

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 20, 2020
500 N. 20th Street
6:30 P.M.

The City Council of the City of Keokuk met in regular session on February 20, 2020 at 500 N. 20th Street. Mayor Thomas L. Richardson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. There were seven council members present, two absent. Linda Altheide, Ron Payne, Devon Dade, John Helenthal, Steve Andrews, Michael Greenwald and Roger Bryant were present. Mike O'Connor and Susan Dunek were absent. Staff in attendance: City Administrator Cole O'Donnell, City Clerk Jean Ludwig, Community Development Director Pam Broomhall, Sewer Department Manager Robert Helenthal and Manager of Bridge, Park, Cemetery and Sanitation Robert Weis.

MAYOR'S CORRESPONDENCE: Encouraged attendance at Spirit of Keokuk awards and the Chamber's Dueling Pianos event.

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

- Minutes of the Council Workshop & regular City Council meeting of February 6, 2020;
- **RESOLUTION NO. 31-20:** Approving a Liquor License for Lucky's Irish Pub and Grub, 528 Blondeau Street, effective March 3, 2020 – Class C Liquor License with Outdoor Service & Sunday Sales;
- **RESOLUTION NO. 32-20:** Approving an Urban Revitalization Tax Exemption for the following homeowners be approved:
Nancy & Corey Grisham, 930 Grand Avenue, accessory building;
Danielle Keefe, 520 Fulton Street, interior remodel;
Roger Rossi, 1713 Franklin Street, accessory building;
- Motion to pay bills and transfers listed in Register No.'s 5125-5127;

Mayor Richardson opened the public hearing at 6:32 p.m. on a request to amend Title 20, Section 20.40.020(20)(A)(i) of the Keokuk Municipal Code. A public hearing notice was published in the Daily Gate City on February 11, 2020.

COMMENTS: Broomhall: Amend to allow up to 25 employees per shift in a C-2 zone.

No further comments were received. Mayor Richardson closed the public hearing at 6:33 p.m.

Motion made by Bryant, second by Helenthal to approve the initial reading of an ordinance amending Title 20, Section 20.40.020(20)(A)(i) to allow tool, die, gauge and machine shops within a C-2, General Commercial District to employ up to 25 persons on a single shift, not including persons whose principal duties are off the premises.

ROLL CALL VOTE: (7) AYES – Altheide, Payne, Dade, Helenthal, Andrews, Greenwald and Bryant. (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Payne, second by Greenwald to waive the second and third/final reading of an ordinance amending Title 20, Section 20.40.020(20)(A)(i) to allow tool, die, gauge and machine shops within a C-2, General Commercial District to employ up to 25 persons on a single shift, not including persons whose principal duties are off the premises.

ROLL CALL VOTE: (7) AYES – Altheide, Payne, Dade, Helenthal, Andrews, Greenwald and Bryant. (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Altheide, second by Helenthal to adopt and give final approval of **ORDINANCE NO. 2003** amending Title 20, Section 20.40.020(20)(A)(i) to allow tool, die, gauge and machine shops within a C-2, General Commercial District to employ up to 25 persons on a single shift, not including persons whose principal duties are off the premises. (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Mayor Richardson opened the public hearing at 6:35 p.m. on the proposed fiscal year 2021 property tax levy. A public hearing notice was published in the Daily Gate City on February 7, 2020.

COMMENTS: O'Donnell: A new law adds this public hearing to the budget process. An error was discovered after publication which will be corrected, the rate will be lower.

No further comments were received. Mayor Richardson closed the public hearing at 6:38 p.m. and the following proposed resolution was adopted.

Motion made by Helenthal, second by Greenwald to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 33-20**: “A RESOLUTION ON THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2021 PROPERTY TAX LEVY.” (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Greenwald, second by Bryant to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 34-20**: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PRELIMINARY OFFICIAL STATEMENT FOR \$ 7,460,000 (DOLLAR AMOUNT SUBJECT TO CHANGE) GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING CAPITAL LOAN NOTES, SERIES 2020.” (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Greenwald, second by Payne to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 35-20**: “A RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON STATUS OF FUNDED ACTIVITIES FOR CITY OF KEOKUK CDBG OWNER OCCUPIED REHABILITATION PROJECT.” (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Greenwald, second by Altheide to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 36-20**: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING FEE FORGIVENESS AS ALTERNATE TO URBAN REVITALIZATION TAX EXEMPTION.” (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Consider resolution setting daily admission fee to the City of Keokuk, Iowa's Aquatic Center. No action taken, moved by Helenthal, second by Andrews to send back to the Park Commission for more information on fees.

Motion made by Greenwald, second by Helenthal to approve the purchase of 212 Des Moines Street. (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS: Broomhall is still searching for a plumber to serve on the Building and Housing Advisory Board. First report on the nomination of Stephanie Ewing to the Grand Theatre Commission – term to expire 11/05/2020.

STAFF REPORTS: O'Donnell reported on the following: Hiring of a Public Works Director, union negotiations, City Hall Building Committee, Southeast Iowa Days.

Motion made by Helenthal, second by Altheide to enter closed session to discuss Union Contract Negotiations under Iowa Code Section 20.17.3 where Negotiating sessions, strategy meetings of public employers, mediation, and the deliberative process of arbitrators shall be exempt from the provisions of chapter 21.

ROLL CALL VOTE: (7) AYES – Altheide, Payne, Dade, Helenthal, Andrews, Greenwald and Bryant. (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Entered closed session at 6:52 p.m.

Re-entered open session at 7:13 p.m.

There being no further business, Mayor Richardson adjourned the meeting at 7:14 p.m.