

Minutes
KEOTA CITY COUNCIL
225 E. BROADWAY AVE.
August 18th, 2025

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

Roll call: Council members Bender, Conrad, Tinnes, and McDonald were present. City employees present were City Clerk Bruns, Assistant Clerk Clarke, and Public Works Director Harmsen. Public present were Casey Jarmes from Sigourney News-Review and Sue McDonald.

Consent Agenda: Motion to approve Consent Agenda made by Conrad, including agenda, previous meeting minutes from August 4th Council Meeting - budget review and payment of bills, 2nd by Bender, McDonald and Tinnes in favor.

Bills Paid August 5th – August 18th

ALLIANT ENERGY	8/18/2025	\$1,926.22
B & L CONCRETE INC.	8/18/2025	\$4,410.00
CARRICO AQUATIC RESOURCE	8/18/2025	\$3,236.50
COUNTY LINE MART, LLC	8/18/2025	\$23.83
COX SANITATION & RECYCLING	8/18/2025	\$4,525.00
DESIGN HOUSE	8/18/2025	\$14.98
FARMERS CO-OP ASSN	8/18/2025	\$594.15
HESLINGA LAW FIRM	8/18/2025	\$40.00
Malley Hardware & Variety	8/18/2025	\$613.74
MID-AMERICA PUBLISHING COR	8/18/2025	\$98.51
RIVER PRODUCTS COMPANY	8/18/2025	\$555.84
SINCLAIR TRACTOR - SIGOURN	8/18/2025	\$42.79
STATE HYGIENIC LAB	8/18/2025	\$15.50
TEMPLE LAW FIRM PLC	8/18/2025	\$125.00
US FIRST	8/18/2025	\$56.50
VISION AG	8/18/2025	\$463.30
WASHINGTON CO. ENVIRON. DI	8/18/2025	\$270.00
WATSON TECHNOLOGIES	8/18/2025	\$50.00
YOTTYS INC	8/18/2025	\$200.00
Total Checks		\$17,261.86

Payroll

Aller, Jessalyn J	130.99
Altenhofen, Cheryl	155.42
Bruns, Hunter S	1,604.77
Bruns, Hunter S	314.41
Cansler, Anthony	0.00
Cave, Hadley M	79.42
Chalupa, Elizabeth M	288.54
Clarke, Kristen	1,123.87
Conger, Emily R	38.64
Dalton, Lamaya	37.40
Detweiler, Lexus	34.32
Dodd, Drew L	109.26
Galindo, Allie M	73.29
Galindo, Aubrey	115.44
Gearhart, Brylee R	484.01
Gearhart, Ty J	175.69
Grandstaff, Hunter A	89.37
Greiner, Ashley	140.44
Greiner, Ava K	733.23
Greiner, Bridget M	841.94
Greiner, Emma E	0.00
Greiner, Jack L	516.65
Greiner, Tonia	1,271.33
Harmsen, Micah	1,863.22
Heisdorffer, Halle A	65.02
Libe, Jacob A	343.38
Lyle, Elyse M	302.54
Lyle, Olivia S	452.57
Peterson, Maddox J	80.67
Phillips, Myra	82.00
Purkeypile, Addison G	368.91
Redlinger, Jaylah M	220.95
Sieren, Gavin	270.22
Slaubaugh, Kevin L	1,870.01
Sprouse, Tucker B	379.95
Swanson, Alaina	153.19
Werger, Linda E	166.23
Wulff, Avalyn M	59.47
TOTAL	15,240.41

Public Forum: Sue McDonald shared her disappointment with the closing date of the pool. While she understands, she hopes for Memorial Day to Labor Day next season. She also spoke on the condition of the cemetery and shared some pictures she had taken. She said that she has had to clean off her family's headstones and stated that the way the cemetery is maintained is a reflection on all of us. She asked that we consider a different

contractor next year when it comes to mowing at the cemetery.

Department Reports:

Public Works – PW Director Harmsen stated that Kevin has done a good job of keeping everything mowed the past couple weeks. Several properties on Keokuk Ave need the right-of-ways cleaned up again. Alliant has power hooked up at the campground and Harmsen will be working to get a sign built.

Josh with Ion stated that there is a new scale at the water plant to track phosphate. Iowa Rural Water will be out in a few weeks to verify that there are not any leaks. They operate off a grant so it will not cost the city. Flows are still up and down so it will give peace of mind to have it checked. Josh will get us a report to compare flows with billing. Next month they will start the yearly process of draining and flushing the lagoons.

Library – Librarian Greiner stated was not in attendance.

Resolutions and Ordinances: Resolution 2025-55. Motion to approved building permit for Rod Hill was made by Conrad, 2nd by Bender. McDonald and Tinnes were in favor.

New Business

Discussion/Possible Approval – A motion to approve amending the employee handbook to include partial benefits for the Assistant City Clerk position was made by Conrad, 2nd by Bender. McDonald and Tinnes in favor.

Discussion/Possible Approval – A motion to approve the Assistant City Clerk becoming a notary with the election coming up was made by Bender, 2nd by Conrad. McDonald and Tinnes in favor.

Discussion/Possible Approval – Payroll for Mia and Reese Conrad. A motion to approve payroll for Mia and Reese Conrad was made by Bender, 2nd by McDonald. Tinnes in favor. Conrad abstained.

Discussion/Possible Approval – Payroll for Ava and Marlee Greiner. A motion to approve payroll for Ava and Marlee Greiner was made by Conrad, 2nd by McDonald. Bender and Tinnes in favor.

Discussion/Possible Approval – A motion to approve setting the next regular council meeting date for Tuesday, September 2nd was made by Conrad, 2nd by McDonald. Bender and Tinnes in favor.

Discussion/Possible Approval – A motion to approve July time sheets and comp time for regular and seasonal employees was made by Bender, 2nd by McDonald. Conrad and Tinnes in favor.

A motion to go into closed session according to Iowa Code 21.5 regarding real estate was made by Conrad, 2nd by McDonald. Bender and Tinnes in favor. 7:35 pm

A motion to close the closed session was made by Conrad, 2nd by McDonald. Bender and Tinnes in favor. 8:20 pm

A motion to open the regular meeting was made by Bender, 2nd by Conrad. McDonald and Tinnes in favor. 8:21 pm

Mayor's Comments: Mayor Cansler is still working on getting an audit done for FY25 to make sure things are clean and in order as we transition to a new City Clerk in the office. Cansler also mentioned needing to get in touch with the officers that expressed interest in the police truck and firearms. Anyone interested in running for City Council will need to stop at City Hall for an affidavit of candidacy and have it filled out and returned to City Hall on or before September 18th. Cansler addressed the concerns with maintenance at the cemetery and said he will speak with the contractor about it.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Conrad, 2nd by Bender. McDonald and Tinnes in favor. Time: 7:35 pm.

Next regular meeting, September 2nd, 2025 at 7:00 pm

Attest:

Mayor Anthony Cansler

City Clerk, Hunter Bruns
Assistant City Clerk, Kristen Clarke

