

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
July 2, 2019
1721 Fulton Street
5:30 P.M.

The City Council of the City of Keokuk met in regular session on July 2 at 5:30 p.m. at 1721 Fulton Street. Mayor Thomas L. Richardson, 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. Mike Moore and Ron Payne were absent. Staff in attendance: City Administrator Cole O'Donnell, City Clerk Jean Ludwig, Public Works Director Mark Boussetot, Community Development Director Pam Broomhall and Code Enforcement & Housing Official Kathy Mahoney and Casey Barnes.

MAYOR'S CORRESPONDENCE: Announced Sister Cities and Independence Day activities. Thanked State Representative Jeff Kurtz for help in contacting BNSF representatives regarding the Main Street rail crossing.

Motion made by Helenthal, Second by Bryant to approve the agenda, including the consent agenda. (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

- Minutes of the Council Workshop & regular City Council meeting of June 20, 2019;
- Minutes of the Safety Committee meeting of June 25, 2019;
- Cash Receipts and Treasurers report for May 2019;
- **RESOLUTION NO. 281-19:** Approving a Liquor License for Main Street Keokuk, 511 Blondeau Street, Class B Beer Permit (including Wine Coolers) with Outdoor Service effective July 27, 2019, term of 5 days RAGBRAI Event to be held in Victory Park (pending dram);
- Approve a Special Events Permit for Rand Park Pavilion summer concerts in Rand Park @ the Pavilion;
- Motion to pay bills and transfers listed in Register No.'s 5076-5078;

Motion made by Helenthal, Second by O'Connor to enter into closed session to discuss the purchase or sale of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property or reduce the price the governmental body would receive for that property in accordance with Iowa Code Sec. 21.5(j).

Roll Call Vote: (7) AYES-O'Connor, Dade, Helenthal, Mortimer, Greenwald, Bryant and Dunek. (0) NAYS. Motion carried. Entered closed session at 5:35 p.m.

Council returned to open session at 6:03 p.m.

Mayor Richardson opened the public hearing at 6:04 p.m. on vacation and sale of a portion of Twin Rivers Drive. A public notice was published in the Daily Gate City on June 21, 2019.

COMMENTS: O'Donnell said there was no recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission, and it was also discovered that federal EDA funds were used on the road project, so the city must maintain the road for 20 years.

No further comments were received. Mayor Richardson closed the public hearing at 6:05 p.m. Resolution to vacate and dispose of a portion of Twin Rivers Drive died for lack of motion.

Mayor Richardson opened the public hearing at 6:05 p.m. on offer to purchase city property. A public hearing notice was published in the Daily Gate City on June 21, 2019.

COMMENTS: O'Donnell said Roquette has offered to purchase 6 parcels of city owned property lying within the footprint of the plant. The one of note is the parcel with the warehouse on it. It was appraised for \$ 148,000.00 several years ago, and recently appraised for \$300,000.00. Flint Peyton of Roquette asked the council to consider the warehouse property separately from the other parcels.

No further comments were received. Mayor Richardson closed the public hearing at 6:07 p.m. and the following resolution was adopted.

Motion made by Dunek, Second by Helenthal to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 282-19:** "A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE SALE OF FIVE OF THE PARCELS, EXCLUDING THE PARCEL WITH THE WAREHOUSE ON IT" (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by O'Connor, Second by Bryant to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 283-19:** "A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE INVESTMENT POLICY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 FOR THE CITY OF KEOKUK." (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bryant, Second by Helenthal to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 284-19:** "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADVANCEMENT OF COSTS FOR AN URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT AND CERTIFICATION OF EXPENSES INCURRED BY THE CITY FOR PAYMENT UNDER IOWA CODE 403.19." (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by O'Connor, Second by Mortimer to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 285-19:** "A RESOLUTION TO SET THE DATE AND TIME FOR RECEIPT OF BIDS ON ASBESTOS REMOVAL AND DEMOLITION OF 415 BLONDEAU STREET AND SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING TO AWARD CONTRACT." (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bryant, Second by Dunek to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 286-19**: “A RESOLUTION AWARDED A CONTRACT TO MEYERS DRIVEWAY & SEPTIC TO REMOVE DRIFTWOOD FROM THE RIVERFRONT.” (6) AYES, (0) NAYS, (1) ABSTAIN-HELENTHAL. Motion carried.

Motion made by O’Connor, Second by Helenthal to deny a citizen more time to clean up the property at 1402 Exchange Street that has junk vehicles on property for storage. (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bryant, Second by O’Connor to waive a building permit fee for Habitat for Humanity for a renovation project located at 486 Messenger Road. (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS: Pam Broomhall introduced new employee Casey Barnes. She will become Code Enforcement Official upon the retirement of Kathie Mahoney.

O’Donnell reported on the following: Riverfront barge, road projects, RAGBRAI plans, SID Center, Brownfield-Elkem site, first year anniversary observations.

There being no further business, Mayor Richardson adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.