The City Council of the City of Keokuk met in regular session on October 19, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 415 Blondeau Street, with Mayor Thomas D. Marion presiding and six council members present, three absent: Mike O’Connor, Dan Winn, John Helenthal, Larry Mortimer, Sandy Pollitt, and Roger Bryant. Mike Moore, Ron Payne and Susan Dunek were absent. Staff in attendance: City Clerk Jean Ludwig, Public Works Director Mark Bousselot, Code Enforcement Officer Kathie Mahoney, and Police Chief Dave Hinton.

MAYOR’S CORRESPONDENCE: Keokuk Public Library is hosting a free Smart Start-Starting a New Business workshop October 26th from 5:30-7:30.

Motion made by Helenthal, Second by Pollitt to approve the following consent agenda. (5) AYES, (1) ABSTAIN, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

- Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of October 5, 2017;
- Receive Council Reports;
- Renewal Liquor license –RESOLUTION NO. 337-17: Los Tapatios LLC, 706 Main Street, effective October 28, 2017 - Class C Liquor License with Sunday Sales;
- RESOLUTION NO. 338-17: Southside Boat Club, Inc., 625 Mississippi River Drive, effective October 31, 2017 – Class A Liquor License (Private Club) with Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales;
- RESOLUTION NO. 339-17:LD’s Starlight Lounge, Inc., 529 South 5th Street, effective November 2, 2017 – Class C Liquor License (pending application);
- Reappointment of Janice Lindner, Pat Kemp, and Jerry Herr of the Grand Theatre Commission, term to expire November 5, 2020;
- Appointment of Michael Price to the Human Rights Commission, term to expire September 19, 2020;
- Resignation of Marc Johnson from the Grand Theatre Commission, effective immediately;
- Resignation of Lutie Bender from the Human Rights Commission, effective September 19, 2017;
- RESOLUTION NO. 340-17: Approving an Urban Revitalization Tax Exemption for the following home owners be approved: Corey & Whitney Wagaman, 107 Bel Air, Remodel; Roger & Karen Bryant, 810 Johnson Street Road, enclosed porch (sunroom); Elfriede Harman, 1501 Carroll Street, house addition;
- Motion to pay the bills and transfers listed within Register No.’s 4957-4959;
Motion made by Bryant, Second by O’Connor to allow a grill and piece of play equipment near the Meierotto Shelter House at Victory Park. (6) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Winn, Second by Pollitt to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 341-17: “A RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR 6:30 P.M., NOVEMBER 2, 2017 IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 415 BLONDEAU STREET, ON A REQUEST TO VACATE AND DISPOSE OF CERTAIN UTILITY EASEMENTS AT LOTS 4 AND 5, JOYCE PARK SUBDIVISION IN THE CITY OF KEOKUK, IOWA. (6) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Pollitt, Second by Helenthal to approve the first amendment to the employment agreement with Aaron Burnett for service to the City of Keokuk as City Administrator. (6) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by O’Connor, Second by Bryant to sign Financial Assistance Award with Economic Development Administration for grant to facilitate the old Roquette building renovation. (6) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Mike Norris with SEIRPC spoke to the Council about the project and acknowledged City Administrator Burnett, City Staff, and PSBA Engineering’s assistance in getting the grant. He said it’s a unique vertical business park that is getting a lot of recognition.

Motion made by O’Connor, Second by Helenthal to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 342-17: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE INITIAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1975 AMENDING THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE KEOKUK MUNICIPAL CODE.”

Roll Call Vote: (6) AYES – O’Connor, Winn, Helenthal, Mortimer, Pollitt, and Bryant. (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Winn, Second by Helenthal to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 343-17: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE INITIAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1976 AMENDING PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO THE SALES AND DISCHARGE DATES AND TIMES FOR FIREWORKS.”

Roll Call Vote: (6) AYES – O’Connor, Winn, Helenthal, Mortimer, Pollitt, and Bryant. (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Mortimer, Second by Helenthal. (6) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.