The City Council of the City of Keokuk met in regular session on July 16, 2020 at 500 N. 20th Street. In the absence of Mayor Thomas L. Richardson, 6th Ward Councilman Roger Bryant called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. There were eight council members present, none absent. Mike O’Connor, Linda Altheide, Ron Payne, Devon Dade, John Helenthal, Steve Andrews, and Roger Bryant were present in person. Susan Dunek was present by phone. Ward 5 is vacant. Staff in attendance: City Administrator Cole O’Donnell, City Clerk Jean Ludwig, and Community Development Director Pam Broomhall.

MAYOR’S CORRESPONDENCE: The Red Rock Threshers Club will have around 200 tractors coming through town Saturday morning.

CITIZEN’S REQUEST: John Helenthal thanked candidates that interviewed for the vacant 5th Ward seat.

Motion made by Helenthal, second by Payne to approve the agenda, including the consent agenda. (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

- Minutes of the Council Workshop & regular City Council meeting of July 2, 2020;
- RESOLUTION NO. 129-20 Approving a Liquor License for Arrowhead Bowl, 3535 Main Street, effective August 1, 2020 – Class C Liquor License with Sunday Sales;
- RESOLUTION NO. 130-20 Approving a Liquor License for MOD Convenience Store, Inc., 3345 Main Street, switching to a Class E Liquor License from a Class C Beer Permit, effective immediately;
- Motion to pay bills and transfers listed in Register No.’s 5154-5156;

Motion made by Helenthal, second by Dade to approve the initial reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 9.40.010 designated one-way streets and alleys.

ROLL CALL VOTE: (8) AYES – O’Connor, Altheide, Payne, Dade, Helenthal, Andrews, Bryant, and Dunek. (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Payne, second by O’Connor to waive the second and third/final reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 9.40.010 designated one-way streets and alleys.
ROLL CALL VOTE: (8) AYES – O’Connor, Altheide, Payne, Dade, Helenthal, Andrews, Bryant, and Dunek. (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2007 amending Chapter 9.40.010 designated one-way streets and alleys. (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 131-20: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO LOAN AND DISBURSEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF KEOKUK AND THE IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY, AND AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING FOR THE REISSUANCE OF THE SEWER REVENUE CAPITAL LOAN NOTES, SERIES 2010A (RATE RESET), OF THE CITY.” (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 132-20: “A RESOLUTION APPROVING $ 1,500 OUT OF HOTEL/MOTEL TAX FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 FOR SISTER CITIES GROUP.” (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 133-20: “A RESOLUTION AWARDING TECHNICAL SERVICE TO SEIRPC FOR CDBG HOUSING REHABILITATION GRANT IF AWARDED.” (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 134-20: “A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING TRAFFICE CONTROL SIGNS FOR ONE-WAY ALLEY BETWEEN RIDGE & CARROLL STREET AND SOUTH 6TH & SOUTH 5TH STREET.” (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.


STAFF REPORTS: O’Donnell reported on the following: Big Dam Street Festival has now been cancelled. They were already issued a check for $5,000 from Hotel/Motel funds. Council suggested they return the money. If needed, they can ask for funds in the next budget year. He also reported on the Brownfield project and Lee County ambulance service.

There being no further business, Councilman Bryant adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.