

**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**September 7, 2017**  
**6:30 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Keokuk met in regular session on September 7, 2017 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, Ron Payne, John Helenthal, Larry Mortimer, Sandy Pollitt, Roger Bryant and Susan Dunek. Dan Winn and Mike Moore were absent. Staff in attendance: City Administrator Aaron Burnett, City Clerk Jean Ludwig, Public Works Director Mark Bousset, Community Development Director Pam Broomhall, Code Enforcement Officer Kathie Mahoney, Police Chief Dave Hinton and Fire Chief Gabe Rose.

**CITIZEN'S REQUEST:** Kathy Marion of 319 Franklin asked the Council to look into people speeding on N. 4<sup>th</sup> and downtown areas. She also asked about cleaning a sidewalk area in the 400 block of Main Street.

Motion made by Bryant, seconded by Mortimer to approve the consent agenda.  
(7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

- Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of August 17, 2017;
- Minutes of the Safety Committee Meeting of August 29, 2017;
- Receive Council Reports;
- Renewal Liquor license – **RESOLUTION NO. 315-17:** Dollar General Store #2385, 300 Main Street, effective September 21, 2017 - Class C Beer Permit with Sunday Sales;
- Appointment of Scott Gooding to the Keokuk Public Library Board, term to expire July 1, 2018;
- Resignation of Donald Wade from the Keokuk Housing Authority, effective immediately;
- Appointment of Mary Campbell to the Keokuk Housing Authority, term to expire September 5, 2018;
- Re-Appointment of Christina McDaniel to the Keokuk Housing Authority, term to expire September 5, 2019;
- Officer Tanner Walden and Craig Bastert are being promoted to Patrolman 2<sup>nd</sup> Class effective Saturday, August 19, 2017;
- Officer Joshua Gronewold is being promoted to Patrolman 1<sup>st</sup> Class effective Saturday, September 2, 2017;
- Officer Courtney Dalton is being promoted to Patrolman 3<sup>rd</sup> Class effective Saturday, September 2, 2017;
- Motion to pay the bills and transfers listed within Register No.'s 4948-4950;

Reike Plecas of Des Moines spoke of his previous projects and presented his plan to preserve the Unitarian Church. Mayor Marion stressed the importance of securing ownership and insurance. He asked Mr. Plecas to report back in two weeks on his progress of obtaining ownership, insurance, a TAN report, bids and how they are to be managed.

Motion made by Payne, Second by Helenthal to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 316-17**: “A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE SECOND READING OF **ORDINANCE NO. 1974** AMENDING THE KEOKUK MUNICIPAL ZONING CODE, CHAPTER 20.60, HEIGHT AND AREA REGULATIONS AND CHAPTER 20.68 SPECIAL USES, CONCERNING THE HEIGHT AND PLAN REVIEW OF PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRIBUTION, TRANSMISSION LINES AND FACILITIES.”

Roll Call Vote (7) AYES – O’Connor, Payne, Helenthal, Mortimer, Pollitt, Bryant and Dunek. (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Pollitt, Second by Bryant to waive the third reading of **ORDINANCE NO. 1974** amending the Keokuk Municipal Zoning Code, Chapter 20.60, Height and Area Regulations and Chapter 20.68 Special Uses, concerning the height and plan review of Public utility distribution, transmission lines and facilities.

Roll Call Vote (7) AYES – O’Connor, Payne, Helenthal, Mortimer, Pollitt, Bryant and Dunek. (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Mayor Marion opened the public hearing at 7:26 p.m. for disposal of City property in the Joyce Subdivision. A public hearing notice was published in the Daily Gate City August 23, 2017.

**COMMENTS:** John Mercer presented a proposal from Great River Health Systems to buy three lots in Joyce Subdivision for \$250,000.00. They intend to build a 5.5 million dollar clinic.

Mayor Marion closed the hearing at 7:35 p.m. and the following proposed resolution was adopted.

Motion made by Pollitt, Second by Helenthal to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 317-17**: “A RESOLUTION DISPOSING OF CITY PROPERTY IN THE JOYCE SUBDIVISION.” (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bryant, Second by O’Connor to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 318-17**: “A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE LOW BID FOR THE OBSTRUCTION REMOVAL PROJECT FROM W.L. MILLER COMPANY OF HAMILTON, ILLINOIS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 232,307.50.” (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Pollitt, Second by Dunek to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 319-17**: “A RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR 6:30 P.M., SEPTEMBER 21, 2017 IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, 415 BLONDEAU STREET,

VACATING CERTAIN UTILITY EASEMENTS BETWEEN LOTS 10 AND 11, LOTS 12 & 13, LOTS 13 & 14 IN KINDUSTRY PARK SUBDIVISION.” (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Dunek, Second by Helenthal to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 320-17**: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING CIVIL RIGHTS POLICIES REQUIRED BY THE IOWA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (CDBG) GRANT REGARDING CITY OF KEOKUK POINT REPAIRS PROJECT #17-WS-016.” (7) AYES, (0) NAYES. Motion carried.

Motion made by Mortimer, Second by Dunek to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 321-17**: “A RESOLUTION ALLOWING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A QUOTE WITH VISU-SEWER OF MASON CITY, IOWA FOR THE LINING OF THE SANITARY SEWER ALONG MISSISSIPPI DRIVE.” (7) AYES, (0) NAYES. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bryant, Second by Helenthal to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 322-17**: “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH PSBA OF KEOKUK, IOWA FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES OF THE SOAP CREEK LIFTS STATION MODIFICATIONS PROJECT. (7) AYES, (0) NAYES. Motion carried.

Motion made by Helenthal, Second by Bryant to approve the extension through November 3, 2018 of the loan agreement authorized through Resolution No. 242-10 to Lee County Economic Development Group and to authorize the modification of aforementioned loan to retroactively reduce the interest rate to 3% over the life of the loan. (7) AYES, (0) NAYES. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Bryant, Second by O’Connor. (7) AYES, (0) NAYES. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourn at 7:39 p.m.