOB MOELLER | 3/31/2025 | \$100.00 | COX SANITATION & RECYCLING | 4/7/2025 | \$5,123.00 |
| James Flynn | 3/31/2025 | \$100.00 | GRAINGER | 4/7/2025 | \$605.85 |
| JILL BAETSLE | 3/31/2025 | \$100.60 | H & M FARM & HOME SUPPLY | 4/7/2025 | \$289.67 |
| Karen Sypherd | 3/31/2025 | \$25.00 | HICKENBOTTOM, INC | 4/7/2025 | \$1,161.72 |
| KEOKUK CO. SHERIFF S OFFIC | 3/31/2025 | \$101.60 | ION ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIO | 4/7/2025 | \$3,800.00 |
| Luke Jaeger | 3/31/2025 | \$100.00 | John Mather | 4/7/2025 | \$100.00 |
| Marcus Galindo | 3/31/2025 | \$100.00 | KEVINS SALES AND SERVICE | 4/7/2025 | \$35.00 |
| MID-AMERICA PUBLISHING COR | 3/31/2025 | \$413.65 | Linda Greiner | 4/7/2025 | \$200.00 |
| MIKES PARTS & SERVICE | 3/31/2025 | \$150.29 | SIGOURNEY LUMBER | 4/7/2025 | \$56.54 |
| OLLINGER ELECTRIC | 3/31/2025 | \$444.11 | SINCLAIR TRACTOR | 4/7/2025 | \$93.30 |
| QUILL CORPORATION | 3/31/2025 | \$233.98 | UNITED STATES POST OFFICE | 4/7/2025 | \$224.00 |
| R & S Plumbing | 3/31/2025 | \$95.00 | US CELLULAR | 4/7/2025 | \$241.58 |
| Sam Menke | 3/31/2025 | \$100.00 | VISION AG | 4/7/2025 | \$446.50 |
| TREMMELE BACKHOE SERVICE | 3/31/2025 | \$600.00 | WATER SOLUTIONS UNLIMITED | 4/7/2025 | \$783.50 |
| VMC Management | 3/31/2025 | \$200.00 | | | |
| WELLMARK | 3/31/2025 | \$4,021.47 | | | |
| | | | CANSLER, ANTHONY | | 404.04 |
| | | | Clarke, Kristen | | 516.61 |
| | | | Fisher, Tabitha C | | 73.88 |
| | | | GREINER, ASHLEY | | 137.70 |
| | | | Greiner, Bridget M. | | 195.79 |
| | | | GREINER, TONIA | | 1,318.85 |
| | | | HARMSSEN, MICAH | | 1,836.66 |
| | | | Horras, Alycia A | | 1,944.66 |
| | | | SLAUBAUGH, KEVIN L. | | 1,818.45 |

Public Forum: Joel Ackerman – 204 N Hamilton St – Shared that he felt there was a hearing and conversations about him without his being made aware of them. He stated that he was being harassed by some council members and that a hearing now would be a “clown circus”, before becoming belligerent. Mayor Cansler had to ask him to calm down and let him speak for his allotted 2 minutes before sharing that he was out of time.

Department Reports:

Public Works –Harmsen reported they finished up our portion of the sidewalk project at the new clinic on March 28th. B&L finished their work April 2nd. The ballfield clean up was march 23rd. Thanks to a big crowd on a windy day, we were able to get both ball fields cleaned up and ready for the season. They spend some time on Carpenter St property cleaning it up and mowing and mulching. They also did some fertilizing last week along with some lawn rolling with nicer weather. They did spend some time getting bids together for the new water truck after talking to the council. They started working on the last removal of the rest of concrete at the RV Park late last week. We hope to have that finished tomorrow and start haling in dirt this week. We talked to Alliant Energy and Olinger electric about getting new service for the RV park. We will be spending quite a bit of time down there in the coming weeks to get the sight prepared for concrete work and then finalize grading and running other utilities. The tree dump continues to be busy. Harmsen reached out to Spectra today to get them nailed down on finalization of the pool. He hopes to have all signage on hand to barricade the street between the ball field and pool area next week.

Library – Librarian Greiner shared that We have had a great response for donations for the Summer Reading Program, Fun Fridays and coffee are still going great. Quilting is done until fall. We will be having a book sale Friday and Saturday along with the city-wide garage sales. And I will contact Kuensters to have the AC checked on.

