

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
April 20, 2017
6:30 P.M.

The City Council of the City of Keokuk met in regular session on April 20, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 415 Blondeau Street, with Mayor Thomas D. Marion presiding and five council members present, four absent: Ron Payne, Dan Winn, John Helenthal, Larry Mortimer and Roger Bryant. Mike O'Connor, Mike Moore, Sandy Pollitt and Susan Dunek were absent. Staff in attendance: City Administrator Aaron Burnett, City Clerk Jean Ludwig, Public Works Director Mark Bousset, Community Development Director Pam Broomhall, City Attorney Douglas Dorando, Code Enforcement Officer Kathie Mahoney, and Water Pollution Control Superintendent Chuck Pietscher.

MAYOR'S CORRESPONDENCE: There will be a "Community Build" at Rand Park April 28th and 29th for the installation of new playground equipment. Citizens are asked to help. Contact City Hall for more information.

Earth Day City wide cleanup is April 22. Citizens are asked to meet at Tolmie Park at 8:00 a.m. to help clean up the city.

City wide cleanup vouchers are available at City Hall.

Motion made by Helenthal and seconded by Bryant to approve the consent agenda. (5) AYES, (0) NAYS motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of April 6, 2017;
- Minutes of Safety Committee meeting of April 18, 2017;
- Renewal Liquor licenses – **RES. NO. 248-17** Hy-Vee Gas, 3001 Main Street, effective May 6, 2017 - Class C Beer Permit with Sunday Sales;
- New Liquor license – **RES. NO. 249-17** MOD Convenience Store, Inc., 3345 Main Street, effective April 25, 2017 – Class C Beer Permit with Sunday Sales;
- Appointment of Roger Bryant to GRRWA Commission, term to expire December 1, 2017;
- Appointment of Elsa Pietscher to the Grand Theatre Commission, term to expire November 5, 2020;
- Motion to pay the bills and transfers listed within Register No.'s 4920-4922;

Motion made by Helenthal, Second by Bryant to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 248-17:** "A RESOLUTION APPROVING A LIQUOR LICENSE FOR HY-VEE GAS, 3001 MAIN STREET, EFFECTIVE MAY 6, 2017 – CLASS C BEER PERMIT WITH SUNDAY SALES." (5) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Helenthal, Second by Bryant to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 249-17:** "A RESOLUTION APPROVING A LIQUOR LICENSE FOR MOD CONVENIENCE STORE, INC., 3345 MAIN STREET, EFFECTIVE APRIL 25, 2017 – CLASS C BEER PERMIT WITH SUNDAY SALES." (5) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

The Mayor accepted City Attorney Dorando's resignation with reluctance. Dorando said he's enjoyed his time with the City and progress has been made in several areas. He hopes he's left a small mark on the community for the better. The Mayor thanked him for his service. The Mayor also said he has sent out feelers to members of the Bar and different areas to see if there is someone interested in starting a practice and working as part time City Attorney. Burnett said he will try to make sure current actions continue. Mayor Marion said he had contacted a local attorney to handle Christ Vision.

Doug Clippert spoke on behalf of the Pavilion Commission. They would like to have three evening events at the pavilion in Rand Park where alcohol would be allowed in a fenced area. Police would be present. Helenthal made a motion to approve. Second by Bryant. Winn asked if they needed insurance. They would not be selling alcohol so no dram insurance would be needed. When the bands stop playing people must leave the area. Winn then said he would like to make a motion to table the item until more council members are present, as one no vote at this time would cause it to fail. Helenthal seconded the motion to table. AYES: Winn, Helenthal, Mortimer, and Bryant. NAYS: Payne.

