**MINUTES**

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**February 1, 2018**

**6:30 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Keokuk met in regular session on February 1, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 415 Blondeau Street, with Mayor Thomas L. Richardson presiding and eight council members present, one absent: Mike O’Connor, Ron Payne, Devon Dade, John Helenthal, Larry Mortimer, Michael Greenwald, Roger Bryant and Susan Dunek. Mike Moore was absent. Staff in attendance: City Administrator Aaron Burnett, City Clerk Jean Ludwig, Public Works Director Mark Bousselot, Community Development Director Pam Broomhall, Police Chief Dave Hinton and Fire Chief Gabe Rose.

Motion made by Helenthal, Second by Dunek to approve amended agenda by

removing item #10, and to approve the consent agenda. (7) AYES, (0) NAYS, (1) ABSTAIN (Greenwald abstained due to his appointment). Motion carried.

● Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of January 18, 2018;

● Minutes of the Safety Committee meeting of January 23, 2018;

● Receive Council Reports;

● Appointment of Daniel Winn to the Historic Preservation Commission,

 term to expire September 19, 2019;

● Appointment of Michael Greenwald to the Historic Preservation

 Commission, term to expire September 19, 2019;

● Sidewalk Display Permit – Kandie White, 822 Main Street;

● **RESOLUTION NO. 12-18:** Approving a Urban Revitalization Tax

 Exemption for the following home owners: Steve & Orma Andrews,

 1710 Park St., partial basement, kitchen and breezeway addition and

 interior remodel; Aaron & Tammy Smith, 524 Hawthorne St., addition

 and detached garage; Nancy Meinhardt, 2945 Middle Road, single family

 dwelling;

● Motion to pay the bills and transfers listed within Register No.’s 4977-

4979;

Mayor Richardson opened the public hearing at 6:36 p.m. on a proposal to vacate and dispose of a 20’ x 300’ improved alleyway in Block 41 of Reid’s addition, City of Keokuk, Lee County, Iowa. A public notice was published in the Daily Gate City on January 29, 2018.

**COMMENTS:** Burnett said this is the alley next to the proposed new Roquette office building on South 7th. Easements will be maintained until the utility situation is settled.

Mayor Richardson closed the public hearing at 6:37 p.m. and the following proposed resolution was adopted.

Motion made by Helenthal, Second by O’Connor to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 13-18:** “A RESOLUTION ON A PROPOSAL TO VACATE AND DISPOSE OF A 20’ X 300’ IMPROVED ALLEYWAY IN BLOCK 41 OF REID’S ADDITION, CITY OF KEOKUK, LEE COUNTY, IOWA.” (8) AYES, (0) NAYS.

Motion carried.

Motion made by Helenthal, Second by Greenwald to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 14-18:** “A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE THIRD AND FINAL READING OF **ORDINANCE NO. 1979** REZONING LOTS 1 THROUGH 6, BLOCK 41, REID’S ADDITION; LOTS 1 & 2 FROM R-2, SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING DISTRICT TO M-2, HEAVY INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT AND LOTS 3, 4, 5, & 6 FROM R-3 TWO FAMILY DWELLING TO M-2, HEAVY INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT.”

Roll Call Vote: (8) AYES – O’Connor, Payne, Dade, Helenthal, Mortimer, Greenwald, Bryant and Dunek. (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Helenthal, Second by Mortimer to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 15-18:** “A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE THIRD AND FINAL READING OF **ORDINANCE NO. 1980** AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF KEOKUK TO REPEAL CHAPTER 2.50 AND 2.16, AND TO ADOPT CHAPTER 1.15 REGARDING THE METHOD OF CITY ELECTIONS.”

Roll Call Vote: (7) AYES – O’Connor, Payne, Dade, Helenthal, Mortimer, Greenwald, and Bryant. (1) NAY – Dunek. Motion carried.

Motion made by Dunek, Second by Helenthal to approve the replacement of Cage Drive unit from WesTech for the Water Pollution Control Plant at a cost of $ 42,043.00.

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

Motion made by Bryant, Second by Payne to award $ 5,000.00 to America’s First Great Dam Foundation for a virtual reality tour project. (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Helenthal, Second by Payne to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 16-18:** “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS CITY PROPERTY IN THE FORM OF A 2000 PIERCE SABER RESCUE PUMPER.” (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** There are no committee reports, but Burnett recognized award given to former Mayor Tom Marion for his service to the region and the Union Depot Commission by SEIRPC for their dedication to restoring the Depot.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by O’Connor, Second by Helenthal. (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

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THOMAS L. RICHARDSON, MAYOR

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 JEAN LUDWIG, CITY CLERK