

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 19, 2017
6:30 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Keokuk met in regular session on January 19, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 415 Blondeau Street, with Mayor Thomas D. Marion presiding and seven council members present, two absent: Mike O'Connor, Ron Payne, Dan Winn, Sandy Pollitt, Roger Bryant, Larry Mortimer and John Helenthal. Mike Moore and Susan Dunek were absent.

CITIZEN'S REQUEST: Joe Steil with Lee County Economic Development addressed the Council to thank them, the Planning Department and staff for their support regarding the sale of the Kindustry Park property. The land will be developed for positive use.

Motion made by Helenthal and seconded by Winn to amend the consent agenda, removing item number four regarding reappointment of members to the Keokuk Area Convention & Tourism Bureau. (7) AYES, (0) NAYS motion carried.

Motion made by Helenthal and seconded by Bryant to approve agenda as amended. (7) AYES, (0) NAYS motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of January 5, 2017;
- Minutes of the Safety Committee Meeting of January 17, 2017;
- Appointment of Monica Winkler to the Park & Recreation Advisory Board, term to expire November 2, 2019;
- **Resolution No. 200-17** approving an Urban Revitalization Tax Exemption for the following home owners:
 - Ricky Bowden, 511 Oregon Avenue, accessory building;
 - Sheryll McCullough, 1727 Des Moines, accessory building;
 - Richard Parmeter, 1111 Palean Street, accessory building;
 - Chance Nye, 2343 McKinley, accessory building;
 - Steve & Darlene Tabone, 1020 Grand Avenue, accessory building;
 - Kenneth Grant, 519 S. 15th Street, accessory building;
 - Edward Mena, 1512 Exchange Street, accessory building;
 - Zachary & Amy Chase, #8 Hilton Road Lane, single family dwelling;
 - Samantha Baker, 1012 Concert Street, single family dwelling;
- Motion to pay the bills and transfers listed within Register No.'s 4904-4906;

Motion made by Pollitt, Second by Helenthal to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 201-17:** "A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A PROPOSAL FOR AN ENFORCER PUC, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN A PURCHASE AGREEMENT." (7) AYES, (0) NAYS motion carried.

No settlement was presented and no action taken regarding Mitch McCall.

The Mayor opened the public hearing regarding vacating public right of way at Kindustry Park Road at 6:35 p.m. A public hearing notice was published in the Daily Gate City on January 9, 2017.

COMMENTS: Burnett said the portion of Kindustry Park being vacated will allow SAJ to develop it as one parcel.

Mayor Marion closed the hearing at 6:36 p.m. and the following resolution was adopted.

Motion made by O'Connor, Second by Bryant to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 202-17**: "A RESOLUTION VACATING A PORTION OF KINDUSTRY PARK ROAD." (7) AYES, (0) NAYS motion carried.

Motion made by Winn, Second by Helenthal to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 203-17**: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SECOND READING OF **ORDINANCE NO. 1963** MODIFYING THE SALAREIS OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS."

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – O'Connor, Payne, Winn, Helenthal, Mortimer, Pollitt, Bryant. (0) Nays. Motion carried.

Motion made by Winn, Second by Bryant to waive the third reading of **Ordinance No. 1963** Modifying the salaries of the Mayor and Councilmembers. (7) AYES, (0) NAYS motion carried.

Motion made by Helenthal, Second by Bryant to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 204-17**: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE INTIAL READING OF **ORDINANCE NO. 1965** ESTABLISHING PERMIT APPLICATIONS FOR SPECIAL EVENTS OR PARADES."

Roll Call Vote: Ayes – O'Connor, Payne, Winn, Helenthal, Mortimer, Pollitt, Bryant. (0) Nays. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bryant, Second by Payne to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 205-17**: "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CITY OF KEOKUK PURCHASING POLICY FOR ALL PURCHASES MADE UNER AUTHORITY OF THE CITY COUNCIL FOR FISCAL-YEAR 2017." (7) AYES, (0) NAYS motion carried.

Motion made by O'Connor, Second by Winn to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 206-17**: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING A FIREWORKS DISPLAY PERMIT FOR LENNIE ETTER TO BE HELD IN RAND PARK FOR THE 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION CONTINGENT UPON PROOF OF \$ 1,000,000 LIABILITY INSURANCE CERTIFICATE." (7) AYES, (0) NAYS motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Councilman Winn said Senator Rich Taylor had returned his call about the sanitation rate for seniors and disabled. Senator Taylor said sometime in the future this will go to the Attorney General for a ruling.

NEW BUSINESS: Burnett said backfill is the way the State of Iowa made up for a reduction in property taxes. It is likely to come up in the legislature this year and they may consider defunding some or all of the backfill. He asked everyone to reach out to our state representatives to keep backfill in place. It could mean a reduction of over one million dollars to entities in Keokuk. The City alone stands to lose over two hundred thousand dollars. This would remove any benefit from the Road Use Tax increase a few years ago, and be a huge hit to our budget. Removing backfill requires legislative action, so please contact our representatives and also the governor's office.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by O'Connor and seconded by Helenthal. (7) AYES, (0) NAYS motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

THOMAS D. MARION, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
JEAN LUDWIG, CITY CLERK