

**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**April 2, 2020**  
**500 N. 20<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**6:30 P.M.**

City Administrator O'Donnell made the following announcements: In response to COVID-19, the Keokuk City Council meetings are closed to the general public. Council members attending by phone must state their name when speaking. The meeting will be live streamed on Facebook Live and audio coverage via Radio Keokuk, [www.radiokeokuk.com](http://www.radiokeokuk.com) and the Radio Keokuk apps for Apple and Android. Public may submit questions and comments ahead of the meeting to [codonnell@cityofkeokuk.org](mailto:codonnell@cityofkeokuk.org) or text (319)844-4929. Public comment during the regular meeting will be taken via Facebook comments or texting (319)844-4929. The public is urged to stream the meeting through Radio Keokuk as audio through Facebook will be of poor quality. Roll call will be taken on all measures.

The City Council of the City of Keokuk met in regular session on April 2, 2020 at 500 N. 20<sup>th</sup> Street. Mayor Thomas L. Richardson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. There were nine council members present, none absent. Mike O'Connor, Linda Altheide, Ron Payne, John Helenthal, Michael Greenwald and Roger Bryant were present in person. Devon Dade, Steve Andrews and Susan Dunek were present by phone. Staff in attendance: City Administrator Cole O'Donnell, City Clerk Jean Ludwig, Community Development Director Pam Broomhall, Public Works Director Robert Helenthal, Chief of Police Dave Hinton and Fire Chief Gabe Rose.

**MAYOR'S CORRESPONDENCE:** The Mayor has taken numerous calls about the city's action or lack thereof during the Coronavirus crisis. Discussed Cruise Night in relation to Coronavirus. He is not cancelling the event, but asking everyone to stay in their cars, follow social distancing and other rules related to the virus.

Motion made by Helenthal, second by Altheide to approve the agenda, including the consent agenda. (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

- Minutes of the Council Workshop & regular City Council meeting of March 19, 2020;
- Sidewalk Display Permits for Keokuk Area Convention & Tourism Bureau, Gate City Seed Co., Eckland Motors, Cahill Pribyl Jewelry, Simply Home and Rascal's Pub & Grub;
- Motion to pay bills and transfers listed in Register No.'s 5134-5136;

Motion made by Greenwald, second by Payne to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 66-20** "A RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR SALE OF CITY OWNED PROPERTY AT 827 BANK STREET." (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Helenthal, second by Payne to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 67-20:** “A RESOLUTION APPROVING ACCESS CONTROL AGREEMENT WITH ROQUETTE AMERICA REGARDING TWIN RIVERS DRIVE.” (8) AYES, (1) NAY-O’Connor. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bryant, second by Payne to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 68-20:** “A RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING TO APPLY FOR A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FOR THE HOUSING SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM THROUGH THE IOWA DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.” (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by O’Connor, second by Bryant to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 69-20:** “A RESOLUTION APPROVING LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR A VACUUM TRUCK.” (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Greenwald, second by O’Connor to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 70-20:** “A RESOLUTION APPROVING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH TEAMSTERS LOCAL 238 POLICE UNIT.” (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

**BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:** Second Report on Nominations: O’Donnell said there is a vacancy on the Airport Zoning Commission. City Planning Commission – Larry Wallingford, 5-year term to expire 5/14/2025.

Motion made by Helenthal, second by Payne to approve the final Report on Nominations: Building and Housing Advisory Board, Dave Dye, 3-year term to expire 9/19/2022. Chad Campbell, Civil Service Commission, 6-year term to expire 4/01/2026. (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

**STAFF REPORTS:** Discussed COVID-19 issues and related finances. Staff instructed to cease all capital projects unless at a point of no return or use other funding to net zero the cost. Rand Park Tunnel on hold – debt currently unadvisable. Discussed structure fire at 227 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Bridge Department moving to 212 Des Moines.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Discussed public park policy during COVID-19 crisis. Posting playgrounds, shelters houses, basketball courts and gathering spaces as closed through May 31. Park Reservations will also be cancelled. Police Officers are asked to disperse gatherings. Further measures may be taken. Sidewalk project from Henniges factory to N. Park Drive has been engineered. Consensus is to proceed with the project. Discussed alley access at 212 Des Moines. Discussed ambulance service options.

There being no further business, Mayor Richardson adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.