

MINUTES
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 5, 2017
4:00 P.M.

The City Council of the City of Keokuk met in special meeting on May 5, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 415 Blondeau Street, with Mayor Thomas D. Marion presiding and five council members present, four absent: Mike O'Connor, Dan Winn, John Helenthal, Roger Bryant and Susan Dunek. Mike Moore, Ron Payne, Larry Mortimer and Sandy Pollitt were absent. Staff in attendance: City Administrator Aaron Burnett, City Clerk Jean Ludwig.

Documents with pictures and diagrams of the floor plan of the Rhythm City barge were presented to the Council. Persons that have visited the barge gave their insight. There was discussion on moving the barge, expenses related to moving and renovating, potential uses, docking sites, sanitation system, utilities, flooding, insurance and protection from liabilities, parking areas, riverfront development, who would own and operate the facility and funding. Burnett and others made it clear there is much uncertainty in a project such as this, but this is a great opportunity for riverfront development.

Motion made by Bryant and seconded by Helenthal to authorize the Mayor to sign a contract with Scott County Casino for the Rhythm City barge. (5) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:18 p.m.

THOMAS D. MARION, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JEAN LUDWIG, CITY CLERK