

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

The City Council of the City of Keokuk met in regular session on July 6, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 415 Blondeau Street, with Mayor Thomas D. Marion presiding and nine council members present, zero absent: Mike O'Connor, Mike Moore, Ron Payne, Dan Winn, John Helenthal, Larry Mortimer, Sandy Pollitt, Roger Bryant and Susan Dunek. Staff in attendance: City Administrator Aaron Burnett, City Clerk Jean Ludwig, Public Works Director Mark Boussetot, Community Development Director Pam Broomhall, and Code Enforcement Officer Kathie Mahoney.

CITIZEN'S REQUEST: David Romane of 302 High St. spoke to the Council about the Unitarian Church. He asked that the Council not take action to demolish the church, as he has a plan for restoration and volunteers and donations coming forth. The Mayor said there have been several before him with similar plans, but they could not come up with the money.

Rod Timson of 302 High also spoke to the Council about saving the Unitarian Church. He has renovation experience in Florida. He has set up a 501c3 for donations. He said if an engineer's report says it is not worth it, then they're wasting their time. He said no one was notified about court proceedings regarding the church. Mayor Marion said that was not true. The Mayor said Christopher Daily and his attorney were both present. Mr. Timson says they have donations of supplies and labor. The Mayor commended them for their efforts. Councilperson Helenthal said he would like proof of donations.

Sue Olson, 1925 Lofton Drive, president of the Lee County Iowa Historical Society, addressed the Council regarding the steel chimney caps from the Unitarian Church that were given to them by a previous owner. If the church is demolished, they would like to keep the caps and possibly get the cornerstone as historical artifacts.

Motion made by O'Connor and seconded by Payne to approve the consent agenda.
(9) AYES, (0) NAYS motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of June 22, 2017;
- Minutes of the Keokuk Civil Service Commission meeting of June 26, 2017;
- Receive Council Reports;
- Renewal Liquor licenses – **RES. NO. 280-17** Wal-Mart Supercenter #1431, 300 North Park Drive, effective July 21, 2017 – Class E Liquor License with Sunday Sales;
- Renewal Liquor license – **RES. NO. 281-17** Arrowhead Bowl Inc., 3535

Main Street, effective August 1, 2017 Class C Liquor License with Sunday Sales;

- **RES. NO. 282-17** Rollin' on the River, Victory Park, effective August 18-20, 2017, Special Class C Liquor License with Outdoor Service;
- Appointment of Mark Smidt to the Grand Theatre Commission, term to expire November 5, 2020;
- Appointment of Leah Jones to the Historic Preservation Commission, term to expire September 19, 2020;
- Motion to pay the bills and transfers listed within Register No.'s 4936-4938;

Motion made by O'Connor, Second by Payne to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 280-17**: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING A LIQUOR LICENSE FOR WAL-MART SUPERCENTER #1431, 300 NORTH PARK DRIVE, EFFECTIVE JULY 21, 2017 – CLASS E LIQUOR LICENSE WITH SUNDAY SALES."

(9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by O'Connor, Second by Payne to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 281-17**: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING A LIQUOR LICENSE FOR ARROWHEAD BOWL, INC., 3535 MAIN STREET, EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2017 – CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE WITH SUNDAY SALES."

(9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by O'Connor, Second by Payne to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 282-17**: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING A LIQUOR LICENSE FOR ROLLIN' ON THE RIVER, VICTORY PARK, EFFECTIVE AUGUST 18-20, 2017 – SPECIAL CLASS C LIQUOR LICENSE WITH OUTDOOR SERVICE."

(9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

After much discussion, Helenthal made a motion and seconded by Winn to table the resolution which sought to authorize the demolition of the Unitarian Church building located at 228 North 4th Street to give the opportunity for factual papers to be presented to the Council, within a reasonable time, that the building is worth saving and there is financial backing. (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Helenthal, Second by O'Connor to approve \$ 5,000.00 contribution to Lake Cooper Foundation's street festival.