Motion to approve by Winn, Second by Helenthal to approve Victory Park restrooms. This is a gift from the same family that donated the new shelter house. (5) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion to approve by Bryant, Second by Helenthal to approve the request from the Keokuk Union Depot Commission and the subsequent filing of a waiver for the movement of railcars for Arts weekend at Union Depot. (5) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Mayor Marion opened the public hearing authorizing advancement of costs for an Urban Renewal Project and Certification of expenses incurred by the City for payment under Iowa Code Section 403.19 at 6:42 p.m. A public hearing notice was published in the Daily Gate City on April 11, 2017.

Burnett said the following resolution is for \$ 60,000. \$ 25,000 goes to be passed through to Lee County Economic Development Group. The rest goes to Keokuk Economic Development Corporation to achieve the goals of their strategic plan.

Mayor Marion closed the hearing at 6:43 p.m. and the following resolution was adopted.

Motion made by Helenthal, Second by Winn to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 250-17**: "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVANCEMENT OF COSTS FOR AN URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT AND CERTIFICATION OF EXPENSES INCURRED BY THE CITY FOR PAYMENT UNDER IOWA CODE SECTION 403.19." (5) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Mayor Marion opened the public hearing on a proposal to vacate and dispose of the north 120' x 20' improved alleyway in Block 5 of Kilbourne Addition, City of Keokuk, Lee County, Iowa at 6:44 p.m. A public hearing notice was published in the Daily Gate City on April 10, 2017.

Broomhall said CHC requested the vacation of the alleyway. She wanted to have the public hearing for discussion before CHC purchases the property so they know an additional 20' easement on the Johnson Street side of the alley is required due to the location of a 16" water main. Ron Kemp of CHC gave out a map of the site and spoke on behalf of CHC. He said the purchase of the property should be complete by June 1. They anticipate a 6,900 square foot building with three dentists and six hygienists, and a plan for expansion. He said CHC understands the need for additional 20' easement.

Mayor Marion closed the hearing at 6:46 p.m. and the following resolution was adopted.

Motion made by Helenthal, Second by Bryant to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 251-17:** “A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE PUBLIC HEARING TO VACATE THE NORTH 120’ X 20’ IMPROVED ALLEYWAY IN BLOCK 5 OF KILBOURNE ADDITION, CITY OF KEOKUK, LEE COUNTY, IOWA. (5) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bryant, Second by Helenthal to approve proposed contracts from KONE Inc. for old Roquette Building. (5) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Nancy Snaadt with Alliant Energy spoke to the council about upgrades at WPC plant allowing them to move to an interruptible rate. Savings would be approximately \$ 28,000.00 per year. A billing authorization and billing agreement to move to the interruptible rate is needed. During interruption times, WPC would use generators to operate. A typical season has 2-4 curtailment events, not including disasters. There would be at least 2 hours’ notice for interruptions.

Motion made by Bryant, Second by Helenthal to approve electric contract for Water Pollution Control Plant. (5) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

She also gave updates taking place in our community including; retirements, new hires, new building, tax contributions to the city and county, rebate plans, community involvement projects and presented a check to the city for rebates at the WPC plant.

Motion made by Bryant, Second by Helenthal to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 252-17:** “A RESOLUTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF THE SETTLEMENT FOR THE STATE CENTRAL V. LINDNER, ET.AL CASE.” (5) AYES, (0) NAYES. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Discussion by Burnett about Rhythm City donating the Rhythm City barge currently located on the Davenport riverfront to a municipality on the river. It has an event center, restrooms, restaurants and equipment, and holds 220 people. It may cost \$ 300,000.00 to move the barge. The City of Davenport wants the barge moved and has granted an extension. Another boat could dock to it, such as tourist type boat that travels the river. This is an opportunity to work on the riverfront development plan. Funding would come from hotel/motel tax. The project would have to be researched. Council would like Burnett to look into this further, and possibly make a trip with councilpersons to Davenport to look at the barge and gather more information.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Helenthal and seconded by Winn. (5) AYES, (0) NAYS motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

THOMAS D. MARION, MAYOR

ATTEST: _____
JEAN LUDWIG, CITY CLERK