The City Council of the City of Keokuk met in regular session on February 6, 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. Mike O’Connor, Ron Payne, Devon Dade, Steve Andrews, Michael Greenwald, Roger Bryant and Susan Dunek were present. Linda Altheide and John Helenthal were absent. Staff in attendance: City Administrator Cole O’Donnell, City Clerk Jean Ludwig, Community Development Director Pam Broomhall, Fire Chief Gabe Rose, Chief of Police Dave Hinton, Sewer Department Manager Robert Helenthal and Manager of Bridge, Park, Cemetery and Sanitation Robert Weis.

CITIZEN’S REQUEST: John Veit addressed the council about concerns with snow removal.

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

- Minutes of the Goal Setting Session meeting of January 15, 2020;
- Minutes of the Council Workshop & regular City Council meeting of January 16, 2020;
- Minutes of the Safety Committee meeting of January 21, 2020;
- Minutes of the Special Budget Meeting of January 23, 2020;
- Cash Receipts and Treasurer’s Report for December 2019;
- RESOLUTION NO. 21-20 Approving an Urban Revitalization Tax Exemption for the following homeowners be approved: Donald & Jeanine Lohr, 423 Belknap Place, accessory building; John & Cathy Johnson, 925 S. 16th Street, addition;
- RESOLUTION NO. 22-20 Approving a Liquor License for Keokuk Spirits, 1013 Main Street, effective March 1, 2020 – Class E Liquor License with Sunday Sales;
- RESOLUTION NO. 23-20 Approving a Liquor License for Beef, Bread & Brew, 2601 Main Street, effective March 1, 2020 – Class C Liquor License with Sunday Sales;
- RESOLUTION NO. 24-20 Approving a Liquor License for Hy-Vee Inc. Chamber Dueling Pianos, 810 Main Street, effective March 18, 2020 – term of 5-days with a Class C Liquor License;
- Motion to pay bills and transfers listed in Register No.’s 5121-5124;

Motion made by Dunek, second by Bryant to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 25-20 “A RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON A REQUEST TO
AMEND TITLE 20, SECTION 20.40.020(20)(A)(i) OF THE KEOKUK MUNICIPAL CODE.” (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by O’Connor, second by Bryant to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 26-20 “A RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2021 PROPERTY TAX LEVY.” (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by O’Connor, second by Payne to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 27-20 “A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL AUDIT REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2019.” (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Dunek, Second by Payne to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 28-20 “A RESOLUTION APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH KEOKUK COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT REGARDING JOYCE PARK UNDER CHAPTER 28E OF THE CODE OF IOWA.” (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bryant, second by Greenwald to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 29-20 “A RESOLUTION APPROVING AGREEMENT WITH BNSF RAILROAD PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING SERVICES.” (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Dunek, second by Greenwald to approve the following proposed RESOLUTION NO. 30-20 “A RESOLUTION AWARDING CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SEWER DRYING BED.” (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by O’Connor, second by Bryant to approve the purchase of a Bucket Truck for the Bridge Department. (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bryant, second by Payne to approve a Special Events Permit for Lennie Etter for the Keokuk Fireworks Display for Saturday, July 4, 2020 at Rand Park & River Road. (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS: Broomhall is looking for a plumber to serve on the Building & Housing Advisory Board.

Motion made by Dunek, second by Bryant to approve Donza Worden to a 6-year term on the Airport Commission, term to expire 10/20/25 and Robin Davis to serve on the Keokuk Library Board of Trustees, term to expire 7/01/24. (7) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS: O’Donnell reported on the following: Brownfield Grant, Barge, restructuring the Public Works Department, FEMA, union negotiations, Windsor Heights lift station, landfill leachate control, and new City Hall.
Motion made by Payne, second by O’Connor to enter closed session to discuss the possible purchase of real estate under code section 21.5(j) 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.

ROLL CALL VOTE: (7) AYES – O’Connor, Payne, Dade, Andrews, Greenwald, Bryant and Dunek. (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Enter closed session at 6:52 p.m.

Re-entered open session at 7:12 p.m.

Motion made by Bryant, second by O’Connor 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 – O’Connor, Payne, Dade, Andrews, Greenwald, Bryant and Dunek. (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Enter closed session at 7:15 p.m.

Re-entered open session at 7:23 p.m.

There being no further business, Mayor Richardson adjourned the meeting at 7:24 p.m.