

**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**July 15, 2021**  
**500 N. 20<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**6:30 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Keokuk met in regular session on July 15, 2021 at 500 N. 20<sup>th</sup> Street. Mayor Thomas L. Richardson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. There were eight council members present, one absent. Mike O'Connor, Linda Altheide, Roslyn Garcia, John Helenthal, Devon Dade, Steve Andrews, Linda Marsden, and Roger Bryant were present. Susan Dunek was absent. Staff in attendance: City Administrator Cole O'Donnell, City Clerk Jean Ludwig, Public Works Director Robert Helenthal (6:33), Community Development Director Pam Broomhall, Police Chief Dave Hinton, Sewer Manager Michael Clark and Bridge, Park, Cemetery and Sanitation Manager Bob Weis.

**MAYOR'S CORRESPONDENCE:** Recognized Joe Shuman as the recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Award.

**CITIZEN'S REQUEST:** Jack Smith, 1705 Grand, representing Keokuk Public Library Foundation gave an overview of the Library Park project and requested the city's help with funding.

Motion made by Bryant, second by Marsden to approve the following agenda including the consent agenda. (8) AYES, (0) NAYS.

- Minutes of the Council Workshop & Regular City Council meeting of July 1, 2021;
- Cash Receipts & Treasurer's Report for June 2021;
- **RESOLUTION NO. 286-21:** Approving a Liquor License for Arrowhead Bowl Inc., 3535 Main Street, effective August 1, 2021 – Class C Liquor License with Sunday Sales (PENDING-IN PROGRESS);
- Sidewalk Display Permit for Local Creations, 717 Main Street;
- Motion to pay bills and transfers listed in Register No.'s 5218-5220;

Mayor Richardson opened the public hearing at 6:44 p.m. on the Community Health Centers of SE Iowa application for a Community Development Block Grant. A public hearing notice was published in the Daily Gate City on Friday, July 9, 2021.

**COMMENTS:** Antonio Flores, COO of the CHC and Tracey Lamm, of SEIRPC talked about how the need for the activities was identified, how the proposed activity will be funded, date application is due, the requested amount of federal funds, federal funds that will benefit low- and Moderate-income persons, where the activity will be conducted, minimize displacement of persons, and plans to assist persons displaced.

No further comments were received, Mayor Richardson closed the public hearing at 6:55 p.m. Motion made by Helenthal, second by Garcia to approve the following proposed

**RESOLUTION NO. 287-21:** “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE FEDERAL ASSURANCE FORM, APPLICATION AND DISCLOSURE REPORT FOR CDBG FUNDS.” (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bryant, second by O’Connor to approve the second reading of an Ordinance amending Ordinance No.’s 1852, 1952, and 2010 and providing that general property taxes shall no longer be divided on certain property being removed from the Twin Rivers Urban Renewal area, in the City of Keokuk.

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

Motion made by Helenthal, second by Bryant to waive the third reading.

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

Motion made by Bryant, second by Altheide to adopt and give final approval of **ORDINANCE NO. 2013:** Amending Ordinance No.’s 1852, 1952, and 2010 and providing that general property taxes shall no longer be divided on certain property being removed from the Twin Rivers Urban Renewal area, in the City of Keokuk. (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Marsden, second by Garcia to approve the initial reading of an Ordinance amending Chapter 2.90-Fire Department.

ROLL CALL VOTE: (7) AYES – Altheide, Garcia, Dade, Helenthal, Andrews, Marsden, and Bryant. (1) NAY – O’Connor. Motion carried.

Motion made by Bryant, second by Marsden to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 288-21:** “A RESOLUTION ADOPTING REVENUE PURPOSE STATEMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPOSITION OF UTILITY FRANCHISE FEES.” (7) AYES, (1) NAY – O’Connor. Motion carried.

Motion made by O’Connor, second by Marsden to approve settlement on Liberty Utilities Rate Increase. (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

**BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:** First report of nomination of Dev Kiedaisch and Drake Custer to the Human Rights Commission. First report of nomination of Brenda Best, Brent Haage and Jay Kruse to the Keokuk Housing Authority.

**Motion** to approve final report of nomination of Ashley Wade to the Depot Commission by Helenthal, second by Marsden. (8) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

**STAFF REPORTS:** O’Donnell reported on American Rescue Plan funds, Pioneer Rail bridge discussion, year-end financials.

There being no further business, Mayor Richardson adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.