

Keota City Council Meeting
Monday, March 2, 2026 – 7:00 pm
Minutes

Work Session – 6:00 PM

A work session was held at 6:00 PM to discuss the FY27 budget.

Brett Romoser and Jill Baestle from the Keota Museum were in attendance to share plans and updates regarding the Keota Museum.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Ryan Carr called the regular council meeting to order at **7:00 PM**.

Council Members Present:

M. Greiner, H. McDonald, C. Greiner, K. Conrad, J. Mather

Staff Present:

Clerk Bruns, Assistant Clerk Clark, Public Works Director Harmsen, Librarian Greiner

Public Present:

Patty Tinnis, Katie Phillips (News Review), Josh (ION), Stephen Hausner (French-Reneker Associates), Levi Lyle

2. Approval Items

A. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Conrad, seconded by Mather. Motion carried.

B. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

Motion by Conrad, seconded by McDonald. Motion carried.

C. Approval of Bills

Motion by C. Greiner, seconded by McDonald. Motion carried.

3. Department Reports

Public Works

Public Works Director Micah Harmsen reported that the city dump continues to remain busy. Public works has begun spring maintenance on equipment. Water flow remains high following the recent water main break, and a leak detector will be brought in the following week to investigate further. Harmsen also shared an update regarding Kevin.

Harmsen began the process for demolition work at the Green Street property. He also contacted Taghon Tree Care to request that tree removal at the Green Street property be completed on a Friday to avoid detouring school traffic on Washington Street.

Library

Librarian Greiner reported that the last two Fun Fridays have had over 30 attendees each. The library has scheduled Miss Teen Iowa to attend the Princess Party on March 14. Coffee and Quilting events continue to have strong participation.

4. Resolutions & Ordinances

Resolution 2026-14: Setting a Public Hearing for FY27 Proposed Property Tax Levy

Motion by M. Greiner, seconded by McDonald. Motion carried.

Resolution 2026-15: Setting a Public Hearing for FY27 Budget Proposal

Motion by Mather, seconded by C. Greiner. Motion carried.

Resolution 2026-16: Approving Contract with French-Reneker Associates, Inc.

Motion by M. Greiner, seconded by C. Greiner. Motion carried.

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Resolution 2026-17: Authorizing the Filing of an Application for the Iowa Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)

Motion by Mather, seconded by McDonald. Motion carried.

5. New Business

A. Discussion / Possible Approval – Bridget Greiner Payroll

Motion by M. Greiner, seconded by Conrad. C. Greiner abstained from the vote. Motion carried.

B. Discussion / Possible Approval – 108 W Keokuk Ave

Motion by M. Greiner to demolish the structure at 108 W Keokuk Ave, seconded by McDonald.

Motion carried.

C. Discussion / Possible Approval – February Timesheets & Comp Time

Motion by M. Greiner, seconded by McDonald. Motion carried.

D. Discussion / Possible Action – Set Application Deadline for Two (2) Public Works Interns

Motion by Conrad to set the application deadline for Monday, March 16, seconded by McDonald.

Motion carried.

E. Discussion – Ordinance Title III, Chapter 8: Peddlers, Solicitors, Transient Merchants, and Food Truck Operations

Discussion was held regarding possible updates and changes to the ordinance. No action was taken.

F. Discussion / Possible Approval – Engineering Services Agreement with French-Reneker Associates, Inc. for Conceptual Trail Planning and Cost Estimates

Approved with Resolutions

G. Discussion / Possible Approval – Hunter & Kristen to Attend Clerk’s Conference (April 8–9)

Motion by Conrad, seconded by C. Greiner. Motion carried.

H. Discussion / Possible Approval – Hunter & Kristen to Attend IMFOA Spring Conference (April 15–17)

Motion by Conrad, seconded by McDonald. Motion carried.

6. Council Comments

McDonald:

Shared that spring clean-up is approaching and he plans to drive around town to identify properties that may need cleanup.

M. Greiner:

Suggested placing door tags on properties needing cleanup as a first warning. After the spring clean-up period, citations may be issued.

Mather:

Suggested sending pool job applications to the English Valleys School District.

Conrad:

Thanked Levi Lyle and Stephen Hausner for their work on the trail project. Stated that the city needs additional amenities.

C. Greiner:

Noted that pool season is approaching quickly and expressed hope for strong job applicants.

Suggested sending applications to Pekin and surrounding school districts.

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7. Public Forum

Patty Tinnes:

Shared that she is available to volunteer to help with the pool or other community needs and is willing to assist with distributing applications.

8. Mayor's Comments

Mayor Carr stated that the community needs updates and greater involvement from local residents to help move projects forward. He thanked Levi Lyle for taking initiative with the trail project and noted that progress can happen faster with strong community involvement. Mayor Carr also shared an update on the Keota basketball teams and their success this season.

9. Adjournment

Motion by M. Greiner, seconded by McDonald to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.