The City Council of the City of Keokuk met in regular session on July 7, 2016 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, Mike Moore, Ron Payne, Larry Mortimer, Sandy Pollitt, Roger Bryant and Susan Dunek. Dan Winn and John Helenthal were absent.

MAYOR’S CORRESPONDENCE: Mayor Marion informed citizens of a KPLAY Chicken Dinner for Bentley’s Playground to be held Tuesday, July 12, 2016 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Meyers’ Courtyard.

CONSENT AGENDA: Motion made by Roger Bryant and seconded by Mike O’Connor. Motion carried.

- Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of June 16, 2016;
- Minutes of the Safety Committee meetings of May and June 2016.
- Urban Revitalization Tax Exemption for Susan Johns, 814 North 9th Street, laundry/bath addition.
- Application for Special Events Permit for Rollin’ on the River, August 18-20, 2016;
- New Liquor License – The Bar 914, 914 Main Street, effective July 7, 2016 – Class C Liquor License with Sunday Sales and Outdoor Service;
- Renewal Liquor Licenses – Save-A-Lot, 2122 Main Street, effective July 18, 2016 and Wal-Mart, 300 North Park Drive, effective July 21, 2016 – Class E Liquor Licenses with Sunday Sales;
- Appointment of Christina McDaniel to Keokuk Housing Authority, term to expire September 5, 2017.

RESOLUTION NO. 121-16

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KEOKUK, IOWA:

THAT, the second reading of Ordinance No. 1957 allowing urban chickens be approved.

MOVED BY POLLITT(SECONDED BY PAYNE)

Passed this 7th day of July, 2016.


AYES – 7 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 2

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THOMAS D. MARION, MAYOR

ATTEST: __________________________
BARB BARNES, CITY CLERK
RESOLUTION NO. 122-16

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KEOKUK, IOWA:

THAT, the third reading of Ordinance No. 1957 allowing urban chickens be waived.

MOVED BY BRYANT  SECONDED BY POLLITT

Passed this 7th day of July, 2016.


AYES – 7  NAYS – 0  ABSENT – 2

ATTEST: ______________________________

THOMAS D. MARION, MAYOR

BARB BARNES, CITY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 123-16

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KEOKUK, IOWA:

THAT, Thursday, July 28, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. be set as the date and time for receipt of bids for the Rand Park and 5th Street Parking Lot Paver Project and Thursday, August 4, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. be set as the date and time for a public hearing on the proposed plans, specifications, form of contract, estimate of costs and award of contract for said project.

MOVED BY O’CONNOR  SECONDED BY BRYANT

Passed this 7th day of July, 2016.


AYES – 7  NAYS – 0  ABSENT – 2

ATTEST: ______________________________

THOMAS D. MARION, MAYOR

BARB BARNES, CITY CLERK
COMMITTEE REPORTS: City Administrator Aaron Burnett updated the council on a meeting held with Councilpersons Payne and Pollitt, Burnett and City Clerk Barb Barnes on the City Clerk position. A proposal to potentially promote two people within and rename positions as City Clerk and Deputy City Clerk positions were discussed along with a new delegation of job duties. The positions will be posted internally and would then allow for two entry level positions. Payne added that the meeting was constructive and crossing training would be beneficial. Pollitt stated that this would create a smooth transition. Councilperson Bryant stated that the administrative office has been understaffed but asked where the additional funds would be allocated from to fund the new position. Burnett stated that there were funds available from new resources created by the refinancing of bonds, hotel/motel tax, etc.

RESOLUTION NO. 124-16

WHEREAS, the list of expenses have been presented to the Finance Committee for review and exceptions, if any, have been noted; now therefore,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KEOKUK, IOWA:

THAT, the semi-monthly bills as listed on Register Pages 4859-4863, Checks No. 129027-129165, in the amount of $3,458,264.63, be approved.

MOVED BY POLLITT SECONDED BY PAYNE

Passed this 7th day of July, 2016.


AYES – 7 NAYS – 0 ABSENT – 2

ATTEST: ______________________________
BARG BARNES, CITY CLERK

THOMAS D. MARION, MAYOR

A motion to enter into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(i) regarding personnel was made by Roger Bryant and seconded by Ron Payne at 6:40 p.m. Motion carried. A roll call vote was taken and discussion followed.

At 7:10 p.m., a motion was made by Sandy Pollitt and seconded by Ron Payne to return to open session. Motion carried.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Susan Dunek and seconded by Roger Bryant. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.