The City Council of the City of Keokuk met in regular session on May 17, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 415 Blondeau Street. In the absence of Mayor Thomas L. Richardson, Mayor Pro-Tem Susan Dunek called the meeting to order. There were seven council members present, two absent. Mike O’Connor, Devon Dade, John Helenthal, Larry Mortimer, Michael Greenwald, Roger Bryant and Susan Dunek were present. Ron Payne and Mike Moore were absent. Staff in attendance: City Administrator Aaron Burnett, City Clerk Jean Ludwig, and Code Enforcement Officer Kathie Mahoney.

MAYOR’S CORRESPONDENCE:

- Moving City Council meeting of June 21st, to June 22nd
- Special City Council meeting on May 24th (Closed Session). A portion of this meeting will be open to discuss the process for hiring.

The Park & Recreation Board will sponsor a Tombstone Tune-Up to realign and repair damaged stones in Oakland Cemetery from 9 a.m. to noon on June 2. Anyone interested is asked to bring work gloves and help. For more information contact Terry Altheide at 319-795-9512.

Keokuk American Legion Boy Scout Troop 43 will have a pancake breakfast May 26 from 7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Meierotto Shelter in Victory Park to help Veterans and send Boy Scouts to summer camp.

The week of May 13th is National Police week.

Back Alley Band Fest will be May 25th.

Motion made by O’Connor, Second by Greenwald to approve the agenda, including the consent agenda. (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

- Minutes of the regular City Council meeting of May 3, 2018;
- Receive Council Reports;
- **RESOLUTION NO. 74-18**: Approving a Liquor License for Keokuk Labor Fraternal Council, 301 Blondeau Street, effective June 7, 2018 – Class A Liquor License with Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales;
- **RESOLUTION NO. 75-18**: Approving a Liquor License for Keokuk Yacht Club, Inc., 2029 River Road, effective June 8, 2018 – Class C Liquor License with Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales;
- Re-appointment of Steve Celania to the Keokuk Union Depot Commission, effective June 1, 2018, term to expire June 1, 2022;
• Re-appointment of Thomas Seabold to the Keokuk Union Depot Commission, effective June 1, 2018, term to expire June 1, 2022;
• Motion to pay the bills and transfers listed within Register No.’s 4996-4998;

Director of Tourism Kirk Brandenberger spoke to the council asking for $7,500 in funding for Geode Fest. They are taking over the festival from Worthen Earth Searchers. He expects the festival to become self-sustaining after this year. Motion made by O’Connor, Second by Dade to approve funding request for Geode Fest. (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by O’Connor, Second by Greenwald to approve a Special Events Permit for the Main Street Keokuk, Inc. for 18th Annual Summer Fun & Fundraiser Saturday, June 16, 2018. (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Council mentioned the public hearing to consider adoption of the 2018 Keokuk Comprehensive Plan update for the City of Keokuk was not published appropriately and needed to be rescheduled.

Motion made by Greenwald, Second by Helenthal to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 76-18: “A RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR JUNE 7, 2018 AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 415 BLONDEAU STREET, KEOKUK, IOWA TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF THE 2018 KEOKUK COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE FOR THE CITY OF KEOKUK.” (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-Tem Susan Dunek opened the public hearing at 6:50 p.m. to accept bids for the sale and transfer of 26 & 30 S. 12th Street. A public hearing notice was published in the Daily Gate City on May 4, 2018.

COMMENTS: One bid for $1,000.00 was received from Carl Morgan. He submitted a proposal for the development of the property as a pool hall.

Mayor Pro-Tem Susan Dunek closed the public hearing at 6:52 p.m. and the following proposed resolution was adopted.

Motion made by Greenwald, Second by Bryant to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 77-18: “A RESOLUTION DISPOSING OF MUNICIPALLY OWNED REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 26 & 30 S. 12TH STREET.” (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Mayor Pro-Tem Susan Dunek opened the public hearing at 6:53 p.m. for an amendment to the FY17-18 City Budget. A public hearing notice was published in the Daily Gate City on May 4, 2018.

COMMENTS: Burnett said most departments did a good job staying within their budget. There were some unforeseen capital expenditures that crossed over from the previous year,
grant expenditures, targeted jobs pass through payments and unanticipated economic development expenditures. There were also some culture and recreation expenditures that will be reimbursed by the Park & Recreation Board. Overall, he feels the City is performing to expectations.

Mayor Pro-Tem Susan Dunek closed the public hearing at 6:56 p.m. and the following proposed resolution was adopted.

Motion made by Greenwald, Second by Helenthal to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 78-18**: “A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FY17-18 CITY BUDGET.” (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bryant, Second by Helenthal to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 79-18**: “A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A BID FROM KT CONSTRUCTION & ABATEMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF $127,200.00 FOR DEMOLITION OF 409 MAIN STREET.” (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Consider resolution approving the initial reading of Ordinance No. 1983 to encourage innovation and the safe use of small unmanned aircraft while addressing security and privacy concerns. After input from drone enthusiasts during the workshop, Burnett recommended no action on this item. He will work with them and bring back a more acceptable ordinance. Resolution dies for lack of motion.

Motion made by Helenthal, Second by Bryant to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 80-18**: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE INITIAL READING OF ORDINANCE NO. 1984 ESTABLISHING A STORMWATER UTILITY FOR THE CITY OF KEOKUK.”

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

**NEW BUSINESS:** Burnett said the Council meeting is livestreaming on the City’s website tonight for the first time. He also noted Code Enforcement Officer Kathie Mahoney gave a presentation on nuisance abatement to a statewide audience on May 16.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Helenthal, Second by Mortimer. (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.