

**MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**October 7, 2021**  
**501 Main Street**  
**6:30 P.M.**

The City Council of the City of Keokuk met in regular session on October 7, 2021 at 501 Main 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, Roslyn Garcia, Devon Dade, John Helenthal, Steve Andrews, Linda Marsden, Roger Bryant, and Susan Dunek were present. Staff in attendance: City Administrator Cole O'Donnell, City Clerk Jean Ludwig, Public Works Director Robert Helenthal, Community Development Director Pam Broomhall, Bridge, Park, Cemetery and Sanitation Manager Bob Weis, Sewer Manager Michael Clark, Police Chief Dave Hinton, Fire Chief Gabe Rose, as well as other personnel.

**MAYOR'S CORRESPONDENCE:** Read and signed Proclamation: Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Heard from Alta Medea- Peters on the Domestic Violence Awareness program. Mayor Richardson discussed a letter sent to the EPA. Announced Tombstone Tune up on Oct 9<sup>th</sup>.

**CITIZEN'S REQUEST:** Heard from Joe Shuman about City of Christmas. Dorothy Cackley, Julie Totten, Andy Whitaker, Ashley Custer, Gabe Rose, Dave Hinton, Greg Hymes, Teresa Murray, and Shelley Oltmans commented on budget issues. Corey Jonas of Griffin Wheel and Tim Farris of Henniges presented issues regarding utility franchise fees.

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

- Minutes of the Regular City Council meeting of September 16, 2021;
- Minutes of the Special Session meeting of September 23, 2021;
- Cash Receipts & Treasurer's Report for August 2021;
- **RESOLUTION NO. 303-21:** Approving a Liquor License for Aldi, Inc. #15, 3379 Main Street, effective October 22, 2021 – Class C Beer Permit with Class B Wine Permit and Sunday Sales;
- **RESOLUTION NO. 304-21:** Approving a Liquor License for Southside Boat Club, 625 Mississippi River Drive, effective October 31, 2021 – Class A Liquor License with Outdoor Service & Sunday Sales;
- **RESOLUTION NO. 305-21:** Approving a Liquor License for Los Tapatios Restaurant, 706 Main Street, effective November 1, 2021 – Class C Liquor License with Sunday Service;
- Special Event Permit for Golden Oaks Society Meeting, Thursday, October 14, 2021 4:30-7 p.m., 1417 Exchange Street-SID Center.
- Motion to pay bills and transfers listed in Register No.'s 5232-5234;

Motion made by Garcia, second by Helenthal to table the third/final reading of an **Ordinance** repealing Ordinance No. 1998, and granting to Midstates Natural Gas, its successors, and assigns, a non-exclusive twenty-year franchise to acquire, construct, erect, maintain and operate a natural gas utility in the City of Keokuk, Iowa and to furnish and sell natural gas to the city and its inhabitants, and requiring said company to pay a franchise fee to the City. (9) AYES, (0) NAYS to table. Motion carried.

Motion made by Marsden, second by Helenthal to table the third/final reading of an Ordinance repealing **Ordinance** No. 1830, and granting to Interstate Power and Light Company, its successors, and assigns, a non-exclusive twenty-five-year franchise to acquire, construct, erect, maintain and operate an electric system in the City of Keokuk, Iowa and to furnish and sell electric energy to the City and its inhabitants, and requiring said company to pay a franchise fee to the City. (9) AYES, (0) NAYS to table. Motion carried.

Motion made by O'Connor, second by Dade to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 306-21**: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE USE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF KEOKUK AND CONNECTION BANK, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER WITH KEOKUK SAVINGS BANK & TRUST COMPANY, REAL PROPERTY LEGALLY DESCRIBED ON EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO TO USE AS A PARKING LOT." (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Helenthal, second by O'Connor to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 307-21**: "A RESOLUTION APPROVING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) WITH SOUTHEAST IOWA HOUSING, INC." (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

Motion made by Dunek, second by Dade to approve the following proposed **RESOLUTION NO. 308-21**: "A RESOLUTION APPOINTING CITY CLERK AND SETTING SALARY." (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

**BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:** Grand Theater Commission second notification: Bob Soule, Jim Wolff, and Kathy Joyce, three-year terms to expire 11/5/2024 (no vote required). Park and Recreation Advisory Board second notification, Peg Vermillion and Richard Moore, three-year terms to expire 11/2/2024 (no vote required). Rand Park Pavilion Commission first notification, Kimberly Buerklin, term to expire 10/22/2025, and Joe Morgan filling the unexpired term of Michael Albright term to expire 10/22/2023 (no votes required). Mayoral re-appointment of Kim Boyd to the Keokuk Municipal Waterworks Board of Trustees, 6-year term to expire 11/1/2027. Motion to approve by Dunek, second by Dade. (9) AYES, (0) NAYS. Motion carried.

**STAFF REPORTS:** O'Donnell reported on the following: City Hall project, ARPA and Personnel Committees, ward redistricting, Main Street buildings (600 and 1100 blocks) and Baymont Motel.

There being no further business, Mayor Richardson adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m.