Roll Call Vote: (7) AYES – O'Connor, Winn, Helenthal, Mortimer, Pollitt, Bryant and Dunek. (2) NAYS – Moore and Payne. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bryant, Second by Helenthal to approve the security system, with the sponsor signage being conditional upon approval by the Park Board in conjunction with City staff at Bentley's Playground in Tolmie Park. Mike Greenslaugh of 716 Washington spoke to the

Council about a sponsor sign and security cameras for the playground. Joe Shuman of the Park Board said this item should have come to the Park Board for a recommendation.

(8) AYES, (1) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion to approve by Dunek, Second by Payne to authorize the Mayor to sign contracts for Grant Administration for the City's Sanitary Sewer Improvements project – CDBG Grant and SRF Loan. (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Dunek, Second by Bryant to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 283-17**: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINAL READING OF **ORDINANCE NO. 1970** AMENDING TITLE 13 CHAPTER 8, "SEWER RATES," OF THE KEOKUK MUNICIPAL CODE."

Roll Call Vote: (8) AYES – O'Connor, Moore, Winn, Helenthal, Mortimer, Pollitt, Bryant and Dunek. (1) NAY – Payne. Motion carried.

Motion made by Pollitt, Second by Helenthal to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 284-17**: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SECOND READING OF **ORDINANCE NO. 1971** REZONING LOTS 1 THROUGH 12, BLOCK 142, AND LOTS 1 THROUGH 6, BLOCK 120 ORIGINAL CITY OF KEOKUK, LEE COUNTY, IOWA FROM R-2 & R-3 TO R-4."

Roll Call Vote: (9) AYES – O'Connor, Moore, Payne, Winn, Helenthal, Mortimer, Pollitt, Bryant and Dunek. (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Helenthal, Second by Pollitt to waive the third reading of **ORDINANCE NO. 1971** rezoning Lots 1 through 12, Block 142, Lots 1 through 6, Block 120 Original City of Keokuk, Lee County, Iowa from R-2 & R-3 to R-4.

Roll Call Vote: (9) AYES – O'Connor, Moore, Payne, Winn, Helenthal, Mortimer, Pollitt, Bryant and Dunek. (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Pollitt, Second by Moore to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 285-17**: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE INITIAL READING OF **ORDINANCE NO. 1972** RESTRUCTURING THE PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD."

Roll Call Vote: (9) AYES – O'Connor, Moore, Payne, Winn, Helenthal, Mortimer, Pollitt, Bryant and Dunek. (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Winn, Second by Helenthal to waive the second and third reading of **ORDINANCE NO. 1972** Restructuring the Park and Recreation Advisory Board.

Roll Call Vote: (9) AYES – O'Connor, Moore, Payne, Winn, Helenthal, Mortimer, Pollitt, Bryant and Dunek. (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bryant, Second by Helenthal to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 286-17**: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE INITIAL READING OF **ORDINANCE NO. 1973** ESTABLISHING A RETURNED CHECK FEE.

Roll Call Vote: (9) AYES – O’Connor, Moore, Payne, Winn, Helenthal, Mortimer, Pollitt, Bryant and Dunek. (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Winn, Second by Bryant to waive the second and third reading of **ORDINANCE NO. 1973** Establishing a returned check fee.

Roll Call Vote: (9) AYES – O’Connor, Moore, Payne, Winn, Helenthal, Mortimer, Pollitt, Bryant and Dunek. (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Helenthal, Second by Bryant to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 287-17**: “A RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR JULY 20, 2017 AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 415 BLONDEAU STREET, KEOKUK, IOWA, PERTAINING TO THE SALE AND DISPOSAL OF PROPERTIES.” (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bryant, Second by Pollitt to approve the extension through January 31, 2018 of the loan agreement authorized through Resolution No. 242-10 to Lee County Economic Development Group. (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Theresa Murray of the Keokuk Saddle Club spoke to the Council regarding leasing the property in Joyce Park to build a new arena. They have approximately one third of the money and are applying for grants. They were incorporated in 1943 and are involved in the community in various ways.

Motion made by Dunek, Second by Helenthal to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 288-17**: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING A LEASE WITH THE SADDLE CLUB FOR JOYCE PARK.” (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Winn, Second by Helenthal to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 289-17**: “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NEGOTIATION AND EXECUTION OF A FESTIVAL CONTRACT.” (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made to adjourn meeting made by Helenthal and seconded by Bryant. (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.