

Minutes

KEOTA CITY COUNCIL

225 E. BROADWAY AVE.

May 5th, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 7:01pm 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 Chad Greiner, Patty Tinnies, Linda Werger, Nancy Flynn and Casey Jarmes from Sigourney New-Review.

Consent Agenda: Motion to Amend the agenda to add Resolution 2025-32 and 3 discussion items made by Bender, 2nd by McDonald, Conrad in favor, and Greiner & Burroughs absent. Motion to approve Consent Agenda by Conrad, including Agenda, previous meeting minutes from April 21st Council Meeting - Budget review and payment of Bills. McDonald 2nd the motion, Bender in favor, and Greiner & Burroughs absent.

Bills Paid April 22nd thru May 5th, 2025

Checks

Payroll

ABC FIRE EXTINGUISHER SALE	5/5/2025	\$355.05
ALLIANT ENERGY	5/5/2025	\$6,578.49
AWE DIGITAL LEARNING SOLUT	5/5/2025	\$3,411.00
CARGILL, INC.	5/5/2025	\$6,566.28
COX SANITATION & RECYCLING	5/5/2025	\$6,143.00
DEARBORN LIFE INSURANCE C	5/5/2025	\$62.01
FARMERS CO-OP ASSN	5/5/2025	\$793.66
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OMAHA	5/5/2025	\$5,178.71
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OMAHA	5/5/2025	\$297.80
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OMAHA	5/5/2025	\$6.25
GFC LEASING - WI	5/5/2025	\$100.91
H & M FARM & HOME SUPPLY	5/5/2025	\$590.95
HESLINGA LAW FIRM	5/5/2025	\$120.00
IDEAL READY MIX CO., INC.	5/5/2025	\$896.25
ION ENVIRONMENTAL SOLUTIO	5/5/2025	\$3,800.00
KEOKUK COUNTY TREASURER	5/5/2025	\$589.00
R & S Plumbing	5/5/2025	\$279.60
SINCLAIR TRACTOR - SIGOURN	5/5/2025	\$903.54
UNITED STATES POST OFFICE	5/5/2025	\$220.00
US FIRST	5/5/2025	\$134.87
VISION AG	5/5/2025	\$242.10
WITTETOE, INC	5/5/2025	\$485.90
Total Checks		\$37,755.37

ALTENHOFEN, CHERYL	75.31
Clarke, Kristen	590.84
GREINER, ASHLEY	120.48
Greiner, Bridget M.	89.50
GREINER, TONIA	1,286.00
HARMSSEN, MICAH	1,811.66
Horras, Alycia A	1,944.66
SLAUBAUGH, KEVIN L	1,818.45

Public Forum: Nancy Flynn- 205 N Green St – What is the city code for keeping yards kept up and mowed? She is having to spray and some times maintain the rental property that butts up to hers. The Ordinance enforcer shared that letters had been sent and that work was being done to ensure that the properties were cleaned up. Linda Werger – 110 N Baker St – Linda asked about the letter that she sent to the Mayor and Council about water aerobics and compensation. She was told that the pool board was meeting following the council meeting and would talk to her about that as well.

Department Reports:

Public Works – Harmsen reported that B&L finished the concrete pads for the RV Park last week. They finished and put up barricades/road blocks between the pool and ball field concession stand. They started cleaning and de-winterizing things at the pool last week. Splash will be here for opening drains and finishing up cleaning the liner on 5/8. Patrick grabbed the diving board rails last week. Hope to have them back 5/10 after fabrication. Also got a hold of Blaine last week. He plans on being here 5/12 to finish up splash pad work and install the rock-climbing wall. Chemicals have been ordered and he is planning on filling the pool the week of May 12th. Kevin has been busy with mowing, week eating, spraying and the dump. Micah was able to get dandelions sprayed at all the properties last week. Tremmel returned May 1st and we have started the sewer project. He hopes to have our portion finished of stage 1 by early next week. Big thanks to Ray Man for building and donating new stainless-steel handrails for Broadway business district. LL Pelling finished seal and coat work May 1 and 2nd.

Library – Librarian Greiner shared that coffee club continues to go very well. Things are getting in place for the Summer Reading program and there has been so many great donations for this program that have come in.

Clerk – Horras shared that the new clinic is set to open next week, around 5/15 per the owner. We will meet with all of the pool staff on 5/14 to have an all staff meeting to go over the rules, training, scheduling, filling out paperwork for hire and all the other odds and ends before opening. We are planning to have a cleaning day on Friday 5/23 to get the pool ready and then the pool will open on Memorial Day, May 26th. In working with the Pool and Aquatic Center Foundation, Horras found out the they, along with LSB will be supporting group swim lessons again this year. We will get the schedule out and families will only have to pay a \$10 deposit for each child enrolled in group lessons, with the foundation and LSB covering the other \$60.00 of the lesson fee. Horras has continued to work with Cloudburst to get the phones switched over to them and looks like that will happen on 5/14. Horras then shared the letter of resignation that she sent to the council and mayor on Friday the 2nd. She is putting in a 2 week notice with her last work day being Friday, May 16th.

Resolutions and Ordinances:

Resolution 2025-30 Approval of Liquor License renewal for Lagos Acres. Motion to approve made by Bender, 2nd by Conrad, McDonald in favor, and Greiner & Burroughs absent.

Resolution 2025-31 Approval of Hiring and Wage for additional 2025 pool staff. Motion to approve made by Bender, 2nd by McDonald, Conrad in favor, and Greiner & Burroughs absent.

Resolution 2025-32 Approval of Authorized Signers for City Accounts. Motion to approve made by Bender, 2nd by McDonald, Conrad in favor, and Greiner & Burroughs absent.

New Business

Discussion/Possible Action – Approval of April city employee Benefit time –Motion to approve made by Conrad, 2nd by McDonald, Bender in favor, and Greiner & Burroughs absent.

Discussion/Possible Action – Approval of utility rate reduction for the new Keota Clinic – Motion to approve made by Conrad, 2nd by McDonald, Bender in favor, and Greiner & Burroughs absent.

Discussion/Mayoral Order – Mayoral order on dog incident from 5/4/2025 – Mayor Cansler made the Mayoral order that the pit bull that was involved in the dog attack on 5/4/25 be surrendered to authorities and further euthanized due to the aggressive and vicious nature. He further ordered the city administrator to enforce the fees for this incident resulting in \$1500.00 in fees.

Discussion/Approval – Approval to post for a City Clerk position – Following Horras’ resignation from the City Administrator position, Mayor Cansler has ordered the Administrator to move forward with posting for a new city clerk to fill her position.

Mayor Comments: Mayor Cansler thanked Administrator Horras for her time and hard work and shared that she has successfully made the city of Keota stronger in her 2 years with the city. In response to the dog situations, the mayor stated that we can’t afford to back down on keeping the dogs in line and following up on our ordinances to keep the city safe. In regards to clean up, Mayor Cansler stated that we have such a nice city and of course have a few properties that don’t keep up their properties that can bring things down, but there has been a lot of work to keep things up.

Adjournment: Motion made to adjourn meeting by Conrad, 2nd by Bender, McDonald in favor and Greiner & Burroughs were absent. Time 7:38pm.

Next regular meeting, May 19th, 2025 at 7:00 pm.

Attest:

Mayor Anthony Cansler

City Administrator Alycia A Horras