Clerk – Horras shared that the KCEF Grant Award ceremony is April 17th and here at the Holy Trinity Church Hall. Horras has the sandwiches and drinks ordered for this event as agreed to with Kathy Davis. Horras worked with Tammy Hollingsworth and the State auditor committee to get an extension on the FY24 audit in order to allow us to work on FY22, 23, and 24 within the coming few months. The next day care meeting at the school will be held on Tuesday, April 15th. Horras stated that she and Clarke got the letters out to residents that needed to address issues with their property not following the ordinance. The code enforcer went through town and made a list of properties that needed attention and letters have gone out to them in time for city wide clean up. City Wide garage sales are April 11th and 12th and the Cleanup is 18th and 19th. Horras has worked with Councilmen Burroughs and McDonald on Ordinance changes to our Water Rates that we will discuss next. Horras has started getting items ordered for the pool start up and will work with Harmsen to get them down to the pool to be put away. There were 2 rolling carts that were ordered for use at the pool this year. These are open metal grated carts with the ability to lock them, that all the water aerobics and training equipment can be stored in. These can be rolled out onto the pool deck in the morning and moved into the hallway in the evening to remove the clutter from the storage room. In working with the Keota Aquatic

Foundation, they have agreed to cover the cost of these carts and are reimbursing the city for the expense. Thank you to that great organization! Horras has been working with KCTC and Cloudburst on new phone carrier options that are more cost effective. In looking at and comparing the costs, she has decided to change from Windstream to Cloudburst as our carrier at the Library, City Hall and the Sewer Plant. Horras is working with the IA treasure hunt organization on a "lost" check that is in the amount on \$116.00 to be sent to the city for a reimbursement. Horras is planning to be off April 10th and 11th.

Resolutions and Ordinances:

Resolution 2025-17 Approval for Proposed Property Tax Levy for FY26. Motion to approve made by Bender, 2nd by Burroughs, and all were in favor.

Resolution 2025-18 Approval of Building Permit for Julie Gibson. Motion to approve made by Conrad, 2nd by Greiner and all were in favor.

Resolution 2025-19 Approval of Building Permit for Cindy Thompson. Motion to approve made by Conrad, 2nd by Burroughs, and all were in favor.

Ordinance 2025-309 Amendment to City of Keota, Iowa 2017 Codebook of Ordinances – Physical Environment

- a. First reading of Title VI, Chapter 4, Section 2.3 and 9, Water Rates
- b. Potential Waiving of 2nd and 3rd Readings of Title VI, Chapter 4, Section 2.3 and 9, Water Rates Motion to wave made by Burroughs, 2nd by McDonald and all were in favor.
- c. Approval of Title VI, Chapter 4, Section 2.3 and 9, Water Rates. Motion to approve made by Burroughs, 2nd by McDonald and all were in favor.

Ordinance 2025-310 Amendment to City of Keota, Iowa 2017 Codebook of Ordinances – Physical Environment

- a. First reading of Title VI, Chapter 10, Section 17, Solid Waste Control
- b. Potential Waiving of 2nd and 3rd Readings of Title VI, Chapter 10, Section 17, Solid Waste Control. Motion to wave made by Burroughs, 2nd by Greiner, and all were in favor.
- c. Approval of Title VI, Chapter 10, Section 17, Solid Waste Control. Motion to approve by Burroughs, 2nd by Bender and all were in favor.

Resolution 2025-20 Approval of Pool Board Member. Motion to approve Kristen Clarke be added to the Pool Board made by Greiner, 2nd by Bender and all were in favor.

New Business

Discussion/Possible Action – Approval of Road Closures for Keota Fun Days –Motion to approve made by Greiner, 2nd by McDonald, and all were in favor.

Discussion/Possible Action – Approval of March city employee of Benefit time –Motion to table to the April 17th meeting made by Burroughs, 2nd by Greiner and all were in favor.

Discussion/Possible Action – Continued decision and comparison of quotes on a replacement Water Truck. – Discussion was made on the state of the current water truck. It would cost \$10K to replace the motor on the truck. After further discussion, it was decided that moving forward with purchasing a new vehicle and a vehicle that would accommodate a snow plow now rather than 2 years down the road makes more sense. After looking at the bids presented by Harmsen and discussing the options, the motion was made to go forward with the \$50,661.00 quote from Vaughn Motors. Motion made by Conrad, 2nd by Bender and all were in favor.

Mayor Comments: Mayor Cansler stated that it has been a rough couple of weeks for our community. Our hearts are with the Tinnes and McNurlen families. To Mr. Ackerman, the Mayor stated that if he would like to jot down his concerns on an actual piece of paper and not a torn piece of cardboard and turn it in to the city administrator's office to give it to the mayor, then he would view the comments and respond to them.

Adjournment: Motion made to adjourn meeting by Burroughs, 2nd by Bender, and all were in favor. Time 7:57pm.

Next regular meeting, April 17th, 2025 at 7:00 pm.

Attest:

Mayor Anthony Cansler

City Administrator Alycia A Horras